



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 11/11/2022

Plume Student Wellbeing Week for World Mental Health Day 2022



Prior to the half term holiday Plume Academy acknowledged World Mental Health Day 2022. World Mental Health Day is marked every year on October 10 to raise awareness about mental health around the world and to mobilise efforts to support those experiencing mental health issues. Students and staff took part in several themed activities during the week to highlight the importance of wellbeing.

The student focused activities were linked to The World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) theme for World Mental Health Day 2022, which was 'Make mental health for all a global priority' and the YoungMinds resources on 'How you feel matters'. With everything that is happening around us right now, it can be easy to feel powerless, but there are aspects of our life we can manage and control. We want our students to embrace what is in their power to start doing, stop doing or change – something that will support their mental

health. This World Mental Health Day, we are asking them to consider what they can do to make mental health their Number 1 priority.

This wellbeing week also gave us a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help. Families seeking support and guidance relating to the mental health of their child are, as always, welcome and encouraged to contact their child's Assistant

Mrs Ollett - Drama & Personal Development Teacher



Reminders

Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 24 November
4.30pm-7.30pm

Cashless Catering

We would like to remind parents/guardians that students should not be bringing cash into school. Catering accounts should be topped up via ParentPay. If you have mislaid your login details for ParentPay please contact the Finance office.
The Finance Team

I **listen to praise** from colleagues, students and loved ones. Sometimes it's all too easy to absorb criticism but it's good to hear the compliments too.

Learning can be tough and so being able to **talk to someone** when I'm struggling is vital.

When I'm feeling overwhelmed, I **review my to-do list**. I try to filter out anything that doesn't **HAVE** to be done today.

I try to **cut down on the amount of messages** I send and find people instead. Whoever I need to speak to, these conversations can be useful, funny and give me some valuable face-to-face contact.

I'm lucky, I have really supportive friends and we **check in with each other a lot**. It makes such a difference when a friend asks how I am and actually takes the time to listen, so I try and do the same for them too.

I **try to stay active**. However hard it is to get going, physical activity really helps me when I'm feeling stressed. I love open water swimming, running, cycling or just going for a walk.



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#WorldMentalHealthDay2022

Plume Academy Student Leadership Team 2022-23

During the final few weeks of the Autumn 1 half term many of the academy's students applied for the prestigious role of being the Student Leader for their Year Group. Students completed an application that highlighted their skills and passions, stating why they would be suitable to be a leader. The quality of these applications led to extremely hard decisions being made across all year groups as the Head and Assistant Head of Year had to shortlist 6 students to go through to an interview process with our College Executive student leadership team; Jenson Bacon (Head Boy) Grace Salfairso (Head Girl) Cameron Morrison (Deputy Head Boy) and Adele Blanke (Deputy Head Girl).

The high quality applications that were received across all year groups did not go unnoticed and all those that applied are congratulated for their fantastic efforts. Each Year Group had six nominees going into the interviews held on October 20th where our Executive Student Leadership team had the difficult job of selecting the four successful candidates. They commented on the maturity of the responses and the clarity of their ideas. This was then backed up with clear views and forward thinking ideas on how to involve the student voice within academy policy and everyday life.
Mrs Ollett



Year 7 Lead Students - *Harry Mason, Scarlett Davis*
Year 7 Deputy Lead Students- *Alex Sage, Marek Jaros*



Year 8 Lead Students - *Lexie Taylor, Grace Springett*
Year 8 Deputy Lead Students- *Joe Gray, Evie Thorneloe*



Year 9 Lead Students - *Aaron Smith, Ella Priest*
Year 9 Deputy Lead Students - *Lucas Caxton, Abi Stannard*



Year 10 Lead Students - *Nicole Kaczynska, Freddie Payne*
Year 10 Deputy Lead Students - *Matthew Tachauer, Amelie Meadowcroft*



Year 11 Lead Students - *Ella Mansfield, Maria-Carmen Lonergan*
Year 11 Deputy Lead Students- *Ollie Street, Hannah Stubbings*



Tate Modern Visit

On Thursday the 20th October, Mr Barton and I accompanied nineteen Plume College students on an education visit to the Tate Modern in London. The year 12s and 13s, who study either A Level Art, Photography and/or Graphic Communication, had the opportunity to view the vast collection of Modern Art exhibited over five floors in this world class gallery, which is incredibly beneficial to them in developing their own independent creative work.

Despite the traffic and the rain, the day was a huge success, with all students positively feeding back on the experience.

As well as students being exposed to a diverse range of art, they also had the opportunity to take photographs of the London skyline from outside of the Gallery, and on the way back to the coach, we had just enough time to pop in to the Bankside Gallery. Here we saw a great range of contemporary art for sale, which gave students additional contextual and everyone inspired by what was on display here.

As expected, the students were exceptional ambassadors for the College and were an absolute delight to take out for the day. I am very excited to see how they now use what they learned from the visit in their practical work and their written related studies.

Mrs West



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. 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

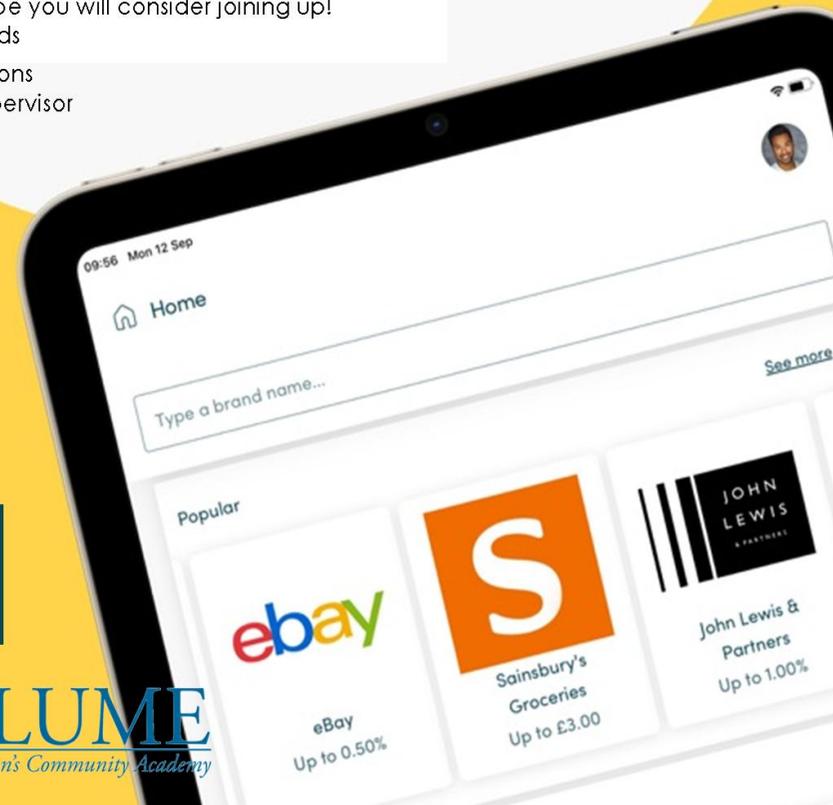
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=RZCG46&char=175372&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=refsharebox

We do hope you will consider joining up!

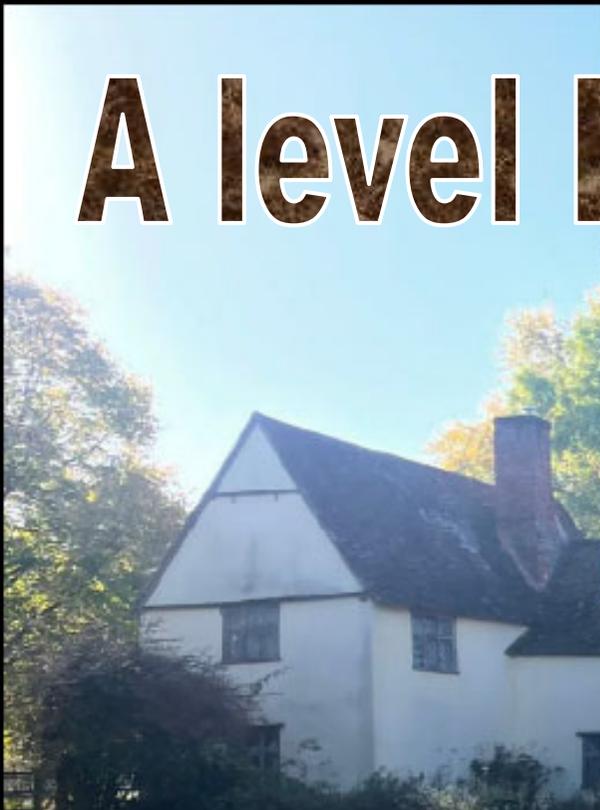
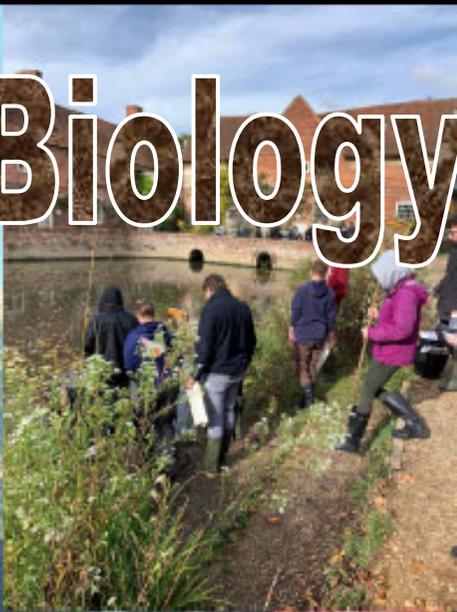
Kind regards

Mrs C Symons

Library Supervisor



A level Biology Field trip



Plume's enthusiastic Year 13 biologists welcomed the opportunity to engage with an outdoor classroom experience, organised by our Head of Biology Dr Georgiou and supported by Mrs Smith and Mrs Heslop.

They visited the beautiful Flatford Mill, on the banks of the River Stour, which is one of the first and original field study centres set up in the UK during the 1940's. It is also unchanged from the wonderful, timeless painting Hey Wain by Constable. Thankfully during the two packed days of ecological studies, the sun managed to shine and make this a memorable experience.

The students sampled the lake and the mill pond finding larvae, beetles, leeches and water boatman plus small fish, such as sticklebacks and an eel in the mill pond.

The students also used quadrats placed at the edge of the woodland and in the middle of the woods, to determine the effects of light, heat, water, and soil pH on the total number of leaves and plant variation. The students returned to an on-site classroom, to hypothesise the likely differences between the two locations and then statically analysed the raw data using the Chi squared testing to determine whether the differences observed were significant or not.

This was the first biology trip for over two years and our first to Flatford Mill, but now it will be a definite favourite for our A level biologists to learn the ecology modules in-situ.

Miss L Cox - Science Faculty Leader





Plume Academy was officially recognised recently by the Alzheimer's Society for our work in working to become a dementia friendly community. Sarah Troop Director for Maldon and District Community Voluntary Service proudly presented the certificate to Ms Tween and Ms Baker together with Mark Neville who is the Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator and Pan Essex Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) Co-chair for Essex Community Dementia Support Service.

Ms Tween and Ms Baker devised with the support of Maldon District Dementia Action Alliance a brilliant action plan and programme to raise awareness and support amongst students of this all too familiar condition. They have devised projects within the taught curriculum aimed solely to promote action in our united fight against dementia.

Mr Wakefield and Mr Barton who leads on community engagement both commented on the exceptional work that had been undertaken by our students and the staff involved, in particular noting the work that was completed during the height of Covid-19 and the corresponding lock down periods.



Working to become
**Dementia
Friendly**
2022



Exam Certificates

Collection Summer 2022

Students who are no longer at the academy:

Exam certificates will be available for collection from the Main Reception at the Farnbridge Road Campus between:

Monday 28 November 2022 and Thursday 15 December 2022

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.

Students who are still at the academy:

Exam certificates will be distributed via the College Office before the end of the Autumn term.

For queries on exam certificates, please email exams@plume.essex.sch.uk.



100% Attendance

This week our Vice Principal Mr Stoneman, joined our Pastoral Year Teams to recognise our students who have achieved 100% attendance for the first half of the Autumn term. Bronze 100% Attendance badges were awarded to students from Years 8 – 11 who also received a letter of recognition for their exemplary attendance.

The Year 7 presentation will take place on Monday 14 November. Badges will also be awarded on Satchel One and students who have exceeded our attendance target of 95% will be recognised in the coming week. Congratulations again to these students!

The Attendance Team

| Year group | Number of students | % of year group |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 7 | 122 | 41% |
| 8 | 87 | 29% |
| 9 | 72 | 23% |
| 10 | 97 | 32% |
| 11 | 76 | 26% |



1st Beatrice Long

Halloween Pumpkin Competition!

Our winners of our 'Decorate a Pumpkin Competition' at Mill Road Campus were:

1st Beatrice Long, 2nd Izzy Thomas, 3rd Summer Zarco.

All entrants were amazing, and our judge Mrs Ollett had an extremely hard job in choosing the winners!

The Library Team



2nd Izzy Thomas



3rd Summer Zarco



News from Music Department

This is proving to be a busy exciting term for the Music Department

On 31 October we had Chris Phelps, conductor of the Colchester Symphony Orchestra, come to the academy to talk to our A level Music Students about music from the twentieth century, on the 4 November the same students went to London to watch the



musical Hamilton which was absolutely brilliant and links to one of the areas of study, Musical Theatre.

On 16 November a group of students will be visiting St Peters Hospital with Mr Wakefield to sing some festive songs and on the 24 November a different group of students will be singing on the High Street as part of the towns lighting up evening.

The 8 December 7.00pm we are holding our annual Christmas concert at Fambridge Road Stage Hall and currently all of Year 7 are busy learning to sing a Christmas song in order to have the opportunity to take part in

the concert. The concert will also feature our leadership team who will be reading some festive poems, there will also be a host of other instrumentalist from all year groups who will perform for us. As is always customary there will be some audience participation with the now legendary Twelve Day of Christmas rendition. Tickets will be on sale from 21st November at a cost of £6.00 which will include festive refreshments via paypal.

Penny Adams - Faulty Lead Expressive Arts

This Anti-Bullying Week,
let's come together and **reach out**
to stop bullying.

**REACH
OUT**

Monday 14th to
Friday 18th November
#AntiBullyingWeek
#ReachOut

The Red Rose Murders

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

6TH DECEMBER 7PM

EVERYONE IS A SUSPECT



6th December 7pm until 10pm

Fish and Chips plus a Mince Pie included

Bring your drink of choice for the evening

£15.00 per person

Plume Academy, Maldon





14-18 November is Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14 November marks the start of the National Anti-Bullying Week where this year's theme is 'Reach Out'. Throughout the week 'Reach Out' activities and assemblies will help our students to understand that verbal, physical, online or in-person bullying all have a significant impact on a young person's life and that by challenging our collective power, through shared efforts and kindness, we can reduce bullying together. Small simple changes can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. To show our support of Anti Bullying Week, we are holding an 'Odd Socks Day' on Friday 18th November, which is designed to be fun and is an opportunity for students and staff to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness! We are encouraging everyone to get involved and wear odd socks on Friday 18 November.



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 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.

Plume Academy's Board of Trustees

Plume School is registered in England & Wales under number 7849731 | Registered Office: Plume School, Fambridge Road, Maldon, Essex, CM9 6AB
 'Plume - Maldon's Community Academy' is the trading name of Plume School

Plume, working with:



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

Plume Family Awareness Ribbons



These little ribbons speak volumes about the kindness and commitment the Plume Family have towards Anti-Bullying, LGBT+ Community and Mental Health awareness. Available from receptions at both campus for 50p each.



All money raised goes to wellbeing resources and activities for our students.



Winter is coming...
en route to Mill Road
Campus

The Plume Academy Christmas Concert

Thursday 8th December

7.00pm

Stage Hall

Fambridge Road Campus

Tickets £6.00

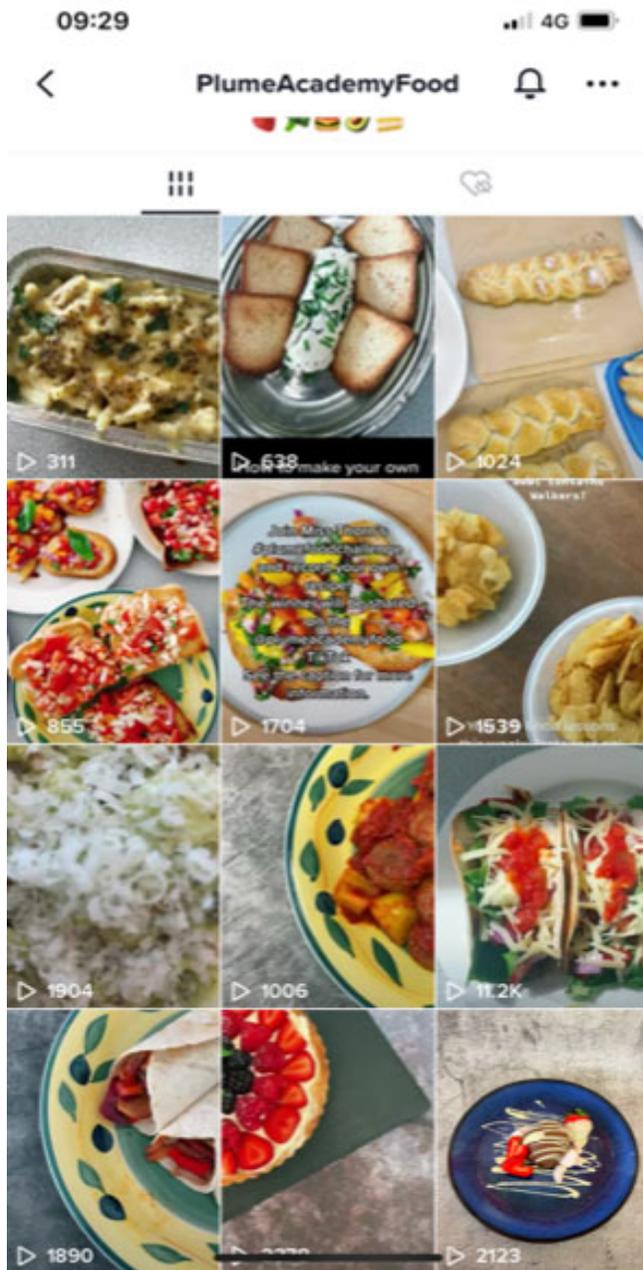
(including festive refreshments)

Come and join in the festivities as we celebrate the musical talents of the Plume Academy.

Featuring Musical performance from all year groups, festive readings from the Leadership Team and selected students from Year 7 singing Rocking Around the Christmas Tree

The highlight of the evening as always will be the audience participation of the singing of The Twelve Days of Christmas

Tickets of sale from 21 November (via parent pay)



Please follow @plumeacademyfood on Tiktok. You have your work featured on Tiktok, see what others are cooking in their lessons, and hopefully learn some more about food science and cooking. Ask your teacher to video your work in practical lessons for a chance to be featured!
Miss Thorn



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



Accelerated Reader Update Congratulations!



Congratulations to Jessica McBride 9BAL and Emily Connolly 9VFO who have both read over 1 million words. Great reading. They have both received a certificate and badge in assembly. The Library Team



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.

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 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 |

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TERM DATES
2022/2023

Autumn Term
Thursday 1 September 2022
Friday 16 December 2022

Half Term
24 October - 28 October

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 November/December 2022

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|----------|--------|
| 14 Anti Bullying Week | 15 Anti Bullying Week | 16 Anti Bullying Week | 17 Anti Bullying Week | 18 Anti Bullying Week | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Year 13 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30pm - 7.30pm | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Theatre Showcase 6.30pm - 8.30pm Stage Hall FRC | 6 | 7 | 8 The Plume Academy Christmas Concert 7.00pm Stage Hall FRC | 9 | 10 | 11 |

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