



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 14/1/2022



Reminders

Enjoy Your Break!

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the Maldon Community,

First of all, I hope this message finds you and your loved ones as well as you can possibly be.

As we close out the first half of the spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back on another very busy six weeks across both campuses, inside as well as outside the classroom. Together with members of the academy's Senior Leadership Team, we have continued to visit classes on a daily basis receiving a warm welcome from students and staff on each and every occasion. To observe, and on many an occasion, partake in the work being conducted. Also, to ask questions of our students and to hear from them the work they have been doing and what they have learnt. This has included me visiting every single classroom at our Mill Road Campus during period two on Tuesday and together with Mr Baster and Mrs Clark, our Joint Heads of Academy, every single classroom during period one yesterday. As was observed and fed back to all staff, what we witnessed was typically good practice with some outstanding elements, however, we also know there remains much to work on and across all areas of our practice. We know what and where these areas are, however, and continue to drive forensic plans aimed at further developing these – something we will continue to do in our usual unrelenting manner moving forward.

This term has also seen us continue to drive our cultural capital agenda with a significant numbers of extra-curricular activities and events taking place from sporting fixtures to in-house events, and from numerous trips and visits to the welcoming in of many high quality guest speakers. This included a Holocaust survivor, Susie Barnett BEM, delivering a one hour presentation on her life, especially between 1938 to 1945, to all 308 of our Year 9 students on Wednesday afternoon.

I will close out this message by paying due respect to our former colleague and Faculty leader for Business and Information Technology, Mr Matt Preece, who passed away a few weeks back. Mr Preece served Plume exceptionally well for many years before moving off with his wife, Mrs Lynne Preece, another outstanding former colleague, to a new life in the South West. Very sadly, they were not able to fulfil this dream as Mr Preece became ill and bravely fought a terrible condition for some time before finally succumbing to it. He will be laid to rest tomorrow with many members of staff travelling down to attend the service and support Mrs Preece and their children, Owen and Rhianna, themselves both former Plume students. Today, as the Plume Family, we pay our respects and remember with fondness Mr Preece and have set up a table of condolence in our main reception at our Fambridge Road Campus centred around his favourite colour, red.

Thank you for your ongoing vitally important support.

Warmest regards,

Mr Wakefield

**Students return
to the academy
Monday
20 February**

Careers Fair
Thursday 23 February
6.00pm - 8.00pm FRC

**Year 10 Parents
Consultation Evening**
Thursday 2 March 2023
4.30pm-7.30pm

Parent Voice Meeting
Wednesday 8 March
7.00pm—8.30pm
FRC Canteen



Jack Petchey Foundation

Celebration Awards Evening

We never tire of the enthusiasm, high spirits, and inspiration that this evening unfailingly presents! Returning (in person!) after nearly three years we were once again delighted to take part in this evening of celebration of our award winners from last year. This was alongside many other schools and voluntary organisations from Chelmsford and Maldon. At the end of January, Abigail Wilkins, Ben Parker, Isabella Olenka, Henry Crates, Imogen Morris, Honey Lock, Lewis Bridgeman along with Plume Academy staff and lots of very proud parents were all in attendance at the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards Evening at the Civic Theatre Chelmsford. Our students are pictured above alongside the Mayor Of Chelmsford.

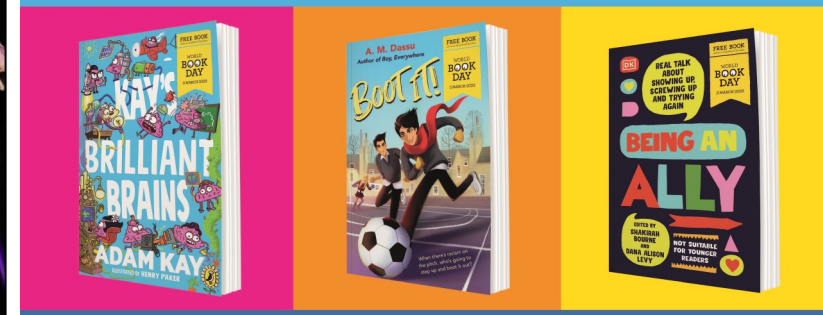
As has been well documented in Plume News, our Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme has been running for several years now and continues to do so. The Award recognises those young people who make “ a wholehearted, unselfish and dedicated commitment to their school, club or community” and indeed each of our pictured winners for this year (including Ellie Janes and Amy Cross who unfortunately was unable to attend) certainly fulfilled this criteria. To see exactly why please visit our previous editions of Plume News. In addition, they also win £300 which can go towards their club, community or school. In each case the funds have been generously donated and used in various initiatives in the Academy; from Dance workshops to sports equipment to specialist Science, Drama and English resources! This year’s round of award winners is now underway. Please look out for the nomination forms on the website or contact b.collan@plume.essex.sch.uk
Congratulations to all!!



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UK Parliament



UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme

It was an absolute privilege to represent Plume Academy at the UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme which ran from 23-25 January. The three day programme is a unique development opportunity to become an accredited partner of the UK Parliament Education and Engagement Team.

The key objectives of the programme were:

To explore how we at Plume can raise our students' awareness of key aspects of UK Parliament.

To identify links within our Personal Development curriculum and opportunities for Plume students to engage with UK Parliament.

The three day course included opportunities to meet the House of Commons Speaker and Lords Speaker, attend briefings to gain a greater understanding of how Parliament works, an immersive visit to the Parliament Education Centre, tours of the House of Commons and House of Lords and an opportunity to meet your MP.

It was a genuine honour to meet with Sir John Whittingdale. Not only was he one of the few MPs that attended the event, but he also afforded me a considerable amount of his precious time to explain the workings of parliament together with a tour of his offices in Portcullis House. Not only was Sir John generous with his time for me but he also offered his knowledge and passion of politics to our students through future visits.

So many decisions made in parliament today are going to have a direct impact on our students, now and in their future lives whether they remain local to the area or relocate to other areas of the country. We need to empower them to be able to understand what those decisions are and how they are made. Never before have students been more interested in politics and how parliamentary decisions will have an impact on their lives as well as the communities in which they live.

Mr Cooper





Live From MRC: A special performance from Gigi Moss

On Thursday 2 February 2023 our Year 7 and Year 8 students had the opportunity to see a fantastic live performance from Gigi Moss, this was followed by a talk on Mental Health, Body Image and Online Safety.

Gigi has been tipped for huge success in the music industry in 2023. Born into a musical family (her Dad is Culture Clubs drummer John Moss) Gigi has been making music since she was 7 years old. Gigi is starting to make waves in the music industry and releases her debut album later this year. She is also due to support a big artist on their arena tour (which is currently under wraps!).

Gigi has had her own issues with mental health and body image, so she is in the perfect position to speak to young people about these very important issues. Through her music she wants to help and inspire others to believe they can achieve anything.

As an academy we are always looking for new and interesting ways to empower students to make healthy life choices, as well as providing them with real life stories and sound advice. This live performance was a wonderful opportunity to lift spirits as well as ultimately educate them on these key Personal Development subjects.

Our Year 7 and 8 students demonstrated the upmost respect to our special guests, through both performances their conducts as exemplary and they are all thoroughly enjoyed the performance as well and the key messages Gigi gave.

We wish Gigi every success for the future.

Mrs Alison Ollett



Essex Music School Maldon Community Music Centre

Tuesdays 5pm – 7.30pm

Come and join us in making and learning music together in Maldon!

We offer 10 weeks per term across the school year including groups and ensembles, as well as offering an inclusive provision for home-schooled students, and bespoke musicianship classes for those starting their first steps in music.

We also offer 1-to-1 lessons in Piano, Guitar, Drums, Strings, Woodwind and Voice.



Maldon Community Music Centre
Plume Academy, Fambridge Road, Maldon CM9 6AB



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Phone: 0333 013 8953

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Accelerated Reader Update Congratulations!



I'm very pleased to let you all know that we have 8 new millionaires and 1 quadruple millionaire this week.

Eliza Wheeler 9GDV has now read over 4 million words since joining the Academy. Verity Willaimson 9EMH, Nathan Smith 7ADA and Charlotte Goodall 7BHA have all read over 1 million words.

Amber Potts 8CCA, Evie Thorneloe 8SIL and Annabella Sams 9JPE have also read over 1 million words.

Aoife Wainman 9GDV has read over 4 million words.

Congratulations. The Library Team

Shoe Box World Whole-School Competition



Goodnight Mr Tom

This scene in the book shows how hard it was in World War Two and how children had to be given to strangers in the country, due to the fact that England, the USA, France and Soviet Union were at war with Germany, Italy and Japan (The Allies) who were bombing London, which is where William Tom had come from because he was being evacuated, to a safer place.

The reason I chose this scene is because it was by far the most meaningful scene in the book in my opinion, because these children were innocent and were still being dragged away from their homes and family members.

I chose this colour palette because nowadays everything is a lot more dull but at this sort of point in time everything was a lot more bright and all of the clothing was a lot more formal and more happy in a way.

Materials:

- Cardboard
- Acrylic paint
- Shoe box
- from cereal boxes and food packaging
- felt tip pens
- double sided tape
- scissors
- hot glue

All of these materials are very durable and reusing the packaging from food is a plus side. I have used acrylic paint because it looks so neat and covers the

Surface of the cardboard evenly and quickly.

The reason why I like this book:

I like this book because it shows the history of the world war and it also sort of shows a bit of humanity because so many people during this time period had to let new people into their homes.

This half term in English, we have been running a Shoe Box World competition. Pupils chose a scene from a novel to recreate in a shoe box and then wrote a justification of the colours, materials, and choices they made.

Well done to all involved, but particularly to our winners:

1st Place: Sophia Brookes with 'Goodnight Mr Tom'

2nd Place: Riley Bolton with 'Mr Stink'

3rd Place: James Wheeler with 'The Western Front'

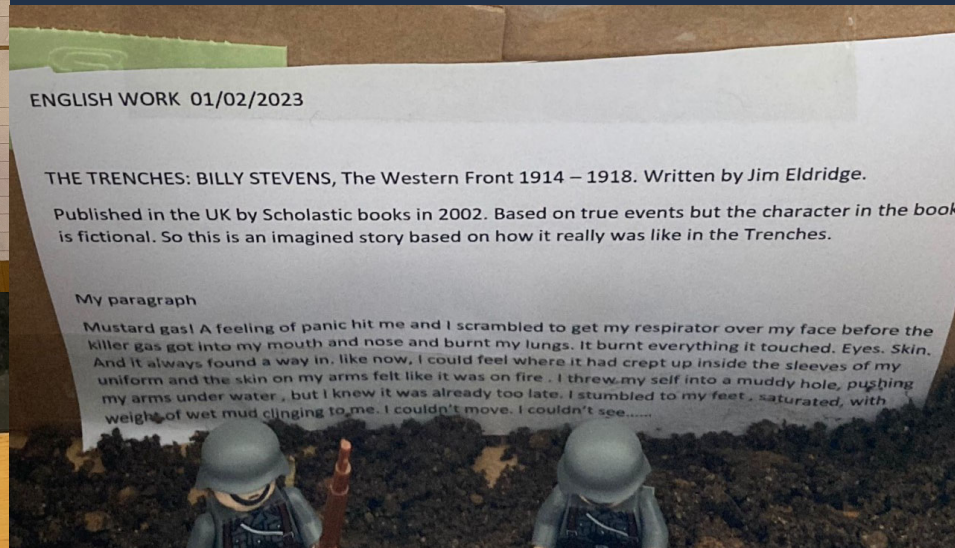
Highly Commended: Lily Blackburn with 'Heartstopper'

Please also see a some of the fantastic entries that we received Keep your eyes peeled for our next competition - Poetry By Heart!

Mrs Russell and the English Faculty



This is based on the story Mr Stink. I chose this scene because it shows Mr Stink himself and his dog it also shows what it all began. I have added what made of pipe cleaners to exaggerate how spiky he is. I chose to make Mr Stink and his dog out of an air gull as it is easy to burst into the correct shape. I chose to make the bur out of toilet roll and put a chocolate can bag to make it look more realistic for Mr Stink's clothes. I used a donut bag as it looks wrinkled up and scruffy. I also used the donut bag for the tree to make it look old and like it has lost all its leaves. I made the bench out of cardboard so it is strong enough to hold up Mr Stink.



ENGLISH WORK 01/02/2023

THE TRENCHES: BILLY STEVENS, The Western Front 1914 – 1918. Written by Jim Eldridge.

Published in the UK by Scholastic books in 2002. Based on true events but the character in the book is fictional. So this is an imagined story based on how it really was like in the Trenches.

My paragraph

Mustard gas! A feeling of panic hit me and I scrambled to get my respirator over my face before the killer gas got into my mouth and nose and burnt my lungs. It burnt everything it touched. Eyes. Skin. And it always found a way in. like now, I could feel where it had crept up inside the sleeves of my uniform and the skin on my arms felt like it was on fire. I threw myself into a muddy hole, pushing my arms under water, but I knew it was already too late. I stumbled to my feet, saturated, with weight of wet mud clinging to me. I couldn't move. I couldn't see.....



CURIOSITY

#GAY

Prong

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StandUP Theatre School are proud to launch their new Maldon school at Plume Academy. Founded by qualified teachers, who teach at Plume Academy, StandUP Theatre School encourages young people to build their confidence through Drama and Acting. To secure your child's place and receive two FREE trial lessons please contact us now on 07545 999046 or email info@standupuk.com

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February 20th 2023



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Money Matters!

Yr12 Princes Trust were delighted to welcome Martyn Halls into the academy to deliver 3 sessions on finance. Students were provided with an excellent structured workshop covering various aspects of controlling and looking after financial matters. The students have used the workshop to enhance their unit work and more importantly life skills for the future. We would like to extend our thanks to Martyn and look forward to working with him again in the future.
Mrs Tween & Mrs Baker

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YEAR 11 PROM

There are plenty of opportunities to make Year 11 Prom affordable to everyone — take a look at the adverts to see if there is something suitable.

Do not forget about the key upcoming deadlines to make sure the end of Year 11 is the send-off they truly deserve!

Here are some key deadlines to help with your planning;

- Closing date for yearbooks and hoody orders via Fizz (check previous correspondence for the access code): **Sunday 16 April 2023**
- Closing date for Prom payment on Parent Pay : **Friday 28 April 2023.**
- Start of GCSE Summer exams : **Monday 15 May 2023.**



With the buzz of Year 11 Prom not far round the corner on Wednesday 12 July there is lots for the year group to get excited about.



Our new Occasion Wear shop based in Maldon, has an extensive range of Prom dresses at reasonable prices

Our stock changes all the time, as these dresses are all kind donations to Farleigh Hospice

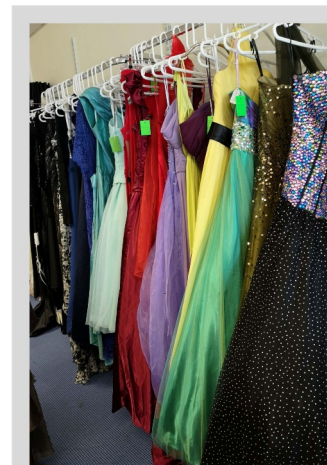
No two dresses are the same, and we don't hold stock - once they're gone they're gone!



Prices from:
Dresses £15
Handbags £3
Shoes £3
Jewellery £2



We hope you find the perfect dress, whilst helping us raise money to help families who need us the most



Farleigh Hospice Occasion Wear shop

(located inside Farleigh Hospice Warehouse behind Morrison's). Open 7 days a week 10am-3pm

We also have an eBay site with a variety of items for sale

Visit: www.ebay.co.uk/usr/farleighhospice

We are having a sale



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Communicating with the Academy

For all **subject specific matters**, please liaise directly with the individual class teacher **in the first instance**. The next level of dialogue would be with the individual Subject or Faculty Leader.

For all **non-subject and pastoral related matters**, please liaise directly with your child's Assistant Head of Year in the first instance.

The next level of dialogue would be with your child's Head of Year and after that, your child's Head of Campus. The main channels of communication to use are:

Telephone:

Mill Road Campus for Year 7 and Year 8: 01621 879803

Fambridge Road Campus for Years' 9-13: 01621 854681

Email:

Email with staff whose contacts can be found via our website and through >Parents>Staff Contacts. Email correspondence can be constructed in the following format: The member of staff's first initial followed by a dot, the member of staff's surname, then add @plume.essex.sch.uk for every member of staff. For example,

B.Smith@plume.essex.sch.uk



Scarlett Davis Talent Spotted by Colchester United

Scarlett Davis Year 7 has been selected to train with Emerging Talent Centre at Colchester United on a permanent basis. Scarlett is pictured on the far left of the standing back row.

Scarlett has been selected to train within the Emerging Talent Centre for the following reasons: portraying a strength in/out of possession and showing a great attitude within training.

Plume Academy are so proud of Scarlett and her very promising future in football.



CAREERS FAIR 2023

THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2023 6-8PM

The event has been designed to provide both students and parents/carers with an insight into a variety of careers, improve understanding of the various Post-16 and Post-18 options and encourage engagement with future employers and education providers.



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CAREERS TALKS

In addition to the exhibitors attending the Careers Fair, we will be hosting talks throughout the evening, designed to support parents/carers in assisting their child with career related decisions. These talks are:

- University of Essex - Applying to University & Student Finance
- AIM Apprenticeships - Introduction to Apprenticeships
- Oxford University - Applying to Russell Group Universities

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 Plume Academy,
Fambridge Rd, Maldon
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The Town Mayor of Maldon, Councillor Andrew Lay is pleased to announce that he is now seeking nominations for the Mayor's Award for Community Service and other community awards for individuals of any age who deserve to be recognised perhaps for a single act of kindness, a long-lasting battle against the odds, or for their inspirational community work.

Mayor's Award for Service to the Community 2023

This award recognises the efforts of individuals or groups who contribute to the town of Maldon. This is the thirty-first year that the town mayor will present a Community Award, in recognition of the enormous amount of work and voluntary assistance that is undertaken within our community. Individuals, groups, charities, sports & social clubs, community associations, associations for the disabled, churches, schools, youth organisations, etc. are all eligible.

Awards 2023

Nominations are sought in the following eight categories; Citizen of the Year; Carer of the Year; Educator of the Year; Young Achiever of the Year; Community Impact Award; Long Service Volunteer Award; Art & Culture Award and Best Business Contribution to the Community, for which the judges will be looking for an ambassador for the town whose contribution to Maldon improves life for residents and visitors and whose commitment is outstanding.

How to make a Nomination

The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday 28th February 2023** and there are various ways to

**THE TOWN MAYOR'S
COMMUNITY
AWARDS 2023**

**SAY THANK YOU TO LOCAL
VOLUNTEERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

**Nominate a shining star for one of Maldon
Town Mayor's Community awards**

Award Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Carer of the Year
- Educator of the Year
- Best Business Contribution to the Community
- Young Achiever of the Year
- Community Impact Award
- Long Service Volunteer
- Art & Culture Award

and **The Town Mayor's Award for Community Service**

Nominate by 28th February 2023:
<https://forms.office.com/e/7YrPDQ46Fe>
 maldontowncouncil.gov.uk/TMs-Awards
 paper forms available on request, telephone: 01621 857373

AWARDS CEREMONY 21ST MARCH 2023

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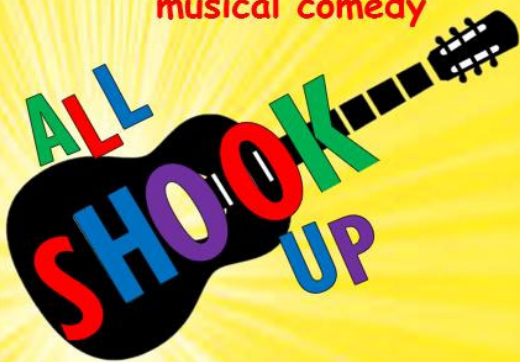
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Eraser	25p
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Ruler 15cm	15p
Ruler 30cm	25p
Popper wallet (A5)	50p
Popper wallet (A4)	70p
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Calendar February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13 Half Term Holiday	14 Half Term Holiday	15 Half Term Holiday	16 Half Term Holiday	17 Half Term Holiday	18	19
20 Students return to the academy	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2 Year 10 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Parent Voice Meeting 7.00-8.30pm	9	10	11	12



Plume Community Teaching Partnership Recruiting for September 2023

We are looking to recruit graduates for our highly successful Initial Teacher Training programme. Working with other local Essex schools, candidates will receive excellent training from experienced staff working in association with TES Institute.

If teaching is the career for you and you have the drive to make a difference to pupil achievement, please register your interest for a personal consultation with our Programme Manager.

We are able to offer primary and secondary routes.

Entry Requirements

- Educated to degree level
- GCSE grade 4/C in English and Mathematics
- Additional grade 4/C or above in Science for Primary

Visits to Plume are always welcome and we regularly host open events
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TERM DATES

2022/2023

Spring Term

Tuesday 3 January 2023

Friday 31 March 2023

Half Term

13 February - 17 February 2023

Summer Term

Monday 17 April 2023

Friday 21 July 2023

Half Term

29 May - 2 June 2023

May Bank Holiday

1 May 2023

Staff Training Days

Friday 31 March 2023

Thursday 29 &

Friday 30 June 2023



Absence Calls

Can we please request that all absence calls are made to the academy's dedicated absence line. The numbers are as follow:

Mill Road Campus – 01621 854681 option 1 option 1

Fambridge Road Campus- 01621 854681 option 1 option 2

Can parents/carers please note that calls should first go to the dedicated absence line and, if required, the Attendance Office will then forward to the respective Head of Years/ Assistant Heads of Year.

If a student is unwell and unable to attend the academy, parents/carers should contact Plume Academy and explain the reason for absence