

CWA/BCO/JIN/LDA
 13 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Plume School and Academy's Golden Anniversary!

I hope this correspondence finds you and your loved ones well.

Since arriving at the academy in September 2015, I have lost count of the number of times one of you, a family member or a member of our local community have said they attended the school. Therefore, with this very much in mind, I am taking this opportunity to write to those of you and/or your family who did in fact attend the school from 1970 onwards.

This last year or so will of course be etched into our memories for many years to come and for a whole variety of reasons. This very much includes the start of this academic school year for our new Year 7 students who probably had the most unique transition from primary to secondary school there has ever been, however, there must also have been a strange if not exciting start for our new Year 7 students some 50 years ago as Plume School opened its doors for the very first time as a comprehensive school. Therefore, this academic year, we are 50 years old and celebrate our Golden Anniversary!

Due to the challenges brought about by the pandemic period, we will be belatedly celebrating this significant landmark and reflecting back on events, characters, and experiences during the last few weeks of the school year and sometime in the month of July. An exhibition (which will be able to be seen at several locations across Maldon) will compliment an evening launch presentation. Dates and times for these will be announced in due course.

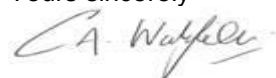
We are also currently working on our archives of the years from 1970 onwards and are now reaching out to as many of the Plume Family and community as possible whilst seeking out memories, photos and any memorabilia of Plume to assist us with our planned exhibition project. There are numerous ways to get involved including:

I have some old photos	Please drop these off in either of our academy's main receptions with as much information as possible and of course with your details on them so they can be returned/collected after the events period has concluded.
I would be willing to contribute a video memory	Please send to: Plume50@plume.essex.sch.uk
I would be willing to contribute a spoken memory	Please record as above and send to: Plume50@plume.essex.sch.uk
I would be happy to write down some memories	Please drop these off in either of our academy's main receptions or alternatively, email to: Plume50@plume.essex.sch.uk
I have a question	Please contact either Brian Collen or Jean Ingram via: B.Collen@plume.essex.sch.uk J.Ingram@plume.essex.sch.uk

Mr Collen and Mrs Ingram, long-standing and very well-respected members of our Community Team, have worked exceptionally hard on this exciting project to date and I know would be genuinely delighted to hear from you. Therefore, please, if either you or a family member were a student of Plume from the academic year 1970-71, please do consider contributing to what we are genuinely hoping, COVID-19 restrictions permitting of course, will be a lovely set of events later in the Summer term.

Many thanks in anticipation of any support you are able to provide.

Yours sincerely



Mr C A Wakefield
 Executive Principal