



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 27/05/2022



Wishing The Plume Family a Great Half Term Break!

As we come to the end of the first half of the Summer term, I feel it is important to look back on what has been another incredibly busy six weeks with a real sense of pride and achievement. This is for a whole host of reasons ranging from the progress our students are making in their classroom environments, to the many extra-curricular and enrichment activities they continue to access and excel at across a whole host of areas.

Awards, accolades, trophies, medals, certificates and formal acknowledgements continue to be achieved by our students, and the vast majority are demonstrating good and outstanding progress across their subject areas. However, there are other achievements that I also feel need to be highlighted including the fact that after not completing a full school year since 2019, our Years' 11, 12 and 13 students have prepared for and entered into their public examinations in the most exemplary of manners. To me, this is something that should not be taken for granted or indeed lightly as it has been over seven generations since people of their age have had to face up to and overcome such disruption and adversity.

Finally, on behalf of the Plume Family, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Her Majesty The Queen on achieving her Platinum Jubilee and for serving our country as Monarch for seventy years.

Best wishes, Mr Wakefield

Reminders



Students return to the academy Monday 6 June

College Taster Days – Year 11 Students

Monday 4 July and Tuesday 5 July
These days are a great opportunity to sample your intended subjects and gain an understanding of college life. A letter with further information will follow shortly.

Plume Educational Trust

This monetary award is open to any student who has been at Plume for at least two years and is going on to further or higher education. The first application must be made within two years of leaving Plume and they can apply for a maximum of 3 years. The application form is available on the academy website.

Maldon District Citizen of the Year!



On Monday evening, I was delighted to attend the annual Pride of Maldon Awards Evening where those members of our community who have made such an impact and made such a difference are rightfully acknowledged and celebrated.

With this very much in mind, I was positively delighted to hear and see our own Hattie Phillips from Year 11 receive the prestigious 'Citizen of the Year Award'! This was for a number of reasons but particularly in relation to her local, regional, national and international environmental and climate change work.

As many of us know, as well as being a driven environmental champion, Hattie is a fantastic student in every sense of the word and one we are genuinely privileged to work alongside. We are also delighted to hear that this will be for a further two years due to Hattie opting to stay on at Plume College.

We continue to be immensely proud of you Hattie and on behalf of the Plume Family, congratulations on securing such a tremendous award!

Are you aged 14 or over?
VOLUNTEER WITH US

to help children take part in the
Summer Reading Challenge 2022

in libraries during the summer holidays.



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Congratulations!

We wanted to let you know, and pass on the great achievement of the Heybridge Swifts U12 team who won the Blackwater & Dengie Youth Football League Cup on Sunday 22nd May.

15 out of the 16 strong squad are Plume Academy Year 7 boys: Zak Eve, Kaden Johnson, Ed Foster, Marley Hoffman, Riley Kirby, Harry Priest (Captain), Harrison Judge, Ethan Barwell, Kayden Samler, Ryan Hutchings, Josh Meadows, Jake Sutton-Moss, Archie Townsend.
Congratulations!



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



Flexible Learning Year 11 students GOOD BYE.... Last week we said a fond farewell to our year 11 Flexible Learning cohort. These amazing young people joined us in Year 9 completing our Bike Ability and gardening programmes, going on to join us on a journey of college and work experience. What a journey we found ourselves on!! Our students would not allow Covid -19 to hold them back, their work ethic throughout these unprecedented times continued to be outstanding, learning new skills and excelling in Motor Vehicle, Catering, Animal Care and Construction courses. Thank you, and farewell. We will miss you. Good luck from us all in Flexible Learning.



Plume Music Staff talk to BBC News Easts' Lawrence Cawley about Eurovision and Sam Ryder

Plume Academy music staff and students talk to BBC News East about their connection and hopes for Maldon born social media sensation Sam Ryder, whom this year brilliantly finished second with his entry Space-man in the Eurovision Song Contest. To read the full article, please click on the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-esssex-61443812>



Diversity at Plume

At Plume, we continue to embrace international diversity and culture. We are fortunate to support a number of pupils who have come to the school from abroad and require support getting used to the English language or culture in the UK. Along with all Year 11 pupils attending their final on-site lessons on 13 May, we said a fond farewell to two particular pupils who have overcome enormous barriers in the last two years.

Firstly we said goodbye to Marianna Florea, who came over from Romania in Year 9. When she started she was incredibly shy and nervous and could speak very little English. By the end of Year 11 she could understand most of what people were saying and was able to fully immerse herself in lessons. Marianna's courage to tackle GCSE exams is commendable. We also wished all the best to Astiyar Rasoliyan, who arrived from Iran. Despite not knowing much English upon arrival, Astiyar was able to settle at Plume and make friends. Those who worked with him were warmed by his cheerful personality. Incredibly, due to his hard work, Astiyar achieved passes at Entry Level 1 and 2 in Maths and English, surpassing all expectations. Teachers gathered to wish the pupils goodbye on May 13, shown in the image above. Astiyar wrote all his teachers thank you notes, whilst Marianna cooked a traditional Romanian dish to show her appreciation. We wish them both all the best for the future and thanks go to a number of staff for going above and beyond to support these pupils.

Mr Chapman



Learning to tackle knife crime

On Thursday 19 May, a group of our Year 9 students attended an event at St Peter's Hospital Café. The afternoon was organised and led by Julie Taylor who tragically lost her grandson in a brutal knife attack. She has since campaigned tirelessly to educate the community about the impact knife crime has on victims and their families. Julie presented a Bleed pack to Mr Wakefield, which had kindly been donated by a member of the Maldon community.

The afternoon involved a demonstration and practical experience of the bleed pack contents. Our students conducted themselves impeccably with considerable composure around the issues. They willingly asked questions and took part in all aspects of the training. In attendance along with Julie was the mayor of Maldon and a journalist from a Sunday Newspaper who also included a picture of our students when the article was published on the 22 May.

Mr J Cooper Personal Development Lead



Grandson's death made me tackle knife crime

DEVOTED: Tragic teen Liam Taylor and, right, his grandmother Julie with photo of him on her chest

By Jon Austin CRIME EDITOR

A GRIEVING grandmother whose beloved grandson was stabbed to death has joined police patrols to end violent youth crime.

Julie Taylor threw herself into fundraising and lobbying as she struggled to come to terms with the death of Liam Taylor, 19, known to his family as "Rich".

He was stabbed to death outside a pub in Writtle, near Chelmsford in Essex, by three men not much older than him on January 21, 2020.

Ryan Elby, 22, of Chelmsford, and Daniel Dades, 21, of Witham, were terms of 21 years in September after being found guilty of the murder.

Louis Colgate, 20, also from Chelmsford, admitted murder and got life with a minimum of 16 and a half years.

Now Julie regularly meets with police and politicians in the fight against such devastating attacks – schools of the dangers of knives.

She counts Home Secretary Priti Patel and Chelmsford Tory MP Vicky Ford among her contacts after pressuring them for action to put an end to these devastating crimes.

She said: "Since Liam's brutal murder, I have found out so much about how the youth generally don't trust the police – and that is why I love to go with officers into schools to raise awareness.

"As a grieving nan, I do make a difference and I see kids moved and in tears when I tell Liam's story.

"I help to train family liaison officers with Essex police and I tell them my story. Helping others keeps me strong and I want to make a difference and support the youth and our community.

"I am happy to travel anywhere to help spread awareness."

During her work with the police, Julie went out on an eight-hour patrol with the Met's violent crime taskforce to see how they try to stop youth violence on tough estates in Angel, north London.

She joined other Met officers to speak to students at a school in Hatfield and sixth-form college in taking part in a parent and youth debate in Stratford, east London.

Her efforts also led her to raise more than £10,000 to buy life-saving bleed control kits, which help stem blood loss from a knife or gun or other serious injuries. The kits have been donated to more than 70 venues, including pubs, bars, schools and Norfolk to come from Great Yarmouth in the south.

Some of the cash has been raised by the sale of items in the cafe she runs at St Peter's Hospital in Maldon, Essex, including knitting and fabrics handmade by the pensioners who eat there.

Last week, Prime Minister Boris Johnson promised a new crackdown on crime to coincide with a national crime – called Operation Sceptre – concluding today, which included weapons amnesty, sweeps of parks and arrests of known offenders.

However, it was a difficult week for Julie, beginning with what would have been Liam's 22nd birthday on the Monday. On Thursday, one of his three killers, Colgate, was due to learn if his appeal for a reduced sentence would be successful.

Despite the anguish this caused her, Liam's grandmother continued to attend events while managing the cafe and at 10.30am on Thursday, an emotional Julie was in London to hear about Colgate's appeal, which was ultimately unsuccessful.

With her usual determination, Julie then headed back to Essex to help train 40 people in how to use the kits.

Though her memorial site, The Liam Taylor Football Club, the dedicated campaigner has also donated seven kits in public areas.

One such kit is stationed at Queens Park Rangers Football Club, West London, where a training session in their use went ahead on May 13.

In September, Julie will be leading a walk to various sites where gun or knife victims died.

She added: "I have dedicated my life to trying to help youth stay away from gangs, knife crime and violence – to stop our loved ones being taken too soon.

"No family should suffer every day the life sentence we will forever suffer, after our darling boy was murdered.

"I help support other families in with families who've been to court their grief and I have been to court with families who've been to court their kids are killing kids and it has to stop before we lose a whole generation of them."

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



Overcoming Maths Anxiety

However you feel about maths, you are not alone. Many of us struggle with using numbers. Here are our top tips to help you overcome maths anxiety.

Talk about it



Tip 1

Talk about how you feel about maths, you'll find others feel the same way.

Take the pressure off



Tip 2

Learning is not a race, take your time and use your own space.

Set realistic goals



Tip 3

Aim to improve a little bit at a time.

Challenge your own beliefs



Tip 4

Are your thoughts about maths helpful? Or are they holding you back?

Don't compare yourself to others



Tip 5

We all learn at different paces and that's OK

Choose resources that work for you



Tip 6

We all learn differently. Try the National Numeracy Challenge for an alternative to classroom maths.



Supporting the Local Community



It is wonderful to support the local community, and encourage students to create bespoke art, which is why we are very excited with the forthcoming community murals to be hosted in Longfield Medical Centre. Work has begun by one of our most enthusiastic artists, Emily Quiddington (10RDA), who has put together a team of her peers to create what will be an eye catching and fun narrative for the medical centre visitors to enjoy. We want to share with you the progress made so far, and look forward to Emily and her crew working independently to complete the murals this term. Well done Emily!

Miss Crozier - Art & Design

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U15 Girls Chance To Shine Cricket Tournament



Batting first again, Plume scored 24 runs, however our bowling took a bit of a dip, and Harris Riverside soon scored their target of 25 runs.

There was a nervous wait during the lunch break as the results were calculated. Colchester County High School topped the group winning all their games, but all the other teams had won one game! Due to Plume's excellent run rate in their first game, we were awarded second place and progressed to the semi final play off group.

Our semi final pool was a tough draw, with our first match against Colchester County High again. This time the girls had gained confidence, and picked up some tips from their earlier games and batted excellently to score 30 runs. Joleigh Dolphin and Poppy Hine were excellent as opening batters, scoring some 4's and 6's between them. Plume worked hard in the field and managed to keep their opponents scoring down, but in the last over Colchester County High managed to get their target of 31 runs, they also went on to win the whole tournament. Our second game against Notley High School went down to the wire. Plume batted first and scored 44 runs, and with Ella Mansfield bowling the last ball of the game the pressure was on not to bowl a no ball. Ella stayed focussed and delivered a great ball, but the Notley batter rose the challenge to score a 4 take the match.

The third and final match of the day was against Shenfield. Plume won the toss and put Shenfield in to bat first. Once again, the girls fielded well but struggled with consistent bowling, however managed to hold Shenfield to 58 runs. Plume were determined to finish the day on a high, and once again showed how good they are at batting. Sofia Mansfield showed that although she was the youngest there, she had confidence with the bat, and scored an impressive 6! Throughout the innings, all the girls demonstrated how far they'd come in such a short amount of time, and were just shy of Shenfield's total with a final score of 44 runs.

After all the results were in, Plume finished a very creditable 7th place with a group of girls who had never played a match before, and only had 4 or 5 training sessions. The team were a credit to the themselves and the Academy, and should be very proud of what they achieved. Well done everyone!

On Thursday 19 May Essex Womens Cricket hosted A Chance to Shine tournament for girls to have the opportunity to play some matches in a shortened format of the game. Plume travelled to Hutton Cricket Club with 8 budding cricketers to compete against 15 other schools from across the county.

Our first match against St Angela's started well with Plume batting first and gaining 45 runs. Some good fielding and limited extras given kept the opponents score down to 24 runs, giving Plume their first win. The second game against Colchester Country High School was always going to be tough, but the girls did well to score 20 runs against some excellent bowling from experienced club players. Colchester County High batted excellently and gained 21 runs in the 4th over.

After the last defeat, the girls went in to their last pool match against Harris Riverside still confident of progressing to the next round.

Donation Appeal

PRE-LOVED



UNIFORM

**Fambridge Road Campus
Reception
Mill Road Campus
Reception
9.00am - 2.30pm**

Due to the successful sale of the pre-loved Plume Academy uniform last August, we are now looking to replenish the stock ready for the academy uniform sale days on Tuesday 9 August and Wednesday 10 August.

If you have any suitable items for donation, could you kindly drop the freshly laundered items in a bag and hand them into one of our receptions between the hours of 9.00am and 2.30pm.

Plume Academy Parent Voice Group

International Diversity Culture Club

...here at MRC!

Every Tuesday after school



3:15 – 4:15

Location: M 08



If you have a multi cultural background yourself, or are simply curious about a particular country and it's culture, come along!

Hosts: Deputy Head Girl Natalia Dudek and Deputy Head Boy Charles Brunt

(we are looking forwards to meeting you all!)



I LOVE DIVERSITY BECAUSE IT ALLOWS ME TO:



Things we will cover:

- arts & crafts from around the world
- A guide to using chopsticks
- Guest speakers... our very own mult cultural staff
- Show and Tell
- Quizzes/kahoots
- Independent research tasks like leaflet/brochure making
- Watching movies from around the world
- Learning about a particular culture
- And many many more fun filled tasks!



WOW! SUMMER SCHOOLS 2022

A workshop based week for 8-13s

Mon 15th to Fri 19th August.

A workshop based week for 13-21s

Mon 22nd to Fri 26th August.

Location: Witham Public Hall, Collingwood Road, Witham

Price £125 (£25 Deposit required to reserve a place)

Two bursaries are available to cover the full cost for those that could otherwise not attend.
For further information www.wow.org.uk/summer-schools

TRENDING ON #BookTok



Come and find books that have been recommended on TikTok in FRC LAIC's own BookTok display, we are going to be continuously updating this throughout the school year

Calendar May/June 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 Half Term Holiday	31 Half Term Holiday	1 Half Term Holiday	2 Half Term Holiday	3 Half Term Holiday	4	5
6 Students return to the academy	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Sports Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

TERM DATES

2021/2022

Summer Term
Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Friday 22 July 2022