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Maldon's Community Academy



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Welcome to Plume College

Taster Day 2023

Monday 3 July 2023

Session 1

Ofsted January 2018

'The sixth form is well led. Students attend well, are taught well and make good progress'.

Taster Days

Key Idea of the Day

- We want to:
 - Provide you with a snapshot of life and learning at Plume College
 - Give you an idea of the teaching methods and facilities
 - Allow you to see how College is different to KS4

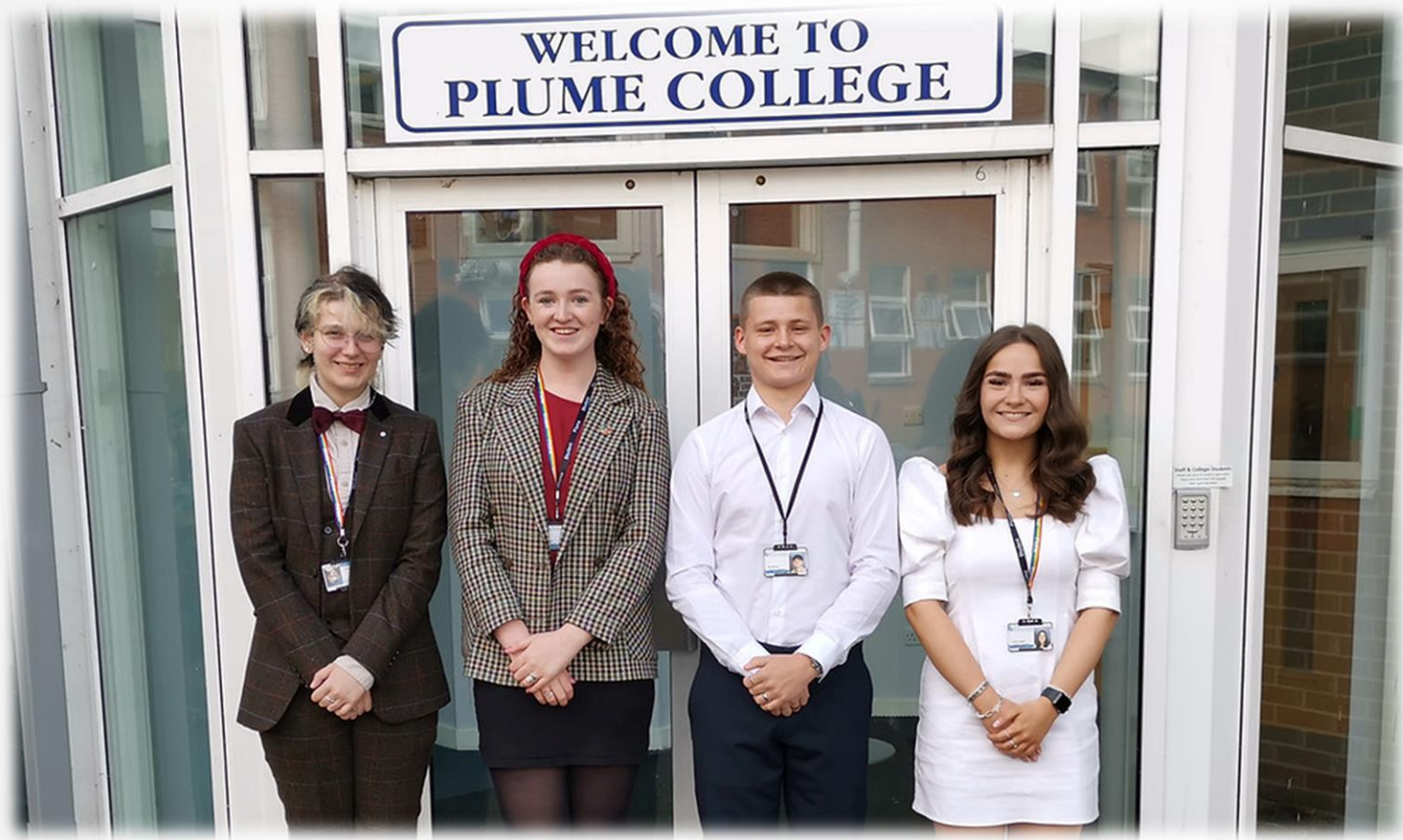
Plume College Team

The *Plume College Team* from September 2023:

Mr Hallam	Assistant Vice Principal: Head of College
Mrs Pipe	Student Achievement and Progression Manager
Mrs Demes	Plume College Manager
Mrs Barbrook	College Administrator

Plume College Team

Executive Student Leadership Team 2023



Head Boy: Mo Shorney
Deputy Head Girl: Jess Watkins

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Head Girl: Hattie Phillips
Deputy Head Boy: Felix Challis-Martin

Taster Day 1: Monday 3 July 2023

08:50 – 09:50 Period 1	Registration and Welcome Briefing
09:55 – 10:55 Period 2	Session 1 Reflections on Year 12 - <i>‘What I have learnt this year?’</i> <i>‘With hindsight, would I have changed anything?’</i> Mrs Pipe & The Executive Student Leadership Team Session 2 Next Steps and IAG Support at Plume College – Making your Future Happen – Mr Hallam
10:55 – 11:20	Morning Break
11:20 – 12:20 Period 3	Select an appropriate lesson Photographs for ID/Swipe system (compulsory) in Room 213
12:25 – 13:25 Period 4	Select an appropriate lesson Photographs for ID/Swipe system (compulsory) in Room 213
13:25 – 14:05	Lunch
14:10 – 15:10 Period 5	Select an appropriate lesson

Taster Day 2: Tuesday 5 July 2022

08:40	Please sign in outside Coffee Shop
08:55 - 09.55	Period 1 – select an appropriate lesson
10:00 – 11:00	Period 2 – select an appropriate lesson
11:00 – 11:15	Morning Break
11:20 – 12:20	Period 3 – select an appropriate lesson
12:25 – 13:25	Period 4 – select an appropriate lesson Photographs for ID/Swipe system (compulsory) in Room 208
13:25 – 14:05	Lunch
14:10 – 15:10	Period 5 – select an appropriate lesson

Why Plume?

- History of high achievement
 - Top 10% of Sixth Forms/Colleges for AS & A Level outcomes 2022
- Smaller College than many
- Separate College building plus dedicated study room
- For internal students – the staff will know you well
- For external students – staff will get to understand you quickly
- Strong pastoral care (more later)
- Wide range of subjects

College in general

- College is a completely different experience to main school
 - Less subjects
 - More independence
 - Different interactions with teachers
 - Freedom/Privileges

Linear A Levels

- All the main exams will take place at the end of the two year A-level programme, without re-take opportunities.
- AS-level exams will be available in a small minority of subjects but the AS mark and grade will not count towards the full A-level qualification.



A Level Problems @ALevelProblems · Jun 30

Dear Year 11's

Start revising now

Working from the outset is vital. Every year A Level students think they can wing it at the end. You can't.



A Level Problems @ALevelProblems · Jul 2

Seeing people tweeting 'GCSE's were so hard' and thinking you're in for a treat when you begin A levels



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The jump from GCSE to A Level is real. Do not underestimate this. You can get good grades at GCSE by “remembering” things. At A Level you need to “understand” them

Study Periods

- When not in lesson you need to manage your study time.
- Compulsory Study Time (CST) will be allocated to your timetable. During this time, you will be in the College study room
- Study periods are an opportunity to carry out independent study (as well as homework).
- Students who make the best use of these will achieve well

Independent Work

- The levels of this will be increased as the course progresses
- Far greater expectation on you to look over things that you do not understand.
- A Level is not just about completing set homework, for those of you aspiring for top grades you need to be reading around your subjects.

We have developed a thorough tutorial programme that will develop your independent study skills



A Level Problems @ALevelProblems · Mar 4

If you miss a week of year 11 it doesn't really matter, but if you miss a week of sixth form you miss like half the course



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Progress and Attainment of Previous Y13 by Attendance Band		
Yearly Attendance	Value Added	Average Points Score
98%+	+0.24	37.43
97%-95%	+0.18	33.98
90%-94%	+0.09	33.41
Below 90%	-0.48	25.67

Attendance does matter. Every lesson is of equal importance. Attendance will be monitored.

Attendance Policy

- Illness or absence - you can phone as normal or email using the designated college attendance email address: collegeattendance@plume.essex.sch.uk
- College students are privileged to have a more relaxed timetable than previously
- As a College we consider 95% attendance to be 'good'
- Students whose attendance drops will have support to get back on track, by means of a full timetable

Privileges:

If a student has less than 92.5% attendance for the year **and** less than 95% over the previous four weeks, we will amend their timetable to full-time (08:55-15:10) until their attendance has improved.

Please note, we will take into account medical reasons, University visits etc. and make decisions on a student-by-student basis.



Sixth Form Issues @SixthFormIssues · Jan 28

It's becoming increasingly difficult balancing A levels, a part time job, coursework, revision and a TV series.

Time management is a key skill you will need to learn. Study Periods, independent reading etc are also new skills that need to be worked on and developed.

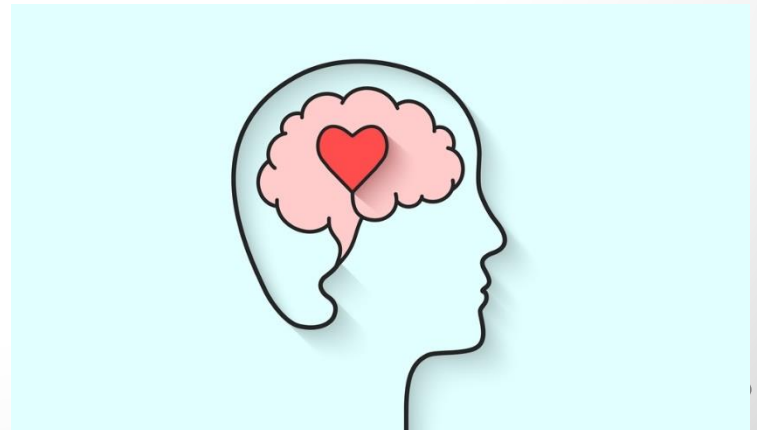
Time management

- Think of the day in blocks of 8 hours
 - 8 hours sleeping
 - 8 hours for school and study work
 - 8 hours doing whatever you choose
- There is plenty of time in a day for effective study
 - 3 or 4 hours of lessons
 - 1-1.5 hours of study per subject per day
- This gives you 8 hours a day to do whatever else you like to do!

Enrichment

“The action of improving or enhancing the quality or value of something”

- You will have 1 hour per week on your timetable dedicated to enrichment
- This lesson will be focused on enhancing your experience at Plume as well as improving you as a learner, future leader and member of the community
- Sessions will include:



Support

- If you are struggling with your mental health, physical health, stress, workload etc. – There is a lot of support available to you.
 - Your form tutor
 - College team
 - Counselling
 - Mentoring
 - Community Mentoring

My vision – ‘a successful, supportive and student centred College’

Oxbridge/Medicine/Dentistry/Veterinary/Medicine

- Provision and support will be available for any and all students who wish to apply to Oxford or Cambridge or for the early entry courses
- If you are thinking of applying for any of these courses I will personally work with you to ensure you have all the information and support needed
- We will begin this process midway through Year 12

GCSE English and Maths Resits

Government Post 16 Requirement:

- Students who do not achieve a grade 4 in GCSE Maths and or GCSE English **MUST** resit in Year 12 and Year 13 until a grade 4 is achieved.
- Students will be allocated timetabled lessons to support this

Entry Requirements

Plume College Prospectus:

- Please review the Plume College prospectus to confirm the entry requirements for the subjects you wish to study.
- <https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/sixth-form-college>
- **Level 3:** students must achieve 5 GCSEs x grade 4's (or higher) including English Language grade 4
- **Level 2:** students must achieve 4 GCSEs x grade 3's or higher

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) – **TIE BREAKER!**
- The work, which is worth the equivalent of half an A-level, is usually presented as a 5000 word report in an academic subject 'outside their main programme of study'.
- It requires a high level of independent work and original thought – skills which universities complain are lacking in school leavers.
- Universities said EPQs can make the difference between winning a place on a course or just missing out.
- Interested in EPQ – attend the taster session or see **Mr Carlsson** for more details.

Entry Requirements:

- Students must have a grade 4 in GCSE English Language, a high level of motivation, enjoy independent study and coursework.

Year 11 into Year 12 Transitional Challenges

- Available on the Plume College webpage
- Work is provided to give you an indication of the 'step up' to A level
- First impressions count! Vital that you engage
- Work is assessed to ascertain **student suitability** for each subject area
- More information will be provided during the taster sessions
- Please be aware that staff will be asked to report on the relative success of student completion of their Transitional Challenges

16-19 Bursary Funding

- ☐ Means tested financial support for students
- ☐ Paid in addition to all other benefits
- ☐ Evidence of income required to support applications
- ☐ Bursary application forms are available on the website for parents/carers who would like further information.
- ☐ If you would like a hard copy posted home, please contact **Mrs Demes** in the College Office.

Year 11 Locker Keys

- ☐ Please can Year 11 ensure locker keys are returned to the Student Support Centre (SSC). You will need to request a college locker in September.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Information has been shared with Year 11 Parents/Carers

- ☐ Eligible students are entitled to £2.40 to spend in the canteen each day
- ☐ FSM eligibility does not automatically transfer from your previous school or Year 11 into College. **You will need to apply again.**
- ☐ FSM does not affect any other benefits parents/carers are claiming
- ☐ **FSM is completely anonymous – due to the cashless catering system, no other student or member of catering staff will be aware of the FSM allocation.**

How do I apply? (Note for Parents/Carers)

If you think your child is entitled to FSM, you will need to apply online using the academies web-checking service. You will need to provide your name, National Insurance number and address details. You will need to apply separately for each child in your household. This service gives an instant response to your child's eligibility.

Please use the link below: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/ofsm-east>

If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Mr R Scott at the academy and we can provide a paper form to allow you to provide your consent for the academy to check your eligibility.

Coffee Shop

- The Coffee Shop takes cash and cards
- It is open until 14:00 and has a wide selection of refreshments.



Fire Alarm

- ☐ In the event of a Fire Alarm please line up in silence on the netball court area with Year 12 students.
- ☐ This will be rehearsed in September.

Monday 3 July 2023

- ☐ Sign in at the Stage Hall
- ☐ Sign out in the College area (outside the Coffee Shop)

Tuesday 4 July 2023

- ☐ Sign in and out College area (outside Coffee Shop)



Plume College General Dress/Behaviour

- College students are role models
- **For Health & Safety reasons, all facial piercings are regarded as unacceptable.** College students should discuss these with the **Student Achievement and Progress Manager (Mrs Pipe)** before making arrangements to have visible body piercings to avoid any confusion and ensure compliance with the college dress code.
- Year 12 and 13 students are allowed to use their mobile phones, but we ask that they are only used in the college area. If students use their phones in the main school building they can expect to be asked to put them away by staff.

Plume College Dress Code September 2023

- ❑ Students are expected to wear clean, safe and functional clothing which is always appropriate to the study they are undertaking and environment in which they are learning
- ❑ Decisions are at the discretion of Mr Hallam or Mrs Pipe

Plume College Dress Code September 2023

Appropriate clothing images:



Inappropriate clothing images:





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GCSE Results Day- Thursday 24 August 2023

KS4 (Year 11):

- GCSE/Level 2 BTEC/Cambridge National Results

Date: Thursday 24 August 2023

Venue: All in the Sports Hall

- Year 11 (and College GCSE results) at 09.00

A letter has been sent home to outline the arrangements for GCSE Results Day.

Enrolment Day- Thursday 24 August 2023

Plume College Enrolment Day (for *ALL students in Year 11* only)

Date: Thursday 24 August 2023

Venue: Plume College

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1• 10:00 - 12:00• Plume students | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 2• 13:00 - 15:00• External students |
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A letter will be sent home to outline the arrangements for Plume College enrolment day.

Enrolment Day – Second Day!

Plume College Enrolment Day (for *ALL students in Year 11* only)

Date: Friday 25 August 2023

Venue: Plume College

Time: 10:00 to 14:00

- This is for students who are unable to register on Thursday 24 August 2023, by appointment only
- For an appointment, please call the Plume College Office on 01621 879830 or email Mrs Demes, College Manager
k.demes@plume.essex.sch.uk

GCSE Exam Result Day

Unable to collect your Summer Examination Results?

If you cannot collect your examination results in person, you can either:

- Please inform Mrs Chittock (Examinations Officer) and your results will be posted home; or
- Arrange for a relative or friend to collect these results on your behalf, in which case a signed written letter or an email from you [the data subject not a parent/carer] must be provided, giving the name of the person who will collect your results.
- The nominated person will need to bring that letter/email with them together with personal photographic ID. Without these, we will not be able to hand out results.
- ***Please be aware that, due to the new Data Protection Act 2018, we are unable to issue results by either email, text or telephone.**
- If you have any queries about KS4 (Year 11) or KS5 (Year 12 or Year 13) examination results, please email Mrs Chittock, Examinations Officer, via:
exams@plume.essex.sch.uk
- Alternatively, if you have any questions relating to Plume College, please email
 - Mr Hallam, Head of College, via: j.Hallam@plume.essex.sch.uk

GCSE Results and Enrolment Day 2023

Plume College Enrolment 2023

College Enrolment: Fostering Student Independence

- To improve the efficiency of the enrolment process and encourage student independence, please can we politely request that students attend their enrolment appointment without parents/carers and/or friends.
- This will provide an opportunity for students to have an effective 1:1 session with College tutors where they can openly discuss their needs and aspirations. Separate parent/carer meetings can be scheduled on an alternative day if necessary.

First Day

Wednesday 6th September

- P1 in the stage hall
- P2 tutors – timetables given out at this point



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QUESTIONS



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Recommendations for Taster Days

- Attend as many sessions as possible
- Talk to staff - ask questions
- Speak to Year 12 about their options
- See the College Team if you have **option clashes**
- Taster sessions run all day from the start of Period 1 and finish Period 5
- ID Swipe Card requires a **College photograph**
- You can have your photo taken on either Monday or Tuesday
- If you need any assistance or have any questions please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the College team



Building your Taster Day

- Step 1 – Check the blocking
- Step 2 – Identify which lessons you will visit



Step 1 - Year 12 Option Grid: September 2023

What do I do about potential clashes?

Name:	Date:	Internal <input type="checkbox"/> LGL:..... External <input type="checkbox"/>	Interviewer (Code):	Student Signature:
*** Please note: Students studying only three AS qualifications MUST also select Compulsory Study Time (CST) which will be timetabled.				
LEVEL 3 OPTION A	LEVEL 3 OPTION B	LEVEL 3 OPTION C	LEVEL 3 OPTION D	LEVEL 3 OPTION E
Biology	Chemistry	Art and Design	Biology	English Language (opt B or E)
Cambridge Technical Business	Drama	Business	Business (opt C or D)	Extended Project Qualification (NB. 3 A levels + EPQ only)
Criminology (opt A or D)	English Language (opt B or E)	Computer Science	Criminology (opt A or D)	Geography
BTEC Dance	History (opt B or D)	BTEC Health & Social Care	English Literature (opt A or D)	Law (opt C or E)
English Literature (opt A or D)	Cambridge Technical IT	Law (opt C or E)	Further Mathematics	Mathematics (opt A or E)
Graphic Communication	Sociology	Physical Education	History (opt B or D)	Photography
Mathematics (opt A or E)	BTEC Sport	Psychology (opt A or C)	Media Studies	Physics
Psychology (opt A or C)		Technology	Philosophy & Ethics	Spanish
			GCSE Resit English (six hours per fortnight)	
GCSE Resit Mathematics (six hours per fortnight)	GCSE Resit Mathematics (six hours per fortnight)		GCSE Resit Mathematics (six hours per fortnight)	
Compulsory Study Time (CST)	Compulsory Study Time (CST)	Compulsory Study Time (CST)	Compulsory Study Time (CST)	Compulsory Study Time (CST)

PLEASE READ & COMPLETE:

Step 2 – Identifying lessons

PLUME ACADEMY - TASTER DAYS SUBJECT PROGRAMME 2023



Monday 3 July (Period 1&2):

Stage Hall

Session 1 Reflections on Year 12 - 'What I have learnt this year?' 'With hindsight, would I have changed anything?'

Session 2 Next Steps and IAG Support at Plume College – Making your Future Happen

Monday 3 July and Tuesday 4 July 2023	Mon 3 Staff & Room	Mon 4 Staff & Room	Mon 5 Staff & Room	Tues 1 Staff & Room	Tues 2 Staff & Room	Tues 3 Staff & Room	Tues 4 Staff & Room	Tues 5 Staff & Room
ENGLISH								
English Literature			CPR 201				LRU 201	
English Language				KTH 041				MCI 041
MATHEMATICS								
Mathematics		SMH 104			SMH 104			
Further Mathematics						SMH 104		
SCIENCE								
Biology		LCO 014			LCO 014	LCO 014		
Chemistry	EEA 013			JSG 012	.		RBA 012	
Physics			ARB 118				SPE 115	ARB 118
HUMANITIES								
Geography		AMY/JCP 002			AMY/JCP 002			
History		MSP 004			MSP 004			
Religion, Philosophy & Ethics		AEL 001			AEL 111			
BUSINESS, ICT & COMPUTER SCIENCE								
Business	SBR 209						SBR 217	
Cambridge Technical in Business			SBR 217	ZMO 210				
Cambridge Technical in Information Tech.		CFA 215				RHW 217		
Computer Science			RDA 210	RDA 213				
Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)								
Spanish		MDZ 110			TBA 110			
DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY (D&T)								
Product Design	CMA JLN 015						CMA 015	