



# PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 13/1/2023

## Plume hosts first Dengie Maths Challenge

### Dengie Mathematics Competition

On Thursday 24 November, Plume Maths Faculty hosted the first round of a new inter-school maths competition, The Dengie Maths Challenge, at Mill Road Campus.

We had 9 teams of Year 7 students from Plume Academy, William De Ferrers and Ormiston Rivers Academy. The teams competed in several rounds of maths challenges involving algebra, probability, fractions and lots of problem solving. The buzz in the room from the minute the first round was started was amazing and the students threw themselves into it with great enthusiasm.

The event was very closely fought throughout and once finalised the winning team was from Ormiston Rivers Academy, with Plume Academy Team 4 ranking highest for us in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Congratulations to all those who represented Plume Academy at this event. The students are Grace Beresford, Percy Goldstone, Maddy Sinden, Marek Jaros, Max Walton, Megan Mawer, Freddie Wilson, Miya Bishop, Eli Mann, Adam Burgess, Katie Kerridge, Joseph Seager, Henry Frost and Myles Dolphin.

This is the first event in what we hope becomes a regular inter school maths challenge. We have a further event scheduled for Year 8 in the spring term, with interest from other schools to attend. We can't wait for more exclamations such as "yes I love fractions!" at these events.

Mrs C Hicks

Second in Mathematics



### Reminders

**Year 11 Parents  
Consultation Evening**  
Thursday 19 January 2023  
4.30pm-7.30pm

**Year 9 Parents  
Consultation Evening**  
Thursday 9 February 2023  
4.30pm-7.30pm



# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulation Aaron Smith (MRC) and Isabelle Scott (FRC) who were our winners for the Creative Writing Competition in English for December.  
We had many entries which were all superb. Well done to all involved!  
Mrs Russell

## MR STEPHENSON'S GROOVY ARTS CLUB BAND

with student performances as support

In concert on  
**FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023**  
Plume Academy, Fambridge Rd, Maldon CM9 6AB  
Stage Hall 7.30pm – 9pm (Doors open 7.00pm)

Refreshments on sale  
TICKETS available through Parent Pay:  
Student £3 Adult £5  
(Proceeds to in-school activities &  
Mrs McGee's Hospice)



## 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



Website: [www.essexmusichub.org.uk](http://www.essexmusichub.org.uk)  
Phone: 0333 013 8953

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# News from Music

Welcome to our new ensemble, open to all who can play an instrument—Tuesdays 3.20pm- 4.10pm Mill Road Campus

## Steel Drumming

Open to all, no experience necessary. Wednesday 3pm—4pm  
Fambridge Road Campus

## Film and Theatre Vocal Group

FRC Tuesday lunchtime  
MRC Friday lunchtime  
All welcome no experience necessary

## Instrumental lessons

Anyone wishing to learn to play an instrument please see  
Mrs Adams or go to [essexmusichub.org.uk](http://essexmusichub.org.uk)

**Free hire of instruments available via the school**

# Exam Certificates - Summer 2022

## Students who are no longer at the academy

Summer 2022 exam certificates are currently available for collection from the Main Reception at Fambridge Road Campus.

Main Reception is open between 08:00 and 16:00 Mondays-Thursdays and between 08:00 and 15:30 on Fridays.

If you are unable to collect your certificates in person, you may nominate someone to collect them on your behalf. That person must bring with them a signed note from yourself giving permission for them to collect your certificates, together with their own personal photographic ID. Alternatively, please provide an A4 stamped, named and addressed envelope and we will post them to your nominated address.

For queries on exam certificates, please email [exams@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:exams@plume.essex.sch.uk).

## Accelerated Reader Update Congratulations!



Congratulations to Sofia Harrison 7NMA and Amelia Cook 9VFO for both reading over 1 million words, they have both received their certificate and badge in assembly.  
The Library Team

## 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](mailto:B.Smith@plume.essex.sch.uk)



We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all parents/carers who have generously donated to our book appeal. You can see how many fabulous books we bought so far!

If you would like to donate, then just go to your child's parentpay account and select library donation.

The Library Team.



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Maldon's Community Academy



## Careers Fair



**CAREERS**

**A date for your diary!**

**Thursday**

**February 23 2023**

**6.00pm - 8.00pm**



## LAIC Stationery Shop

Did you know the LAIC operates a stationery shop? Whether you are in need of a pen, pencil, maths set or ruler amongst many other things, we can help! For your everyday stationery needs please drop by - available at MRC, FRC and College.

Biro (black and blue)	20p
Handwriting pen	45p
Gel pen	70p
Highlighter pen	50p
Pencil	15p
Art pencils 3B	30p
Eraser	25p
Sharpener, single	40p
Ruler 15cm	15p
Ruler 30cm	25p
Popper wallet (A5)	50p
Popper wallet (A4)	70p
Clear Pencil Case	75p
Protractor 180°	40p
Protractor 360°	55p
Pritt stick	£1.20
Revision Cards	£1.10
Maths set	£2.00



# Physical Education Faculty Extra-Curricular Timetable Spring Term (1) 2023



**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	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 MRC Students to meet in the changing rooms and PE staff will escort to FRC
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	Year 7 & 8 Trampoline (MRC Gym Hall) JBI/LST Years 9-11 Trampoline (FRC Gym Hall) SPA Year 7 & 8 Basketball (FRC Sports Hall) TDU Football College (FRC) JPE/ RMU Theory - GCSE Revision (FRC PE Classroom) MAR
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 Table Tennis (MRC) HTA/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		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 and collect from hockey pitch

Please can all students attending clubs complete a PC1 Form. These are available to download from the PE mini-site on the Academy Webpage Or please email Mrs Hegarty at [s.hegarty@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:s.hegarty@plume.essex.sch.uk) for an electronic version

## Express Your Interest - Voluntary Plume Academy Trustees

Plume Academy's vision is to deliver outstanding learning outcomes, employ and develop outstanding staff and develop and sustain an outstanding learning community.

We are currently looking to strengthen our Board of Trustees by recruiting new Trustees, who can also provide strategic oversight, challenge and support the smooth and effective running of the academy, and who feel they have the time to provide robust governance and enthusiastic support to the academy, its leadership and its ongoing development.

Trustees come from all backgrounds with differing skill sets and experience and we are particularly looking for new Trustees with professional or business skills in finance, HR, education, safeguarding and communications.

Anyone with the willingness to commit time, energy and expertise to support the academy, students and staff achieve our vision can become a Trustee. It is a challenging role but is also very rewarding at the same time.

Training and support will be provided to new Trustees. Further details of the work of the Trustees can be found on the academy's website (<https://www.plume.essex.sch.uk/trustees>).

It is an exciting time to join the Plume Board of Trustees with ambitious plans to expand and develop the academy in the growing Maldon community area.

For more information, please contact the Clerk to the Board of Trustees, Mrs Karen Redmond via: [clerk-trustee@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:clerk-trustee@plume.essex.sch.uk).

## Plume Academy's Board of Trustees

# Thinking about becoming a qualified 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 day on  
**Wednesday 18 January 2023 10am - 1pm**  
and get tailored advice

By appointment only  
Contact our ITT Programme Co-ordinator

Call: **01621 854681**

Email: [ITT@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:ITT@plume.essex.sch.uk)

Visit: [www.plumeitt.co.uk](http://www.plumeitt.co.uk)

Our salaried and non-salaried School Direct routes allow you to **train in one of our partnership schools, local to you**. You'll work as a member of the school team and learn your skills from **experienced professionals**, supplemented by high quality **online learning sessions**.

# Together, let's make it count



**Big Garden  
Birdwatch**

27-29 January 2023

Play your part at: [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

The RSPB is a registered charity in England and Wales 207076, in Scotland SC037654. Blackbird by Shutterstock BCBW-23 (14013664)



## 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

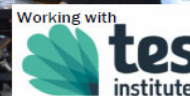
Visits to Plume are always welcome and we regularly host open events  
We also offer taster days and work experience

### WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?



<https://www.plumeitt.co.uk/>

01621 854681



## 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

## Calendar January/February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
16	17	18	19 Year 11 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Year 9 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm	10	11	12

## 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**