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Dear Parents and Carers

Event: **Plume College Open Evening**
Date: **Thursday 7 October 2021**
Time: **6.30 pm**
Venue: **Virtual Meeting**

We would like to invite you to Plume College Opening Evening which will take place on Thursday 7 October at 6:30 pm and will be hosted by Mr Wakefield, Executive Principal, Mrs Clark, Joint Head of Academy, Miss Meltzer, Leader for CEIAG and myself, as Head of Plume College. In light of the success of last year's virtual event, the academy will be hosting the Plume College Open Evening via a live video link. The link to the Plume College Open Evening will be displayed on the home page of the academy's website from Tuesday 5 October.

The evening will be also recorded and displayed on the academy's website for those who are unable to attend the event but still wish to view the presentation. The video and PowerPoint will be uploaded to our website within 48 hours of the original event via our ICT Support Team.

Post-16 Subject Videos: Making an Informed Decision
We are also delighted to inform you that Faculty and Subject Leaders have completed a video for each post-16 subject option and these presentations can also be located on the home page of our website.

We strongly recommend that students watch the videos for all subjects they are considering so they are aware of the assessment criteria, relevant areas of study and entry requirements, and can therefore, make an informed decision regarding their post-16 study programmes. Should students require further information regarding individual subjects at post-16, please encourage them to liaise with Mrs Demes, our College Manager, in the first instance and their query will be shared with the relevant member of staff.

Plume College Application Process: New Platform
We are also pleased to announce that we have a new platform to enable students to apply to Plume College and this system will be available after next week's Plume College Virtual Open Evening.

Internal students will be sent their username and password via their academy email address and once they have received this they can commence the application process to Plume College. The process should take approximately 20 minutes to complete, however, it can be completed in stages.

Year 11 students will receive a Progress Review Report following their mock examinations in January 2022. Therefore, and with this in mind, students will need to finalise their application once this data has been entered. The deadline for a place at Plume College for September 2022 has subsequently been extended to **Friday 28 January 2022**. This is to provide students with sufficient time to fully research their options, the entry requirements, the course requirements and to make an informed decision about the most appropriate KS5 study programme for them based on their aspirations and likely academic outcomes in August 2022.

We are aware that some students may prefer to complete their Plume College application with assistance from staff. Therefore, facilities will of course be available in the academy for students without access to a computer and drop-in sessions arranged for any students who may require additional support to complete their application. We hope you will find the new online system easy to use, however, should you have any difficulties, please contact Mrs Demes via k.demes@plume.essex.sch.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to welcoming you to the forthcoming Plume College Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 7 October at 6.30 pm. Should you have any further questions or need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact me via s.saunderson@plume.essex.sch.uk and I will be more than happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Saunderson
Head of Plume College

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