



Plume Maldon's Community Academy Newsletter: March 2023



On Monday 20 March, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Ian Burnett of Maldon, visited the academy along with three other judges and a lay magistrate. This fantastic opportunity afforded students in Years 9-11 and KS5 A level Law students the chance to hear about the work of judges, the justice system, and the rule of law. The accompanying judges/magistrates were:

Judge Sandy Canavan,
Judge Karen Walden-Smith
Judge Ita Farrelly
Magistrate Dippy Kharaud



The Lord Chief Justice visited the academy as part of a school engagement programme that judges are involved in across the country. He spoke about the rule of law and how lucky people are to live in a country that abides by this rule.

He said: "The rule of law is fundamental to our British way of life. Every day, many thousands of judges make decisions which affect people's lives, and their livelihoods. But most people have little idea of what goes on unless they find themselves in the system."

All judges present explained how they trained, qualified and how the legal profession is more diverse today than in the past. They discussed the challenges and opportunities that face students wishing to pursue a career in any of the legal professions.

Lord Burnett answered a wide range of questions posed by College students; Jessica Watkin, Joe Harrington, Cameron Smith, Emre Dogru, Adele Blanke, Rebecca Laker, Ella Butcher and Grace Jackson.

The Lord Chief Justice visits Plume Academy



" The visit gave me a perspective of working in the law that I wouldn't otherwise have had."
Adele Blanke.



Amongst other questions, he was asked about his role in the inquest following the death of Princess Diana, about what part of his career he enjoyed the most and what his role in the Privy Council entailed.

Lord Burnett then joined his legal colleagues for a further series of questions about law and career paths within the legal system asked by students in Years 9-11.

The visit ended by an informal chat with the college students studying law, which gave these students a further opportunity to ask detailed questions about career pathways in the legal profession.

Students said of the day: "It was a privilege to meet him, it was a once in a lifetime experience." Liam Barrell. "It was an exciting opportunity to meet some judges." Anna Hancock.

Adele Blanke
Deputy Head Girl – Year 13



Student Achievements and News!

Ben Welsford Y11

Padel Tennis Number 1!

Huge congratulations to Ben Welsford, Y11 who has recently achieved the LTA Boys U16 Padel Tennis Number 1 ranking. He is also ranked Number 3 in the U18 age group. He is so focused, and his success is testament to his dedication and hard work. We are all incredibly proud of you Ben!



Rank	Player	Member ID	Year of birth	Play County
1 *	Ben Welsford	114153824	2007	
2 *	Oliver Hayday	117226615	2007	Essex
3 *	Lucas Burgess	114237939	2007	Essex



Rank	Player	Member ID	Year of birth	Play County
1 *	Muse Sanchez Armengol	114345797	2005	Middlesex
2 *	Dani Maldonado Fornieles	116177886	2005	Middlesex
3 *	Ben Welsford	114153824	2007	

Maldon Pioneers invited to improve their digital skills

Year 12 Princes' Trust students along with teachers Ms Tween and Ms Baker hosted a digital skills event for the Maldon Pioneers visiting the academy. Students as part of their study programme worked one to one with nine Pioneers to support a range of digital skills questions posed by our visitors.

The Maldon Pioneers Association was set up in 1982 to provide activities for local adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities whose needs were not severe enough to be eligible for local authority resources but were not able to participate in their community activities independently.

Mr Baster, Joint Head of Academy, who visited the classroom during the session was very impressed with how our students worked so seamlessly with our guests. He went on to invite the Pioneers back later in the Summer term for a high tea to feedback on what they have learned and used.

Ms Tween said, "this is a fantastic experience for our students and hugely valuable for them and their course"

Carly Flain and Louisa Thorpe representing Maldon Pioneers and who worked closely with Ms Tween and Ms Baker on the plan for the "Digital Skills Workshop", were both immensely impressed with how successful the sessions turned out.



Student Achievements and News!



The family holiday that sparked an Olympic dream



Some may remember Plume Academy student Charlie Dixon. Charlie completed his first year of competition on the foiling windsurfer this year and managed to win in all competitions he competed in!

He has now been selected by the RYA (Royal Yachting Association) and has become a professional sailor! Please see the link to the BBC news article below and if you want to see him in action Charlie was featured on the news programme BBC East at 6:30pm March 7, 2023. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-64840538>

Proud teacher Mr Harris and sailing enthusiast said, "as a person who windsurfs I can't express how difficult a challenge this has been for Charlie. Just staying on the thing 70cm in the air going 20-30 knots (23-35mph) in a straight line is hard enough for me let alone competing against up to 100 others all going the same speed and turning corners!" Mr Harris also went on to say, "It has been a long time since I have seen such a natural talent. Hopefully Olympic silverware is on the cards for him in Paris 2024"



Plume College A Level Physicists visit CERN to see Large Hadron Collider!



Our Plume College A Level Physics students are pictured above in Geneva, Switzerland in readiness for their visit to CERN and the Large Hadron Collider.

Joint Head of Academy, Mr Baster said, "the students and the staff accompanying them had the very best of visits. Sincere thanks to Mr Robinson for his organisation and leadership of the trip, which took the best part of 4 years to plan due to the emergence of the world-wide pandemic that placed this once in a lifetime trip on hold for too long."

Tom Aldis wins Bronze at the 40th Taekwondo Association English Championships

Held in March at the Sky dome in Coventry with 1300 competitors, Tom achieved a bronze medal in Patterns from an exceptionally strong group of boys up to 18 years of age, all of whom were black belt grade. Proud parent Mrs Aldis said, "his dad and I are immensely proud of Tom, and this puts him in an excellent frame of mind for the upcoming World Championships, which will be held in July this year." As a family bonus his dad won gold in sparring too! Mrs Aldis went on to say, "both are immensely proud of each other." Joint Head of Academy, Mr Baster commented, "we send our warmest congratulations to the whole family on their achievements." Plume Academy continue to be very proud of the ongoing achievements of Tom as well as his father, and wish the entire family good luck for the up-and-coming World Taekwondo Championships.





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Parent Information



**Year 8 Parents
Consultation
Evening
Thursday 27 April 2023**

**Parent Voice Meeting
FRC—Canteen
Wednesday 28 June
2023**

Academic Year 2023-2024

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= School days
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays
 = Weekends
 = Staff training days

Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 2 June, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days



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Plume College Student Honey Lock Launches Limitless on Spotify!



Disability and adaptive fitness by Limitless

In the first episode of my new podcast Limitless we talk all things adaptive fitness from the best way to exercise in the home to adaptive Cross Fit

podcasters.spotify.com

	An introduction to limitless Welcome to limitless the podcast where we talk about being disabled in an able bodied world I hope you enjoy ❤️	Mar 18, 2023 00:34
	Disability and adaptive fitness In the first episode of my new podcast Limitless we talk all things adaptive fitness from the best way to exercise in the home to adaptive CrossFit	Mar 18, 2023 05:44

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/honey-lock/episodes/Disability-and-adaptive-fitness-e20lsii>



Plume students bake Pi to raise money for a school in Africa...

Pi day which falls on Tuesday, March 14, is an annual event and a mathematician's favourite day devoted to celebrating the one and only true magic number: π . Pi is 3.14, a mathematical constant, never-ending, the circumference- to-diameter ratio of a circle.

To celebrate this annual event Year 7 and 8 students, brought their creations the day before to the Maths office to be judged the next day. Prizes were awarded and then at lunch on Tuesday they were sold to raise money for Maths equipment for nominated school in Vinjeru, Africa.

Ms Hopkins said, "We're really proud of how well the student leadership team engaged in running this event and special mention to Phoebe Plummer who took first prize for her beautiful cake. Thank you for all the staff donations and cakes too".



Essex
Chambers of Commerce

Better for business



Certificate of Membership

Plume Academy thrilled to join Essex Chambers of Commerce

Plume Academy is delighted to announce that we are proud members of the Essex Chambers of Commerce. The academy was invited to join after hosting a highly successful "Big Business Network" event recently and following on the tail of an equally high-profile careers evening. Chris Barton Whole Academy Lead for Marketing, Media Communications and Community Engagement was delighted to be approached by Nick Brown representing Essex Chambers of Commerce with a proposal to join their organisation fully funded by Maldon District Council.

Mr Collen who helped to organise the network event with Mrs Ingram and Mr Barton said, "this is a fantastic and unbelievable opportunity for our students to gain direct access to some of the most successful businesses operating across Essex and beyond." He went on to say "businesses are looking to work with young people more directly and at an earlier stage in their lives to prepare them better for employment in the future"

Plume Academy welcomes all of the fantastic possibilities that go with being associated with such a proactive and prestigious organisation.



Plume Academy's 1724 students get to vote in the Young Essex Assembly elections...

The Young Essex Assembly (YEA) is the elected Youth Council for Essex. Every 2 years 75 young people representing all districts across Essex are elected on to the YEA where they review priorities, consult, campaign, and engage with other young people as well as adults, organisations, and decision makers to ensure young people are a key part of discussions and decisions made at all levels. This year is the Young Essex Assembly elections where young people take part in a democratic vote and decide which candidate they want to represent them. The candidates are young people who have applied to the Young Essex Assembly to be elected for their area.

YOGA WITH ANNA

Every Monday Evening
7:30pm - 8:30pm

Drama Studio
£10 per class
@maldonyoga



Interested in a career in teaching?



**Join our online Information Evening
on Monday 17 April 2023
6.30pm - 7pm**



If you would like to know more about training in
Secondary or Primary with the Plume Partnership

Contact our ITT Programme Co-ordinator

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

Web: www.plumeitt.co.uk





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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
Visit: 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**.



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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?



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 **Fambridge Road Campus: 01621 854681**

Mill Road Campus: 01621 879803

 **Admin@plume.essex.sch.uk**

Staff email addresses can be found via our website *Parents > Staff Contacts*

Emails to staff can be constructed in the following way

first initial followed by a dot, the member of staff's surname, then add [@plume.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@plume.essex.sch.uk) for every member of staff. For example, B.Smith@plume.essex.sch.uk


Subject Matters

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.

non-Subject Matters

For all **non-subject and pastoral related matters**, please liaise directly with your child's Assistant Head of Year in the first instance.

Year 7:	Mrs J Southgate	j.southgate@plume.essex.sch.uk
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Year 9:	Mrs P Rhodes	p.rhodes@plume.essex.sch.uk
Year 10:	Mrs K Rhodes	k.rhodes@plume.essex.sch.uk
Year 11:	Mrs C Slade	c.slade@plume.essex.sch.uk



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

