



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 17/06/2022

Plume Academy's Essex Teaching Awards Winners!



On Tuesday evening, I had the absolute pleasure of attending the 'Essex Teaching Awards 2022' at the beautiful Hylands House, Chelmsford. It was the first time in three years an in person event had been able to take place so the atmosphere in the venue's Grand Pavillion was somewhat electric! We were delighted to have not one but two nominees in arguably the most prestigious of categories, the 'Student Choice Award', and I was reliably informed that both colleagues were shortlisted from a field of several hundred.

I am delighted to announce that Dr Georgiou secured a runner-up spot and a 'Highly Commended' award, whilst Miss Ahmed actually won!

We are incredibly proud of both of these fantastic colleagues who I believe personify everything that is good about the staff of our academy.

We are also somewhat delighted that the academy had several other staff nominated for an Essex Teaching Award all of whom received lovely email acknowledgements from the Essex Teaching Awards Team.

Another incredibly proud night for our academy and the Plume Family!

Mr Wakefield

Reminders

College Taster Days – Year 11 Students

Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th July
Our Plume College Taster Days are a great opportunity to sample Post-16 subjects and gain an understanding of Plume College life.

A letter with further information will follow shortly.

Plume Educational Trust

The 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 can be found on the academy website.

Canteen cards

We would like to remind all students that they need to bring their canteen cards to the academy every day. This card not only allows them to purchase food at the catering outlets but allows them to access to the building.

Replacement cards cost £3.00. If your child has lost or mislaid their card, please contact the Finance Office.

Head Girl and Head Boy along with Mr Wakefield had the privilege of attending HRH The Duke of Kent Event



Last Friday, we had the privilege of attending a service of dedication for the Sir William Arnold Lifeboat. The event commenced at 12pm at St Katharine Docks, London and we were blessed with beautiful weather for such a prestigious event.

Before the ceremony began, we had the pleasure of listening to the amazing Regent Hall Salvation Army Brass Band, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The ceremony consisted of guest speakers who had experience with the lifeboat while it was on duty. The ceremony was then concluded by HRH The Duke of Kent revealing the plaque.

We were then invited to look around the boat, which was restored to its former glory throughout the pandemic period by Mr Colin Trowles, himself a former Plume student. His hard work and dedication were clearly evident through the quality and craftsmanship of this magnificent vessel.

We had the pleasure of speaking to many guests all of whom shared their gratitude for being in attendance to pay our due respects to this magnificent boat

and the incredible service it provided over many years and through some incredibly challenging times.

It was a memorable day for all and we would like to thank everyone who made this day possible, especially to Mr Wakefield for accompanying us to and from this event, and Mr Barton for organising the day.

We are very grateful to have had this opportunity and look forward to many more to come as we progress through our year in post.

Grace Salfairso – Head Girl
Jenson Bacon – Head Boy



Homework Club

3.15pm - 4.30pm



We offer a homework club every **Tuesday** after school in the **MRC** Library and every **Thursday** in the **FRC** Library.

It is a great chance to catch up with your homework and revision, with plenty of **advice** and **support** with homework and revising for exams.

Make use of the facilities by using the library's **computers**, **printers**, a wide range of **resource books** and **revision guides**.

Free Drinks & Biscuits!

This is being run by **Mrs Frost** the **PPG Coordinator** who will be available there **every week**.



New College Executive Student Leadership Team



Adele Blanke

My name is Adele Blanke, and I am glad to introduce myself to you as the Deputy Head Girl for the year 2022/2023. I am dedicated to my studies at Plume Academy and study A levels in Law, Business, and Criminology. These options are a great first step to becoming a corporate solicitor. I have been a part of the academy since Year 7 and have participated in various extra-curricular activities and events. Outside of Plume Academy, I belong to Uechi Ryu Karate Club and have participated in karate since I was eleven. I have competed nationally. During my time as Deputy Head Girl, I wish to work alongside our CEIAG Lead, Miss Meltzer, in reviewing and developing our CEIAG resources from a student perspective to enhance provision moving forwards. To do this, I would like to set up a careers and options event which will allow Plume Academy students of all years to become more informed about future subject and careers options. This is because I wish for students to become more knowledgeable of possible careers from a younger age as it will not only give students the ability to plan for their futures, but also give them a clear goal to strive towards. The event would be held after school and students of all years would be welcome along with their parents and carers. It would involve teachers speaking about what their subject entails and what careers it can lead to as well as students who have already chosen Year 9, GCSE and A-Level options speaking on why they chose them.

I am honoured to be taking on this position and am glad to be representing the academy.

Cameron Morrison

My name is Cameron Morrison, and I am the newly elected Deputy Head Boy for the academic year 2022/2023. I am studying Music, Mathematics, and Computer Science at A level. After completing my A levels, I hope to apply to Sandhurst to train as an officer in the British Army.

I have studied at Plume Academy since Year 7 and enjoyed many opportunities over the years. Away from the academy, I am an NCO in the Army Cadets and I enjoy playing as part of the Essex Youth Orchestra and Essex Youth Jazz Orchestra. I have been lucky enough to tour Germany performing. I also work as a lifeguard at Blackwater Leisure Centre.

As students move up through the academy, they are required to make important choices regarding their options for both GCSE and A level. Although there is a wealth of information regarding subjects from the subject teachers on the website and at open evenings, it is my belief that students may benefit from a student's perspective of the subject. I would like to run a casual lunchtime session, hosted by college students, taking each subject, for both A level and GCSE, where students can ask any questions they might have about the subject, and see examples of students' work. This will help to further inform students on GCSE and post 16 options. I am extremely excited to work with the rest of the Executive Leadership Team over the next year to achieve our goals and represent the academy at both internal as well as community events.



Jenson Bacon

My name is Jenson Bacon and I have the privilege of being your Head Boy for the year 2022/2023. Throughout my time at Plume Academy, I have enjoyed various subjects such as Drama, Dance, Physics, and Business which has led me to take Drama, Dance and Business at A level. I hope to then take these to pursue a career in performing arts.

Outside of school I enjoy taking part in various expressive arts activities. I belong to Witham Operatic Workshop (WOW) where I had the opportunity to play 'Sky Masterson' in Guys & Dolls. I also belong to Wickham Bishops Drama Club where my love for the Arts started. I also love playing guitar and I am a huge Star Wars fan.

This coming academic year I plan to implement a mentoring programme which would hopefully make students more

passionate about subjects across the board, and to share the experience I have found in expressive arts.

I also plan to bridge the academy and the community together through more performance opportunities and art exhibits which would be open to the public as well. In addition, I want to work closely with care homes in the area to give back to the community.

I am looking forward to this opportunity and working alongside the Executive Leadership Team to implement positive changes around the academy.



Grace Salfairso

My name is Grace Salfairso and I am pleased to announce that I will be your new Head Girl at Plume Academy for the year 2022/2023. I am currently studying Drama, Dance and Psychology and I hope to go onto a career in Performing Arts in the future. I enjoy taking part in expressive arts activities externally as well, for example, I am part of Theatre Train and I have also taken part in Witham Operatic Workshop (WOW).

During my time as Head Girl over the next academic year, I would like to ensure that we provide additional mental health resources via the website which can be accessed by students of both campuses, and parents and carers who might need further advice and guidance. I also would like to work on introducing Post-18 options and skills to students earlier on in their time at Plume

Academy to help make it less overwhelming in later years.

Due to my passion for the Performing Arts, I would also like to create more performance opportunities to get everyone involved with, including our community. I am incredibly grateful to have this role and cannot wait to carry it out to an excellent standard over the next academic year.



Reduce, Reuse, RePlume



We are the RePlume Club, our primary goal is to help reduce waste throughout the school, whether it be energy or physical waste. We have many things that we would like to achieve but students may have already noticed the new signs by the lights.

As part of RePlume club one of our goals is to reduce paper waste. We are trying to introduce this by adding paper-waste bins to classrooms. We would like to decrease the amount of electricity that we use within the academy. We will add signs to most classrooms to show where the light switches are located. This will be a reminder to turn off the light if you are the last person in a room. This will allow us to help reduce the amount of energy used.

We're working on sourcing a crisp-packet recycling bin as the type of packaging requires special methods of recycling. Also, we're working on having an eco-badge implemented to the satchel-one rewards system. Physical badges have been made from scrap plywood in an effort to reduce waste as much as possible.

Textiles club is on every Monday and Friday lunchtime. At the moment we are working on recycling projects for a competition at the end of the summer term. Their aim being to use commonly wasted products such as plastic bags, crisps packets, bottle tops and fabric scraps to create beautiful clothing items that are sustainable and fashionable.

In conclusion even though it's just a start we as RePlume are trying our best to play our role in the academy to cut down usage of plastics and waste that is harder to recycle and could be harmful to the world. If you would like to help us, then feel free to join us on Thursday lunchtimes in room 017 (FRC) or 006 on a Tuesday lunchtime (MRC) and join the big plastic count.

Young Carer Breakfast Club

We offer a breakfast club exclusively for Young Carers during tutor time .

Once a week, every week in the main canteen of each campus..

Come along for breakfast, group discussions, workshops ,and much more!

Mrs Frost and Mrs Wilks

MRC

Monday Year 7

Wednesday Year 8

FRC

Monday Year 9

Wednesday Year 10



UFest is Coming to Maldon District!

To celebrate the arrival of the Queen's Baton Relay to Maldon on Friday 8 July, Maldon District are hosting **UFest**, a free and accessible community festival in Promenade Park, funded by the National Lottery.

An exciting day of events is being planned, running from 11am to 8pm, with activities, stalls, and events for the whole community, focusing on health, wellbeing, and fun. There will be live music, street food from around the world and a fantastic selection of games, sports, and activities to take part in throughout the day.

Congratulations!

Benjamin Frost who competed at the British Championships on 4 & 5 June and has been crowned **Cadet British Champion 2022!!**

He worked really hard and made massive improvements on his previous scores.

Well Done!
Mrs Parry



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

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8TH JULY 2022



PROMENADE PARK, MALDON
11AM - 8PM

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ACTIVITIES



MUSIC



PHYSICAL & MENTAL
WELL-BEING



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Made in Maldon Project - an invitation

Over the years, we have built up extremely positive and productive relationships with our local community in terms of engagement with local businesses, voluntary organisations and statutory services. At all times we strive to find the best way to further expand our students' horizons and provide a variety of pathways to help develop and get the very best from their bespoke learning and career journeys.

We have recently received funding from Maldon District Council to develop a framework to encourage our students to consider the whole range of opportunities that exist within the Maldon District in terms of their interaction with the business community and their own career progression

To allow us to present our proposals in a more informal setting, and to move the project on before the end of our Academy year, we are proposing to set aside a networking day in early July. This will offer the opportunity for relevant businesses and organisations to "drop in" at a convenient time for them in order to explore potential business engagement initiatives.

We intend to be available from **8am until 8pm on Thursday July 7th 2022**. We will present brief formal presentations at **8.30am, 1.30pm and 6pm** with appropriate refreshments available throughout the day.

There are many parents and carers who have generously given of their time (and continue to do so!) to work with us on this important aspect of our students' future and we would be delighted if you feel you would like to get involved-this could be as an individual or representing a local business or organisation

This would be an opportunity to chat informally and explore opportunities as to how we can best work alongside each other whilst ultimately benefiting our students.

For further details

Please contact Brian Collen
b.collen@plume.essex.sch.uk



Join us for our Plume Academy Production

Disney MOANA JR.

**Wednesday 13 July
& Thursday 14 July**
at FRC Stage Hall 7.00pm

**Tickets: £6 adults
£4 concessions**
Including a free strawberry tea

Disney's Moana JR. is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the 2016 Disney animated film, bringing the adventures of Moana and her village of Motunui to life onstage.





Year 7 and 8 Students Proud of their Progress Review Report Achievement Badges

Plume Academy has introduced achievement badges for students in Years 7 and 8 based on their attainment grades in their last Progress Review report. Students are awarded either bronze, silver or gold badges based on their attainment in relation to their expected grades. Please can you offer your congratulations to students who are wearing them at Mill Road Campus. Mrs Pretty who leads in this initiative and said: "I know students at MRC are keen to receive their badges in recognition of all their hard work leading up to the release of the report".



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




Accelerated Reader Update Congratulations!

Congratulations to Lucy Wells 8CRO for becoming a word millionaire and Corin MacAllan 7NML for reading 2 million words. Both students have received their certificates and badges in their English lessons. Fantastic reading, keep up the great work. The LAIC Team



No room for racism anywhere

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Plume Academy Young Carers

Who is a Young Carer?

- Young carers are children and young people under 18 years old who provide regular and on-going care to another person who is physically or mentally ill, disabled or misuses substances.
- Young adult carers are aged between 16 and 24 and can also access support from our local services.
- Many young people don't see themselves as carers and may not realise there is practical and emotional support available in Essex and the academy.

You may be a Young Carer if you:

- care for a family member, because of illness, disability or old age
- help someone with bathing or dressing, going to the toilet or getting into/out of bed
- need to cook for your family
- look after money or organise the family budget
- help anyone to take medication regularly
- collect prescriptions or benefits on behalf of someone else or go shopping for the family
- look after brothers or sisters, by taking them to school, doing their laundry, or cooking their meals
- take care of housework, such as dusting, hoovering, washing or ironing
- speak on behalf of someone who has difficulty speaking or communicating for themselves

Support is available at Plume!

If you or a family member require support, please contact your new Young Carer Lead

Mrs Frost j.frost@plume.essex.sch.uk

TERM DATES

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Friday 22 July 2022

TERM DATES

2022/2023

Autumn Term

Thursday 1 September 2022
Friday 16 December 2022

Half Term

24 October - 28 October

Spring Term

Monday 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

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September 2022
Friday 31 March 2023
Thursday 29 & Friday 30 June 2023

Calendar June/July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 College Taster Day	5 College Taster Day PE Sports Award Evening	6	7 Years' 7,8,9 & 10 Awards Evening	8	9	10
11 Parent Voice at Mill Road Campus	12	13	14	15	16	17