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Maldon's Community Academy



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Welcome to Plume College

Year 11 Taster Day 2022

Monday 4 July 2022

Session 1

Ofsted January 2018

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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 2022:-

Mr Hallam	Assistant Vice Principal (Head of College)
Mrs Pipe	Student Achievement and Progression Manager
Mrs Demes	Plume College Manager
Mrs Barbrook	College Administrator
Mrs Clark	Joint Head of Academy

Plume College Team

Executive Student Leadership Team 2022



Head Boy: Jenson Bacon
Deputy Head Girl: Adele Blanke

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and

Head Girl: Grace Salfairso
Deputy Head Boy: Cameron Morrison

Taster Day 1: Monday 4 July 2022

8.50 am-9.50 am	Period 1 - Registration and Welcome Briefing
9.55 am-10.55 am	<p>Period 2 – Two short Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Sessions</p> <p>Session 1 Reflections on Year 12 - <i>'What I have learnt this year?'</i> <i>'With hindsight, would I have changed anything?'</i>(Common Room) Mrs Pipe</p> <p>Session 2 Next Steps and IAG Support at Plume College – Making your Future Happen (College 1) – Mr Hallam</p>
10.55 am –11.15 am	Morning Break
11.15 am-12.15 pm	Period 3 – select an appropriate lesson Photographs for ID/Swipe system (compulsory) in Room 207 period 3
12.20 am-1.20 pm	Period 4 – select an appropriate lesson
1.20 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.05 pm- 3.10 pm	Period 5 – select an appropriate lesson

Taster Day 2: Tuesday 5 July 2022

8.40 am	From 08.40 am please sign in outside College Head of Year office
8.50 am-9.50 am	Period 1 – select an appropriate lesson
9.55 am-10.55 am	Period 2 – select an appropriate lesson
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Why Plume?

- 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

Linear A Levels

- Important to identify the difference.
- 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.
- In order to ensure students have the best possible opportunity to succeed, ***we will be entering students into a small number of AS-level exams in the summer of 2023.***
- Please be proactive and check with your subject staff to ascertain if your subject has an AS exam during the summer 2023.
- The AS grade will provide an important benchmark of your progress and help you to decide which subjects to continue into your second year.



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.

Study Periods

- When not in lesson you need to manage your study time.
- Compulsory Study Time (CST) will be allocated to your timetable. The remaining periods may be spent in either the study room, common room or library – either way, you will have work to do
- 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



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

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.



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.

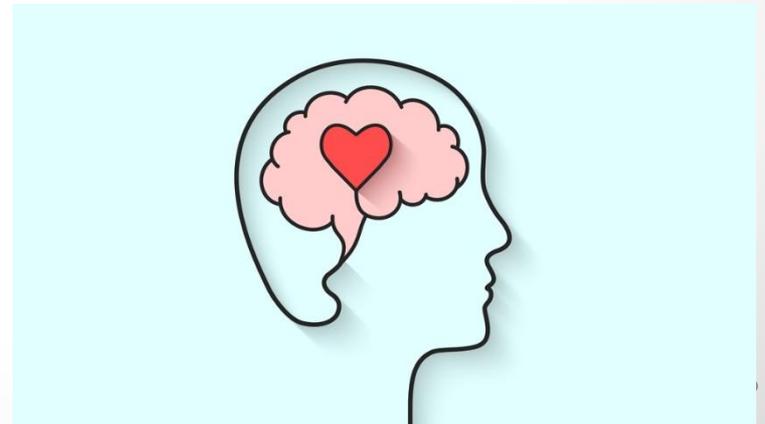
Time management

- Think of the day in blocks of 8 hours
 - 8 hours sleeping
 - 8 hours doing whatever you choose
 - 8 hours for school and study work
- 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
 - School Nurse Drop-Ins
 - 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 be personally working with you to ensure you have all of 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!**
- More than 30,000 teenagers are expected to submit dissertations under the Extended Project Qualification this year, a six-fold increase in four years.
- The qualification can be used as a **'tie-breaker'** between university applicants with similar A-level results, or to decide whether to admit someone who has failed to meet their grade offer.
- 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.
- Elite universities said EPQs can make the difference between winning a place on a course or just missing out. But institutions outside the research-intensive 24 Russell Group universities are also increasingly relying on them
- Interested in EPQ – 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.
- Do not leave it until the last minute.
- Approximately 3-5 hours work per subject.
- Ask staff for more guidance during the Taster sessions.
- Please be aware that staff will be asked to report on the relative success of student completion on the Year 11 Transitional Challenge during week 3 (**23 September 2022**) with a single data entry on SIMs.

5	Outstanding
4	Good
3	Satisfactory
2	Unsatisfactory
1	No work submitted

- This will form part of their assessment of your suitability for the subject.

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

- Are entitled to £2.40 to spend in the canteen each day?
- Free School Meal 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 2 pm 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 4 July 2022

- ❑ Sign in at the Stage Hall
- ❑ Sign out in College area (outside Mr Hallam's / Mrs Pipe's Office)

Tuesday 5 July 2022

- ❑ Sign in and out College area (outside Mr Hallam's / Mrs Pipe's Office)



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** 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 2022

- ❑ 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 (Assistant Vice Principal, Head of College or Mrs Clark (Joint Head of Academy)

Plume College Dress Code September 2022

Appropriate clothing images:



Inappropriate clothing images:



Year 12 Option Grid: September 2022

What do I do about potential clashes?

LEVEL 3 OPTION A	LEVEL 3 OPTION B	LEVEL 3 OPTION C	LEVEL 3 OPTION D	LEVEL 3 OPTION E
Business (opt A or E)	Art and Design	Biology (opt B or C)	Graphic Communication	Business (opt A or E)
Chemistry	Biology (opt B or C)	Drama	French	Criminology (opt B or E)
Computer Science	Cambridge Technical Business	English Language (opt A or C)	BTEC Health & Social Care	English Literature
BTEC Dance (with Year 13)	Criminology (opt B or E)	Extended Project Qualification (NB. 3 A levels + EPQ only)	Cambridge Technical IT	Further Mathematics
English Language (opt A or C)	Law (opt B or D)	Geography	Law (opt B or D)	Physical Education
History (opt A or C)	Mathematics (opt A or B)	History (opt A or C)	Physics	Sociology
Mathematics (opt A or B)	Media Studies	Photography	Psychology (opt C or D)	Technology
BTEC Sport	Philosophy & Ethics	Psychology (opt C or D)		
	Spanish		GCSE Resit English (six hours per fortnight)	
GCSE Resit Mathematics (six hours per fortnight 1Yr cs)	GCSE Resit Mathematics (six hours per fortnight)	GCSE Resit Mathematics (six hours per fortnight 1Yr cs)	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)

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
- If you email staff: please think about the 'tone' and be polite.





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Session 2: Summer Expectations & Q/A

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GCSE Results Day- Thursday 25 August 2022

KS4 (Year 11):

- GCSE/Level 2 BTEC/Cambridge National Results

Date: Thursday 25 August 2022

Venue: All in the Sports Hall

- Year 11 (and College GCSE results) at 9.00 am

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

Registration Day- Thursday 25 August 2022

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

Date: Thursday 25 August 2022

Venue: Plume College

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 1• 10.00 am - 11.00 am• Surnames A-K only | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session 2• 11.00 am - 12.00 pm• Surnames L-Z only |
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A letter will be sent home to outline the arrangements for Plume College registration/enrolment day.

Registration Day – Second Day!

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

Date: Wednesday 31 August 2022

Venue: Plume College

Time: 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

- This is for students who have been unable to register on Thursday 25 August 2022, 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 Mrs Clark, Joint Head of Academy, via: r.clark@plume.essex.sch.uk

GCSE Results and Registration Day 2022

Registration Day/Plume College Enrolment 2022

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.



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QUESTIONS