



# PLUME NEWS

*Maldon's Community Academy*

*Week Ending 16/12/2022*

## **A Long, Demanding but Successful Term!**

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the Maldon Community,

As we come to the end of the extremely long and demanding Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back on the previous 16 weeks in terms of what has occurred both inside as well as outside of the academy. Starting with our core business of teaching, it has continued to be an absolute pleasure teaching my own classes, as well as visiting other classes each and every day across both campuses and seeing quality teaching and learning occurring. This has been across our vast array of subjects offered and involving students from Year 7 to Year 13. Furthermore, even though we are right at the end of the term, this is still occurring as I write this message. However, it is not just me who visits classes but other members of the academy's Senior Leadership Team, our team of Faculty and Subject Leaders and only recently, members of our Board of Trustees, most of whom are also current parents themselves. Members of our Pastoral, SEND and Support Staff Teams too and again, throughout each and every working day.

As these fortnightly newsletters, my Twitter feed, our Facebook page and our other modes of communication often highlight, there has also been a huge amount of extra-curricular, enrichment and community work that has taken place since the beginning of September. These have ranged from sporting fixtures to external events being held at the academy, and from trips and visits, to a packed College events week that only concluded last Friday. This is because to my team of Colleagues and I, offering such additional opportunities to both our students as well as our local community remains of huge importance to us. It is also why we remain immensely proud to be Maldon's Community Academy. We also end this term seeing three Colleagues move on from the academy: Mrs Kordzaia-Humphreys who has been at the academy for eight years, Miss Thorn who has been at the academy for just over three years, and Mrs Forster who has been with us for a year. We wish all three Colleagues every happiness and success moving forward. Joining us in January are: Mrs Partridge who is taking over from Miss Thorn as Subject leader for Food Technology and Textiles, and Mrs Ludden who is joining our Mathematics Faculty. Both are extremely experienced professionals in their own right. Mr Stoneman and I will also be teaching in our Mathematics Faculty after the break and to Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE classes. Therefore, and once again, we will be starting the term fully staffed from both a teaching and support staff perspective.

I will close out this message by taking the opportunity to sincerely thank you, our families and community, for your unrelenting support throughout the Autumn term, as well as to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Reminders

*Merry  
Christmas*

**Students return  
to the Academy on  
Tuesday 3 January  
2022**

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



# easyfundraising for Plume Library

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are doing your Christmas shopping online this year, please don't forget to shop via the Easy Fundraising website: [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Every time you shop, Plume library gets a small donation at no cost to you, and the small amounts add up!

Over 3,500 big names are included on the scheme, such as Amazon, Argos, ASOS, M&S, Next, EBay John Lewis and many more.

If you haven't signed up yet then please do, it's FREE and a really EASY way to help raise money for the library.

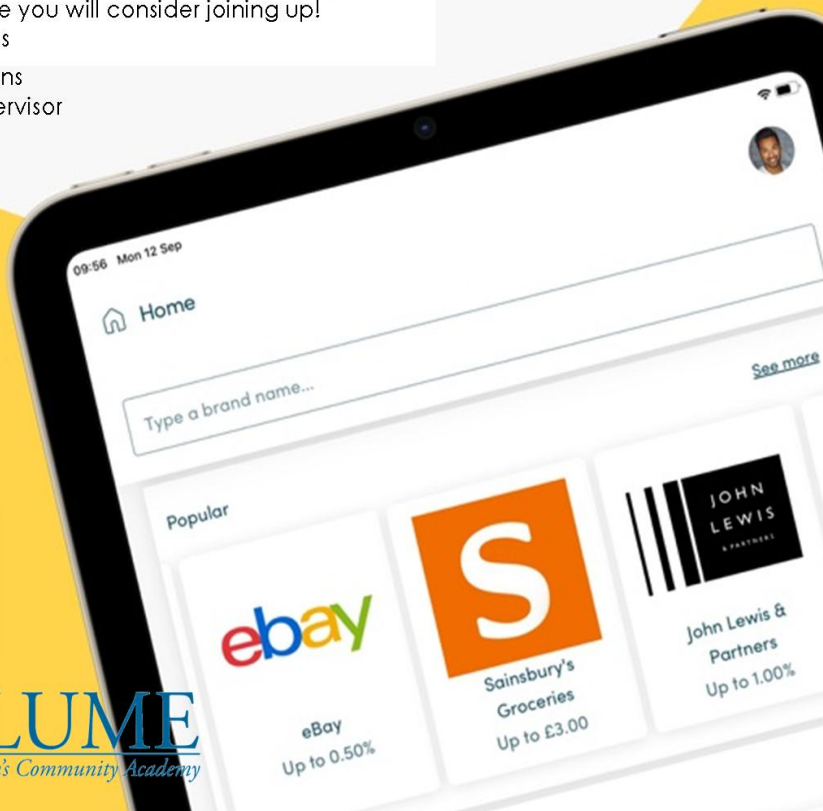
Just follow the link below

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=RZCG46&char=175372&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=refsharebox](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=RZCG46&char=175372&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=refsharebox)

We do hope you will consider joining up!

Kind regards

Mrs C Symons  
Library Supervisor



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## Plume Academy and Maldon District Council host Christmas Party for Children and Families from Ukraine

Executive Principal, Carl Wakefield and the Chairman of Maldon District Council, Bob Boyce MBE issued an invitation to parents and children from Ukraine; along with their UK host families living in Maldon, to visit to Plume Academy and meet Father Christmas!

They were met with a very warm welcome not only from Mr Wakefield and Mr Boyce but from Mrs Jennifer Tolhurst the Lord Lieutenant of Essex who represents His Majesty The King at public engagements he is unable to attend.

With over 80 guests in attendance, all of the children and adults were treated to seasonal refreshments, cakes, sandwiches, various nibbles, as well individual presents for all of the children presented to them by Father Christmas (spoiler alert as it was Rotary Club member Mr Alan Smith) with Mrs Tolhurst and Mr Boyce alongside. It was the first time that all of the families had seen each other since their arrival from war torn Ukraine. The entire evening saw the room filled with children's laughter and lots of warm conversations to a backdrop of Christmas music favourites and entertainment provided by the Head Boy, Jenson Button, Head Girl, Grace Salfairso, and the excellent College Leadership Team.

# Jack Petchey Achievement Award Autumn Winners

We are delighted to announce the 3 worthy recipients of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for Autumn term 2022. The full award citations can be viewed on the news area of our website

“Well done to Will, Emily and Harry on such fantastic and deserved awards. You represent the year group, and the Academy, in an incredible way and we are all very proud of your success. I’m sure, as we head into 2023, there will many more successes for all three of you and I look forward sharing in those successes with you, congratulations to you all.

Mr. Farrow, Head of Year 11”



## William Frostick Year 11

Via several nominations, William has come across as an extraordinary young man and has been recognised as being one of the politest, kindest young man to work with. There is nothing Will would not do for anyone, be it staff or students. Since being at Plume, Will has always pushed himself, in every way and has been exemplary.

Will also raised his head above the parapet by making a successful application for the Student Leadership team for year 11 last year and was selected as ‘Lead Student’. Will does an amazing job and works tirelessly with his charitable work, recently collecting money from other students by selling poppies. Will is a role model not only to his peers but across the generations. Recently Will led the Remembrance Parade in front of many members of Plume Academy staff and prestigious guests. Will is currently studying for his GCSEs and is attending the extra-curricular clubs set up whilst supporting his peers with their studies, doing all of this with a smile on his face! Will continues to be inspirational, and is a well-deserved award winner Jack Petchey. Well done!



## Emily Quiddington Year 11

Emily volunteered to create bespoke art panels for the reception and all consulting rooms at Longfields Medical Centre, Maldon, so as to make the experience of visiting the doctors more friendly for children. Emily organised a group of friends to work with her after school in the Art Department to hand paint the

characters from Winnie the Pooh, over the course of Year 10. She even took them home over the summer break to refine (sorry to her mum about the paint on the carpet!) Emily liaised with the practice manager on all aspects of the design and build (with a little help from Art staff) and consistently demonstrated commitment, accountability, trust, integrity, endeavour, and collaborative skills. She proved herself an excellent role model and should be so very proud of her achievement and contribution to the community. The colourful characters on display certainly brighten the surgery and makes for a positive environment. Our students are encouraged to step outside the classroom and use their skills and passions for the benefit of others - a shining example from Emily! Well done!



## Harry Marsh Year 11

It is indeed a testament to inner resilience that faced with testing challenges, students are prepared to meet them head on! Harry is one such student. He overcome some substantial personal circumstances in Year 10 and dealt with this in a mature and honourable manner. Harry has gone on to develop into a wonderful young person and a

brilliant member of the year group who shows reliability and a sense of humour despite life being tough for him over the last year. Recently Harry has gone from strength-to-strength with his boxing and this is a passion he has continued to develop and is willing to share his successes with others, bouncing back when things haven’t gone his way. This a true demonstration of what it means to be resilient and Harry should be very proud of this. Harry will continue to strive to better himself and it is certain he will succeed in life with his outstanding grit and determination. We are proud to recognise this and celebrate this Jack Petchey Achievement Award for Harry. Well done!

Mr B Collen  
Community Team



Design a  
**Christmas  
Card  
Competition**

A BIG thank you and well done to everybody who entered the competition this year! We had so many wonderful entries and it was no easy task picking our finalists and overall winner. Congratulations to Kirsty Gannon for her winning design and Mr Wakefield and the Art Department were also very impressed by our other finalists: Rhiannon Dick, Eloise Hicks, Olivia Jayawardana, Edgar Woodroof and Daisy Kirby. Everyone who entered has been

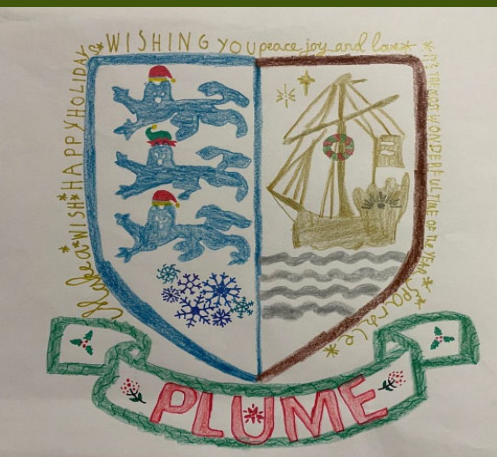
awarded two badges and our finalists have each received an extra Christmas treat. Mrs West



*Merry Christmas*



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## Elliot Rose on set with Hollywood legends in The Northman

As you may have seen in the cinemas and more recently, on Sky, one of the big recent movie releases is a film called 'The Northman'. It has a whole host of Hollywood stars in it, however, one of the film's biggest

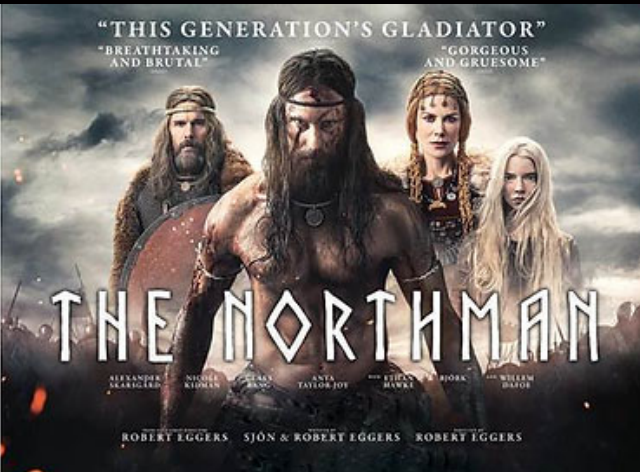
stars is our very own Elliott Rose from Year 9!

Mr Wakefield commented, "If you speak to Elliott about the film, he is so humble and measured about it, it's quite astonishing really. Nevertheless, it only provides yet further evidence of what an absolutely tremendous young man he is".

Elliott has also recently finished a short film on knife crime and secured the lead role in a short horror film which he's due to start filming during the Christmas break. Furthermore, he's also just secured another role in a short comedy which he's waiting to hear a start date for. Very excitingly, Elliott's also just had a meeting with a well-known director regarding a

lead role in a big upcoming feature film. He's waiting to hear back about the final decision as he's down to the last three actors. Therefore, fingers crossed for him!

Mr Wakefield also went on to say, "Elliott continues to do the academy, his family and above all, himself proud."



## Maths Students Get Inspired

"On Monday 5 December, we took a group of year 11 and 12 students to the 'Maths Inspiration Show' in Saffron Walden. The day consisted of a series of interactive lectures from three incredibly inspiring Mathematicians demonstrating live some exciting real-life applications of their favourite areas of the subject. The students were fantastic and it was a wonderful opportunity for them to engage with and apply the Maths they learn in the classroom and even beyond."

Miss L Maciver-Drummond  
KS4 Maths Coordinator



# A Huge Thank You to All the Staff and Students who Supported the College Enrichment Events!



You helped to raise over £1150!

## 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)

## GBR Powerlifter Ella Smallcombe (76kg Category) Wins Three Bronze Medals

### Women European Open, Sub-Junior Classic Powerlifting Championships 2022

Year 13 Plume College student Ella Smallcombe representing GBR has successfully secured three bronze medals at the European Powerlifting Championships 2022 in Poland. She said she is "over the moon" with her performances as she has been struggling with a back injury which fortunately did not hinder her fantastic performance in these championships. Below are the three bronze medal lifts that she made.

- Squat 127.5 Third place
- Deadlift 152.5 Third place
- Overall 342.5 Third place





Mr Wakefield



Mr Botha



Mr Farrow



Mr Hallam



Mr Chapman



Mr Howlett



Mr Silk



Mr Aylen-Smith



Mr Barker



Mr Scott



Mr Rodgers



Mr Tovey



Mr Lane



Week 5




SCAN ME TO DONATE

Our wonderful Plume men have been working hard at growing their moustaches all week. Support them by donating to the link in the email, or scan the QR code below. Support them emotionally by giving their efforts some compliments when you see them too!

# MOVEMBER

The Power To Change Is Right Under Your Nose



Our fantastic Plume Academy staff have shown some serious dedication to raising awareness of men's health over the course of November. Well done and thank you to all that participated! We've raised £250 so far. Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and men's suicide. A **HUGE** congratulations to Ms Booth and Ms Moss, who together raised £200 in their Move-ember. They ran 60km throughout the month in recognition of the 60 men we lose each hour, every hour



Well done to our Year 7 and 8 Netball Teams for their efforts last week at the District B Team Tournament.

- The Year 7 Teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>
- The Year 8 Teams came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

There was a lovely buzz throughout both competitions. Well done to all those involved for their determination and enthusiasm (on some very cold and wet winter's evenings!)

PE Faculty

## Shane Saggs and Mrs Bush Campaign for the Homeless in Essex



Year 10 student Shane Saggs is very determined that our CHES Christmas appeal for the homeless on our streets in Essex, is a huge success. Pictured here with his Head of Year Mrs Bush, and with the support of Dad, Rob Saggs, Chief Executive Officer of CHES Homeless. Shane launched our Christmas appeal with a brilliant assembly to his fellow students in Year 10. He spoke clearly and with feeling about what it means to be homeless in Essex and why help is very much needed.

Shane hopes the stakeholders of the Plume Academy Family and community will, if they are in a position to consider doing so, support our chosen charity this Christmas, especially with the following items:

Hats, gloves, scarves, chocolate, cereal bars, pop-up tents, sleeping bags and toiletries such as shower gel, deodorant, shampoo.

Donations can be made at our Fambridge Road and Mill Road Campuses.

Shane would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance of any donations you are able to make.



## Anti-bullying is NOT just for Anti-Bullying Week!

**We have to take action all year round to bring an end to bullying.**

Anti-Bullying Week - 14-18th November  
#AntiBullyingWeek #ReachOut

Essex Music Education Hub

## Maldon Community Music Centre

Tuesdays 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Individual Lessons and Ensembles will run for 10 weeks per term

**1-to-1: £87.50 (15 minutes) and £172.50 (30 minutes)**

- Brass: Cornet, Trombone, Trumpet
- Drums Kit
- Guitar: Acoustic, Bass, Electric

- Piano, Keyboard
- Singing
- Woodwind: Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Recorder, Saxophone

- Steel Pans
- FREE - All in Band [mixed instrumental group]

**Ensembles: £30.00 (30 minutes)**

- Junior Musicianship
- Song Writing

**Packages:**

1-to-1: 30 minutes plus 2 x 30 minutes and Ensembles: £195

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

Read about [our prices and booking](https://www.essex.gov.uk)

Contact: [fiona.hill@essex.gov.uk](mailto:fiona.hill@essex.gov.uk) or phone 0333 013 8953



## CLUB OF THE YEAR 2023 – PLEASE VOTE FOR BLACKWATER SAILING CLUB

Blackwater Sailing Club, a Maldon based sailing and watersports centre is proud and honoured to have been chosen as the RYA East region finalist for the prestigious UK wide Royal Yachting Association and Sailing Today with Yachts and Yachting Magazine club of the year 2023 award. Their selection is testament to the commitment and dedication of the many volunteers who help make Blackwater Sailing Club such a successful, friendly place where all are welcomed to enjoy sailing and watersports.

There are over 1000 sailing clubs in the UK, 136 in the East region and 12 finalists, but only one can be crowned Club of the Year 2023! The finalists now go through to the public vote with the winner announced at the RYA Dinghy & watersports show on Saturday 25 February 2023.

The club is at the heart of the community with over 1000 members including over 200 young people from surrounding schools and colleges. Members can enjoy learning to sail, social sailing, cruising, dinghy and cruiser racing and other watersports like standup paddleboarding and kayaking on the beautiful Blackwater Estuary or the 7 acre freshwater training lake. Sailing provides many health benefits, in particular for mental health with friendship and companionship at a welcoming club out in the fresh sea air away from the screens which dominate daily lives. Please follow the link and vote now! <https://awards.yachtsandyachting.co.uk/rya/> Voting closes 22 January 2023. This has been a brilliant year for the club, but we need to get more votes than all the worthy finalists to win this fantastic award which would be an amazing accolade to recognise our achievements.

For more information about Blackwater Sailing Club please visit our:

Website: <https://blackwatersailingclub.org.uk/> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BlackwaterSC>

Nigel Butler — Commodore (2020-2022)



Blackwater Sailing Club



**We are proud to be the East Region finalist for the RYA and Sailing Today with Yachts and Yachting Magazine Club of the Year 2023**

[www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk](http://www.blackwatersailingclub.org.uk)

The 12 finalists now go through to the public vote with the winner announced at the RYA Dinghy & Watersports Show on Saturday 25 February 2023.

Please vote for Blackwater Sailing Club now at:

<https://awards.yachtsandyachting.co.uk/rya/>

Thank you!

Nigel Butler

Blackwater Sailing Club

# MR STEPHENSON'S GROOVY ARTS CLUB BAND

We will be playing at Fambridge Road Campus on Friday 27 January 2023—Full details to follow!

## Recycle your 'Christmas containers!'

Rather than recycle or bin them in the New Year, can we please have (clean & empty) biscuit tins or sweet/chocolate plastic containers. Please could students bring them to Food Technology rooms at FRC or MRC. Thank you.  
Miss B Thorn



## Accelerated Reader Update Congratulations!

Congratulations to Olivia Hanley for reading over one million words. Olivia will receive her certificate and badge in her English lesson. Fantastic reading Olivia!  
The Library Team



# Careers Fair



**A date for your diary!**

**Thursday**  
**February 23 2023**  
**6.00pm - 8.00pm**

## Calendar November/December 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 Christmas Holiday	27 Christmas Holiday	28 Christmas Holiday	29 Christmas Holiday	30 Christmas Holiday	31	1
2 Christmas Holiday	3 Students return the academy	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Year 11 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm	20	21	22



### 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/>

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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**