



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 21/10/2022

Reminders

Have a Great Break!

Students return to the academy Monday 31 October

A Really Pleasing Start to the New Academic Year

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the Maldon community,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you at the end of the first half term of the new academic year highlighting that it has been a really pleasing start. This is for a whole host of reasons, however, I will now allude to perhaps the most satisfying. Firstly, our 300+ new Year 7 and new Year 12 students from other local schools have made an excellent start to their time as a member of the Plume Family. They have settled exceptionally well, shown a vast array of qualities and have perhaps displayed the finest manners I have ever had the good fortune to encounter from any new cohorts. I also say this as a Year 7 teacher myself and after teaching nearly 90 of the year group for the past seven weeks.

As well as the quality I am most fortunate to witness in our classrooms across both campuses each and every day (including a full lesson visiting over a dozen classrooms at our Fambridge Road Campus just before writing this message), we have also seen the usual vast array of extra-curricular activities, revision sessions, enrichment classes and numerous trips and visits take place since 5 September.

Astonishingly, we also witnessed approximately 4,000 guests visit our annual Open Evening at our Mill Road Campus on Thursday 8 September, followed by hundreds of prospective families visiting us over the following fortnight as part of our Open Mornings programme. Furthermore, we also had record numbers attend our very recent College Open Evening all of which only bodes well for the future.

I will close by taking this opportunity to sincerely thank our parents and carers for your ongoing and somewhat invaluable support. Also, for raising any questions or concerns via the established channels and in the usual respectful and collaborative manner.

Wishing you all a most pleasant half term break.

Mr Wakefield

**Year 7 Parents
Consultation Evening**
Thursday 10 November
4.30pm-7.30pm

PE NOTICES

Earlier finish to outside clubs
With the clocks going back, all clubs that take place outside, without floodlights will finish at the earlier time of 4.15pm. All others will continue as normal.

MRC PE Lessons and Equipment
All Mill Road, Year 7 and 8 students will be doing football in their outside PE lesson. They will need shin pads and long navy socks. We also recommend football boots, and long sleeved Plume PE tops.

There is a slight change to the PE Clubs timetable. This can be found on our PE Hub in the "key information" section.

<https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/pe-hub-key-information>



Mr Stoneman - Plume Academy's Designated Safeguarding Lead becomes a Child Exploitation Champion for Essex

Mr Stoneman at the end of September 2022 has been awarded and recognised for his work in safeguarding by the Essex Safeguarding Children Board. The ESCB have recognised Mr Stoneman for his ability to safeguard the

students of Plume and his knowledge, understanding and ability to ensure the students of Plume Academy are effectively safeguarded. This special award, will see Mr Stoneman champion the area of Child Exploitation and ensure that our students continue to be educated, supported and guided with ensuring that correct processes, referrals, policies and signposting is completed to maximise the effectiveness of the safeguarding of your students. Mr Stoneman said *'I am delighted to be awarded this position and Champion role, it only further evidences the great work we do as an academy and will continue to do to ensure that our students are effectively safeguarded as well as educated via our broad, diverse and ambitious Personal Development curriculum.'*



Plume Academy Officially Recognised by the Alzheimer's Society

Our academy continues to do a lot of work with students through the taught curriculum for the Alzheimer's Society via the Maldon District Dementia Action Alliance. The work is led brilliantly by Neamh Tween - Teacher of Flexible Learning and Leanne Baker Teacher of Social Science with the groups of students that they specifically teach. Shortly we hope to be presented with a certificate from Maldon District Dementia Action Alliance on behalf of the Alzheimer's Society for our really important and ongoing community work

We are proud to be recognised with this award from such a fantastic organisation.



TRAIN TO BE A PRIMARY TEACHER

Find out how you can **gain qualified teacher status (QTS)**, and an optional **post-graduate certificate in education (PGCE)** through our **School Direct** initial teacher training programme.

Join the next School Direct Open Afternoon on Wednesday 2 November 2022 1.30pm at All Saints Primary School and get tailored advice.

By appointment only
Contact our ITT Programme
Co-ordinator

Call: 01621 854681
Email: ITT@plume.essex.sch.uk



Teacher Training
Plume Community
Teaching Partnership



Visit by the County's Director of Education

Last month, we were delighted to be visited by our county's Director of Education, Mrs Clare Kershaw. Mrs Kershaw who has been in post for six years and oversees 217,000 children in 555 schools, spent the entire morning at our Mill Road Campus visiting every classroom and office and speaking to significant numbers of our students and staff.

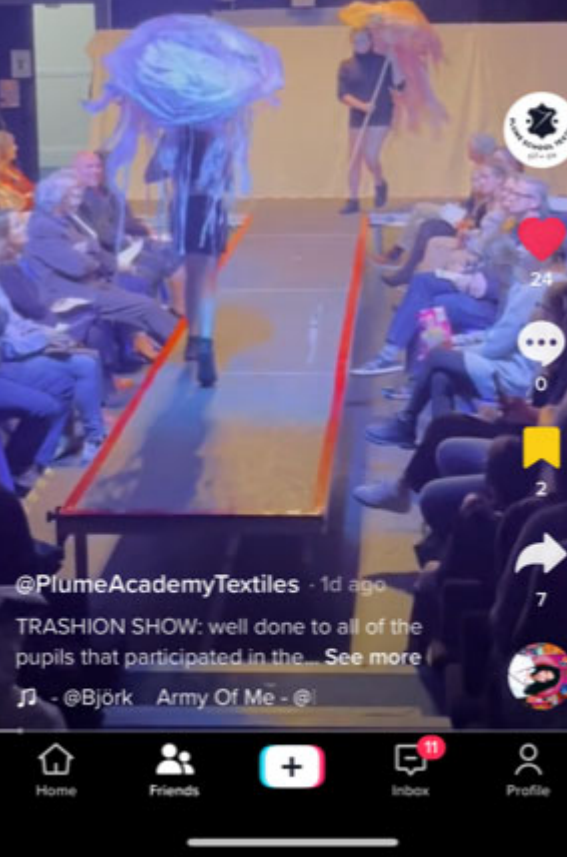
The visit was a resounding success and Mrs Kershaw was extremely complimentary about what was witnessed and those who were spoken to during the 3 ½ hour visit. Those same stakeholders were also extremely complimentary about Mrs Kershaw's obvious passion and commitment to her role too.

Another tremendously positive morning for Plume, Maldon's Community Academy.

Mr Wakefield

Please follow @plumeacademytextiles on TikTok! Keep up with textiles news, textiles clubs and even have your work featured.

09:14
Find friends
For a sneak peek last week's fashion show, head over to Tiktok now!



Students enjoy listening to Colchester Symphony Orchestra

It was an absolute pleasure to take students from the academy to listening to Colchester Symphony Orchestra to listen to a programme of music by Benjamin Britten. The behaviour and engagement from the students was outstanding. We are delighted to welcome the conductor Chris Phelps to the academy to work with our A level students after half term.





Abigail Wilkins Is Taking On The World

Plume Academy are delighted to share some fantastic news regarding Plume College student Abigail Wilkins aged 17. Abby recently travelled to Wolverhampton to try-out for the England Jazz Dance Team. Following a very successful trail, Abby has been selected for Team England to travel to Florida in April next year to compete at The Dance Worlds 2023. Abby will attend an intensive training camp in Wolverhampton once a month to train and prepare for the competition, while remaining determined to study successfully for her A levels. Abby is confident she can become a World Jazz Dance Champion in 2023 and went on to say, "I am delighted with this chance to compete at the highest level for my country." Proud Dance teacher, Mrs Markham - Lee said, "this is an amazing achievement, that will be a fantastic opportunity



Well Done!

Congratulations to our winner of the English Faculty's National Poetry Day Competition for 2022, Year 10 Amber Pullen. The stimulus provided this year was the title: 'The Environment'. We love the rhyming scheme that Amber has implemented throughout and the moral message of the poem. Mrs Russell and the English Team

By Amber Pullen



-The Earth-

The earth is ours to enjoy.
 It is to be enjoyed by every girl and boy
 But we must always be aware
 That the earth's beauty we must all share.
 With all the children yet to come
 Who all want to laugh, play and run.
 Around the tall trees and in the vast fields,
 We must keep our planet free.
 From messy litter and debris.
 And replaced with air that's clean, fresh and clear
 For all that breathe it from year to year.
 But most of all...
 We should never ever abuse
 Our wonderful earth that is ours to use!



Plume Community Teaching Partnership Recruiting for October 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
 We also offer taster days and work experience

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☎ 01621 854681

Working with **tes institute**

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



Netball Tournament Winners

On Thursday 13 October, our Year 8 Netball team attended a B Team district tournament hosted by William de Ferrers School. They played six games in total and won ALL of them, making them tournament winners! Congratulations to all the players. Your effort and conduct were amazing. PE Faculty



Attendance at Plume Academy



At Plume Academy we set the minimum target of 95% attendance for all our students. This will enable our students to make the most of their educational experience whilst being able to progress, access their learning and maximise their outcomes and

90% is the figure that represents 'persistent absence' as stipulated by the Department for Education. Therefore, as an academy we have to ensure that we take every absence seriously and correctly code the absence, either authorised or unauthorised.



As in line with the NHS guidance, as an academy, we base our authorised and unauthorised absence on the following reasons that are given to us by you, the parents and carers.

These are represented with the code 'I' for authorised and 'O' for unauthorised.

Authorised Reasons for Absence (I)	Unauthorised Reasons for Absence (O)
High temperature - 38C degrees	Coughs, Colds or common cough and cold symptoms
Chicken Pox - until all the scabs have crusted over	Feeling sick or nauseas
Sickness and Diarrhoea that has seen the student vomit within the last 48 hours	Conjunctivitis
German Measles	Ear Infection/Ache (unless with a High Temperature)
Impetigo	Hand, foot and mouth
Measles	Headache
Whooping Cough	Flu (unless with High Temperature or sickness)
A positive COVID test	Glandular Fever (unless with High Temperature)
Migraine (with proof of diagnosis)	Tonsillitis (unless with High temperature)



Plume Academy secures Investors in People Award again

Last week Sarah Freeman our Director of Human Resources attended the Investors in People celebratory event in Milton Keynes where she accepted the Silver award on behalf of Plume Academy. In addition, she was asked to be a guest speaker at the event talking about our journey through the process.

Ms Freeman commented, "I was thrilled to be able to collect this prestigious award on behalf of our academy. It reflects perfectly our values and ethos" Paul Devoy who presented the award to Ms Freeman explains via the Investors of People website what this award means and goes on to describe the scale of work involved.

"As the world of work evolves, and when the pace of change is so rapid, then employee connection, engagement, wellbeing and organisational culture becomes even more important. Not only because of their impact on staff retention, attraction and development, but also as the critical foundation contributing to organisational stability, security and success".



SEND Roadshow

Mid Essex

Are you the parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at one of our Roadshows. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, Team Around the Family Support Officer's Early Help, Health, as well as representatives from the Education Teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups.

We have one date in each area this term, all our roadshows run from 9:30am to 12:30pm!

You will be made very welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

Friday 21st October 2022

Queen Hall, Halstead, CO9 2BY





GB Artistic Skate Coaching Team Praise Ben Frost

Plume Academy student Benjamin Frost aged just 15, recently competed in Italy for Great Britain in the Artistic Skate Cup of Europe. He achieved a personal best in his short programme. Unfortunately, he fell twice in his long programme and ended finishing 7th. Charlotte and Will Frost said, "We are incredibly proud parents and absolutely delighted for Ben, he has worked so hard to get to this point." The GB

coaching team commented, "that the routines and performances were very good from Ben, you would never know it was his first time competing at this level."

Ben gained lots of confidence working with the GB team and he is now looking forward with great anticipation to competing this weekend at the British Autumn Nationals, before going on to France to take part in the Interland Cup.



Physical Education Faculty Extra-Curricular Timetable Autumn Term (2) 2022

ALL OUTDOOR CLUBS THAT ARE NOT ON THE ASTRO WILL FINISH AT 4.15PM DUE TO LACK OF LIGHT. ALL OTHERS WILL FINISH AT 4.30PM

Day	Morning Club (8.00am-8.20am)	Lunch Time (1.20pm-1.50pm)	After School (3.10pm - 4.30pm)
Monday	All years Badminton (FRC) SPA	Yr 10 Fitness Studio – (FRC) SPA Year 9 Basketball (FRC Sports Hall) TDU/ JPE Years 9-11 Volleyball Club (FRC Utility Hall) JAI	Sixth form Fitness Studio (FRC)
Tuesday	Years 10 and 11 Basketball FRC (TDU)	Yr 11 Fitness Studio – (FRC) TDU Theory - GCSE Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) JAI Year 7&8 SEND FUN PE club (see PE staff for more info about this club) (MRC) SPA/ HTA	Years 9-11 Boys Rugby (FRC) JAI/ TDU/ JPE Year 7-8 Boys Rugby (MRC) MAR/ LST Years 9-11 Basketball (FRC) TDU All Years Girls Football (FRC Astro) Simon Walker/ SPA/ HTA <i>MRC Students to meet in the changing rooms and PE staff will escort to FRC</i>
Wednesday	Years 10 and 11 Basketball FRC (JAI) Years 7 & 8 Basketball MRC (SPA)	Year 9 Badminton (FRC Sports Hall) SPA Theory - GCSE/ Sports Studies Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) MAR	Years 9-11 Trampoline (FRC Gym Hall) CME/ LST/ MAR Year 7 and 8 Badminton (FRC Sports Hall) SPA/ JBI MRC Football College (FRC) JPE/ RMU
Thursday	Year 9 Basketball FRC (LST)	Girls Fitness – Fitness Studio (FRC) LWH Theory - Yr 10 GCSE/ Sports Studies Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) JPE/ JAI Year 7 Trampoline (MRC) HTA/TYO/LST Year 10 Basketball (FRC Sports Hall) TDU	FRC Years 9-11 Boys Football (FRC) JAI/ JPE/ TDU Years 7 and 8 Boys Football (MRC Field) LST/ MAR Years 9-11 Netball (FRC) LWH/ SPA Years 7-8 Netball (MRC) HTA/ JBI
Friday		Year 9 Trampoline Gym Hall (TDU) Years 10-11 Badminton (FRC) SPA/ HTA Year 8 Table Tennis (MRC) MAR/JPE/ CME	Years 9-11 Badminton (FRC Sports Hall) Years 9-11 Table Tennis (FRC Utility Hall) GCSE Climbing (FRC Climbing Wall) Football College Additional Training + Year 11 (FRC Astro) RMU All Years Hockey Club (Maldon Astro – Park Drive) Led by Maldon Hockey Club coaches and PE staff MRC Students to meet in the changing rooms – PE staff will walk to the astro with you. Finish at 4.30 – pick up from Maldon Astro (Park Dr, CM9 5JQ). FRC students to meet at the astro.

Please can all students attending clubs complete a PC1 Form. These are available to download from the PE mini-site on the Academy Webpage

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TERM DATES 2022/2023

Autumn Term
Thursday 1 September 2022
Friday 16 December 2022

Half Term
24 October - 28 October

Spring Term
Monday 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

Calendar October/November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24 Half Term Holiday	25 Half Term Holiday	26 Half Term Holiday	27 Half Term Holiday	28 Half Term Holiday	29	30
31 Students return to the academy	1	2 Parent Voice Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30pm-7.30pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

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