



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 08/10/2021

Reminders

Thursday 21 October 2021

A polite reminder that the academy breaks up for half term on **THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2021**, as Friday 22 October is an additional day added to the half term break to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

Parent Voice Meeting

We would like to invite you to a virtual Parent Voice meeting at 6.30pm on Wednesday 20 October 2021 via your child's Microsoft Teams account.



Congratulations to our LAMDA students!

Last Monday, the Drama Department enjoyed a fantastic evening celebrating the success of our Year 11 Drama students, who completed their LAMDA examinations back in June 2021.

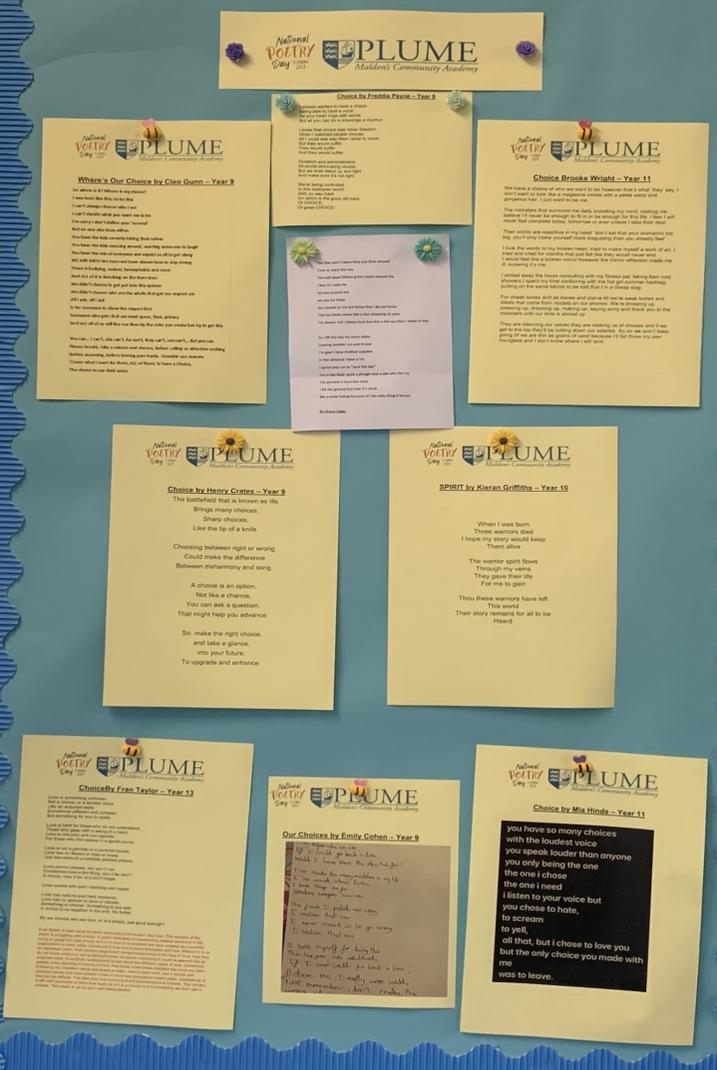
The evening began with some celebratory cake and performances from our students work in Studio One of our Fambridge Road campus, with guests including Mr Wakefield and Mrs Adams, our Faculty Lead for Expressive Arts. The performances from the students demonstrated the high level of commitment and resilience from this cohort and further reinforced how LAMDA has been able to increase their confidence and performance skills.

We are continuing to offer LAMDA as an option for GCSE Drama students in Years' 10 and 11, as well as our cohort of Year 12 A Level students. LAMDA exams, from Grade 6 and above, attracts UCAS points, which are hugely beneficial for our students working towards university placements.

We are planning for our LAMDA celebration event to be a regular occurrence at Plume Academy and very much look forward to celebrating our future LAMDA cohorts' success.

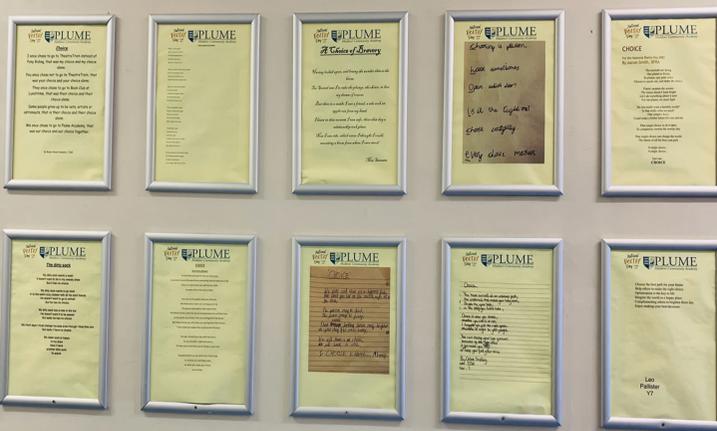
**Congratulations again to our LAMDA students!
The Drama Department**





These are a small snapshot of the many amazing poems that have been submitted by students at both Fambridge Road and Mill Road Campuses for National Poetry Day 2021 on 'Choice'. This week they have been displayed around both sites.

Mrs L Russell



Choice poem

The battlefield that is known as life,
Brings many choices,
Sharp choices,
Like the tip of a knife.

Choosing between right or wrong,
Could make the difference
Between disharmony and song.

A choice is an option,
Not like a chance,
You can ask a question,
That might help you advance.

So, make the right choice,
and take a glance,
into your future,
To upgrade and enhance.

Henry Crates Year 9

Choice

I had a choice to make
He had been nasty to me
What was I to do
so that I would be free

Free from the unkind words
Sticks and stones they said
But to me the words hurt more
Is my choice to have fled

Stand up for my myself
Tell a friend
Give as good as I got
Maybe then it will end

No I will walk away
Don't cause a scene
With my head held high
I will not be mean!

Written by Ted Shorney – 7SBD

Choice - Archie Jones - Year 8

What is a choice?
Be it twist, be it turn,
It is a fork in the path,
The path to learn.

But do we control these?
Or do others decide?
Or in fact do they,
Attempt to hide,

We have any choice at all?

But I know that,
I have this choice,
And I will choose,
To use this voice.

I will be me,
And I do not see,
Why you feel,
I cannot be free.

So this is my hope,
This is my wish,

You be you,
I be me,
And we can all live,
In harmony.

Everyone deserves this choice.

Choice

Love is something unknown,
Not a choice, or a familiar voice,
Like an acquired taste.
Sometimes different and complex,
But something for you to relate.

Love is hard for those who do not understand,
Those who gasp with a swing of a hand.
Love is colourful and non-specific,
For those who find solace in a gentle picnic.

Love is not a gamble or a summer booze,
Love has no flavour or bias or muse,
Just two sides of a carefully painted picture.

Love cannot choose, nor can it run,
Sometimes love is the thing, can it be won?
A choice, may it be, but don't forget.
Love comes with pain, hardship and regret.

Love has options and hard moments,
Love has no gender or race or climate,
Something to cherish; Something to live with.
A choice to be together in the end. No forfeit.

Do we choose who we love, or is it simply,
just good enough?
By Fran Taylor Year 13

Poet Notes: A free-verse romantic speculation on modern day love. The narrator of the poem is struggling with choice. A poem dedicated to questioning intense emotions in life, trying to grasp the idea of love and if it's real or a construct we have created as a societal expectation on each other. Questioning how this emotion fluctuates and how different it is on an individual basis. The narrator begins with being blinded around the idea of love, how they do not know what it is, not anything familiar. However, accepting it could be learned like an acquired taste. In addition, understanding that there are different types of love, sometimes people enjoy painting or having picnics. Therefore, it becomes relatable the more you learn. Following on, despite it being perceived as easy, love is quite hard, and it comes with complex issues and how society's idea on love has changed in recent years, acceptance of that can be difficult. The idea that love is love and not discriminative is notable. The narrator is left with confusion of what love really is, if it is a choice or is it something we don't get to choose. This poem is up for your own interpretation.

Superstar Year 8 students are a credit to our Academy



Isabel Bowton Year 8
Amy Maclachlan Year 8

As part of my role for community engagement, I was lucky enough to be invited to the 1st Maldon All Saints Scout Group AGM held on Friday 1 October at 7.00pm. It was a great way

to end the working week and a chance to see two of our Year 8 students swap their academy uniform to proudly don another, whilst representing the brilliant 1st Maldon All Saints Scout Group.

Monday morning I was equally pleased to receive a letter addressed to me, from a very proud Scout Leader, Tony Price who leads the movement locally. When you see them please offer your own congratulations.

"We held the 1st Maldon All Saints Scout Group Annual General Meeting this evening. As part of the evening, we invited representatives of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections to make presentations about their experiences of Scouting during the pandemic, and on Zoom.

We are delighted to tell you that Amy Maclachlan and Isabel Bowton made presentations to a hall full of adults and children. Although they were faced with some IT challenges, they met these with resilience and flexibility and made an excellent presentation."

We wanted to share this achievement with you as the children were a credit to themselves, their families, their Scouting sections and your school! We were sure you would like to join us in congratulating the children for their efforts."

Kind regards, Tony Price, Group Scout Leader, 1st Maldon All Saints Scout Group

Mr Barton, Whole Academy Lead for Marketing, Media Communications and Community Engagement

Child Development Revise/Catchup/Homework/Coursework Sessions

Mrs Smees is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school (prior booking necessary) for Years' 10 & 11 Child Development students.

You can revise, catch up or do your child development coursework or homework.



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 Academy Years' 7-10 Awards Evening - 23 September 2021



After having to be postponed at the end of the Summer term, we were delighted to be able to eventually host our annual Years' 7-10 Awards Evening on Thursday 23 September. This was held in our largest setting and in a well-ventilated, socially distanced manner.

80 award winners and two members from each of their families attended, along with a full contingent of pastoral and senior staff. We also had two musical performances and a sterling drama rendition from members of our student body. In addition, we were most fortunate to have two incredible guest speakers in Mrs Miriam Kleinman, wife of the late Leslie Kleinman BEM, and our own Honey Lock from Year 10.

Mr Wakefield, Executive Principal, said, "After waiting such a long time for it to occur, what a truly magical evening all those

who attended were treated to and for so many fantastic reasons, including musical and drama performances, a fantastic parental attendance, two wonderful guest speakers and of course, our brilliant award winners themselves!"

Mr Wakefield continued, "Events of this magnitude simply do not happen without huge amount of prior effort from a number of both teaching and support staff over a significant period of time. However, a special mention must go to two of our support staff, Mrs McKelvie and Mrs Redfearn, who were instrumental in making the night into the positively memorable occasion it was."

Mr Wakefield concluded by saying, "As I'm sure all who attended will agree, what a privilege it was to listen to our guest speakers, Mrs Miriam Kleinman and Honey Lock from Year 10.

Miriam spoke about her late husband, Mr Leslie Kleinman BEM, a dear friend of the academy for well over a decade, and our final awards were named in honour of the great man. Mrs Kleinman concluded her speech by reading out a beautiful poem she wrote herself.

Honey spoke about disability and how she has not only had to overcome the many lifelong challenges her disabilities have brought, but also how throughout her life, people who she has met have assumed that because she has these, she has additional understanding and comprehension issues too. What incredibly inspirational people they both are and we are honoured to have them both as members of the Plume Family."



Plume Family Wellbeing Hubs

In the lead up to World Mental Health Day on Sunday 10 October, students in all year groups have been involved in assemblies that focus on destigmatising mental health, spotting the signs of poor mental health and signposting towards support. I am pleased to announce that this week we have launched The Plume Family Wellbeing Hubs at both Fambridge Road and Mill Road campuses. Our intention is to create welcoming spaces where students can receive interventions, access self-help resources and be signposted to external support in relation to their mental health. I hope that the information below will give you a greater insight into the intended use of the Hubs.

Our Plume Family Wellbeing Hubs are a community resource for all students, staff and families of Plume, Maldon's Community Academy. Information and guidance can be accessed for those who are worried about the wellbeing or mental health of a child, family member, friend or colleague, or seeking wellbeing support and positive wellbeing ideas for themselves.

Before school, break, lunchtime and after school

There will be a timetable of events available at each Hub and this will be clearly displayed and promoted via email, the academy website and tutor time notices. The activities will consist of:

- Wellbeing drop in and check-ups
- Young Carers group meets
- Anti-bullying Ambassador bases
- Plume Pride group meets & LGBT+ support
- Wellbeing boost activities and targets interventions

The Hubs will also act as bookable bases for targeted support/interventions such as:

- School Councillor sessions
- Metal Health Support Team sessions
- SEND Breakfast Hubs
- School Nurse sessions
- Community Mentors

Contents of Hubs

The Wellbeing hubs will consist of different zones including:

- Toolkit resource stations (Infographics & resources to support wellbeing)
- Laptop stations (for students to use to access online support Kooth/Shout etc.)
- Signpost displays (Motivational posters, available support and upcoming events)
- Quiet comfortable spaces for wellbeing conversations

Follow us on Instagram @plume_family_wellbeing, Twitter @family_plume or email the Hub directly via wellbeing@plume.essex.sch.uk. If you have any questions pertaining to The Plume Family Wellbeing Hubs or relating to Plume Academy's Mental Health provision, do not hesitate to contact us as we shall be very happy to help.

Mrs Alison Ollett Whole Academy Mental Health Champion



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.

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



Welcome to the Plume Family Wellbeing Hub

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@family_plume



Get in touch

wellbeing@plume.essex.sch.uk



94 Year 10 students set off for their two-day expedition!

On the weekend of 25-26 September, despite all the obstacles the global pandemic put in our way, 94 Year 10 students set off on their two-day assessed expedition as part of their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. Due to the huge numbers taking part, we had 19 groups taking off in various directions in the Maldon District, some off to Paper Mill Lock and others to St Peter's Church, Wickham Bishops. The weather was good and despite the interruptions to training, the students

navigation skills were brilliant! We camped at our Mill Road Campus, which proved to be a brilliant camping venue with luxurious toilets (compared to our normal anyway!) and a field which did not bend the tent pegs. Students cooked a three-course meal and had a great time chatting into the evening. It was so special to observe them laughing, chatting and having great fun without a mobile phone in sight as well! Sunday was spent hiking back to Fambridge Road Campus in the opposite direction to Saturday and over the two days, the students walked around 44 kilometres which is an amazing achievement.

The students will be recording presentations of their experiences which will then be uploaded onto the academy's website afterwards.

For those Year 9's interested in starting the award, letters will be sent out before the end of this half term.

If you require any further information about our DofE Awards Programme, do not hesitate to contact me on the following address p.adams@plume.essex.sch.uk
Mrs Adams



Plume Academy SEND Faculty: Updates and Information

Celebrating Success

During Plume Academy's celebration evening, we were proud to celebrate the success of our students across the academy. With Honey and Lewis (Y11) delivering powerful performances about overcoming barriers, and many more students collecting awards, we are delighted to celebrate our differences at Plume Academy.

Well done to every student who received an award, for your determination and hard work.



@Plume_SEND
Follow us on Twitter!

SEND
is everybody's
business



One Page Profile Building Days

The SEND Department will be conducting One Page Profile (OPP) Building days for students in Years' 7-13 across the 1, 20 and 21 of September. If you would like to request a meeting with a member of the SEND team, please refer to the recent letter sent to you or alternatively get in touch with your child's Student Progress Manager.



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Join us for our **tailored** Initial Teacher training in partnership with TES Institute

"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."
- William Arthur Ward



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Plume Community Teaching Partnership

Contact us now for your free consultation with our programme specialist



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



Plume Careers



Follow us on twitter
@PlumeCareers for
regular updates and
opportunities.



Employment Opportunities

Chelmsford

Trading Assistant

[Sainsburys](#)

Store Associate

[Barnardo's](#) £9.50 an hour

GM & Clothing Assistant – Argos (In Sainsbury's)

[Sainsburys](#)

Christmas Support Team

[Next PLC](#)

Customer Assistant - Express

[Tesco](#)

Store Assistant - Days

[ASDA](#)

Customer Consultant Peak

[Currys](#)

Customer Advisor

[Boots](#)

Customer Advisor

[B&Q](#)

Store Colleague

[McColl's Retail Group](#)

Christmas Crew

[The Entertainer](#)

Laundry Assistant

[Runwood Homes](#)

Casual Receptionist (Dovedale Sports Centre)

[Chelmsford City Council](#)

Casual Library Support Assistant (Multiple Roles Available)

[Writtle College](#)

AMU Receptionist/Administrator

[Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Administration Assistant - Pre Admission

[Ramsay Health Care UK Operations Limited](#)

Make Ready Operative

[East of England Ambulance Service Trust](#)

Barista

[Costa Limited](#)

Waiter

[ASK Italian](#)

Maldon

Instore Team Member

[Domino's](#)

Customer Service Assistant

[Wickes](#)

Customer Assistant

[Tesco](#)

Christmas Support Team

[Next PLC](#)

Cleaning Operative

[TemcoUK Facility Services Ltd](#)

General Sales Assistant

[Poundstretcher](#)

Retail Weekend Team Member

[Greggs](#)

Customer Assistant

[Lidl](#)

Cleaner

[Langley House Trust](#)

Recycling Collector

[The Best Connection Employment Group](#)

Bartender

[Black Rabbit](#)

Kitchen Staff / 7286 - Rose & Crown, Maldon

[J D Wetherspoon plc](#)

[J D Wetherspoon plc](#)

Bar Staff / 7286 - Rose & Crown, Maldon

[J D Wetherspoon plc](#)

Virtual Career Events



UK University & Apprenticeship Search Virtual Fair

Wednesday 20 October | 12:00 - 18:00

Following popular demand we're back with another virtual UK University & Apprenticeship Search fair on Wednesday 20 October!

Explore your next steps and receive **vital application advice** from a wide range of exhibitors. The event features **10 live webinars** including Careers and Employability, Personal Statement Advice, Choosing a Course, and Degree Apprenticeships.

[Sign up here](#)

Need a Careers Appointment?



All students have access to independent and impartial careers advice and guidance from a fully qualified Careers Adviser from

Directions IAG Ltd. This is an opportunity for students to talk about their ideas and plans for the future. As part of this, a Career Action Plan will be produced and shared with the student.

To book a careers appointment they can send an email to our careers advisors at deslb@plume.essex.sch.uk or type 'directions' as the recipient in their email.

Virtual Work Experience



Visit <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/> for more information.

CAREERS EVENINGS

For parents and teachers. Enhance their career potential today.



InvestIN runs a series of bespoke, free-of-charge events for parents and teachers specifically designed to help you enhance your students' career potential. This term's schedule includes sessions on how to break into medicine, learning leadership skills, launching a career to fight climate change and much more.

You can download both event invites [here](#).



MUSIC MAKES LIFE BETTER!!!

So why not join a choir or play in a group?

PAMS – Plume Adult Music School might just be the group for you.

We rehearse at Plume Academy on a Wednesday evening – term time.

There is a ladies' choir, a wind band, string group, saxophone ensemble and a steel pans group. We are a friendly group and would welcome new members. We perform for charities and to ourselves once a term but the emphasis is on enjoyment, wellbeing and mutual support of a friendly group.

The music making is very informal and we have lots of laughs but also have a sense of achievement with our music making.

For more information, please contact Fiona Hill at

fionahendersonhill@gmail.com or

Jean Ingram at jeaningram@btinternet.com – 07748666066

Cobbs Farm, Maldon Road, Goldhanger,
Maldon CM9 8BQ on the B1026

Pick Your Own Pumpkins

Pop your wellies on for a fun day on the farm!



Fri 22nd Oct to Sun 31st Oct 2021
10am 'til 4pm

Free Entry NO BOOKING REQUIRED
facebook: Pick your own pumpkins
instagram: @cobbsfarmpumpkins

TERM DATES

2021/2022

Autumn Term

Wednesday 1 September 2021
- Friday 17 December 2021

Half Term

Thursday 21 October - Friday 29 October

Spring Term

Tuesday 4 January 2022
(Students return Wednesday 5 January)
- Friday 1 April 2022

Half Term

Monday 14 February - Friday 18 February

Summer Term

Tuesday 19 April 2022 - Friday 22 July 2022

Half Term

Tuesday 31 May - Friday 3 June

Bank Holidays

Monday 2 May 2022
Monday 30 May 2022

Staff Training Day

Monday 1 November 2021
Tuesday 4 January 2022
Friday 1 April 2022
Friday 24 June 2022

Calendar September/October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Parent Voice Meeting 6.30pm-8pm	21 Break up for Half Term	22 Extra day off to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.	23	24
25 Half Term	26 Half Term	27 Half Term	28 Half Term	29 Half Term	30	31
1 Staff training days	2 Students return to the academy	3	4	5	6	7

DRINK MORE WATER

It's good for you

Please remember to bring in a bottle of water so you can keep yourself hydrated. You can refill at water dispensers located around the academy.

Please do not go to our first aid area for water

