



PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 09/10/2020

Reminders

Virtual

Parent Voice Meeting

We would like to invite you to a virtual Parent Voice meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 October via your child's Microsoft Teams account in order to hold the meeting securely on the academy's platform. *More details on page 5*

Mr Baster & Mrs Clark

Cashless Catering

We would like to remind parents and carers that students should not be bringing cash into the academy. Catering accounts should be topped up via ParentPay. If you have mislaid your login details for ParentPay, please contact the Finance office.

Many thanks

The Finance Team

Congratulations!



MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

~ 2020 - 2021 ~

In recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people

Bridget Whyte
Chief Executive

Supported by



The UK Association for Music Education
Music Mark
www.musicmark.org.uk

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You have been nominated by Essex Music Education Hub to become a Music Mark school for the 2020/21 academic year.



PROUD TO BE A
MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL

The value that you place on music and your commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum has been recognised, and as a result, we would like to celebrate it.

Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education; we champion and support access to music for all children and young people.

As a Music Mark school, you are now eligible for numerous benefits including: a website login to access hundreds of free resources such as lesson plans and teaching materials.

Music Mark works to enable our members, and the wider music education sector, to deliver high-quality musical and social outcomes for all children and young people. We would like to thank you for all the hard work your school does to support our collective vision. If you have any questions about your nomination or would like to get in touch, please contact info@musicmark.org.uk.



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

Jack Petchey Foundation

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JACK PETCHEY

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SCHEME

Please nominate students for the current round of this prestigious award which recognises young people for what they do well! We want to acknowledge and celebrate young people for showing excellence in what they do and we are eagerly waiting for your nominations!

Nominations can come from students, teachers, parents/carers, support staff and trustees, so please do not hesitate!

The students you nominate do not have to be the smartest, fastest or the best at everything - the award is designed to recognise outstanding individual achievements.

Achievements can include:

- *giving 100% in all they do*
- *showing great pride in their school and work*
- *helping others over and above expectations*
- *being a good role model*
- *overcoming a personal challenge*
- *volunteering/Fundraising*

This is not an exhaustive list and any student who has contributed to the academy or local community in a significant way may be nominated.

The scheme has had very positive outcomes for our students so far. Each winner receives a certificate, a lapel badge and £250 to spend for the benefit of Plume Academy, club, or Community. They are also invited with their families to a very special celebratory evening at Chelmsford Civic Theatre where they will also receive a medallion, a certificate and their award (COVID -19 restrictions allowing of course).

Nomination forms can be obtained from B.Collen@plume.essex.sch.uk or downloaded from our [website](#) and returned by email to B.Collen@plume.essex.sch.uk or posted/handed in for attention of Mr B Collen. Nominations should be with us by 5 November 2020 or sooner please.

Donation Appeal



Due to the successful sale of the pre-loved Plume Academy uniform in August, we are now looking to replenish the stock ready for the opening of the 'Pre-Loved Uniform Shop'.

If you have any suitable items for donation, kindly drop the freshly laundered items in a bag and hand them into either campus main reception areas between the hours of **9.00am and 2.30pm every Friday.**

Thank you.

Plume Academy Parent Voice Group

MATHS PUZZLES!

During the lockdown, the Maths department set puzzles for our students to solve with the idea of it being something our students would enjoy doing with their family – and they proved to be very popular with several interesting and innovative ways of solving the problems posed. We wanted to continue this and have entered Plume Academy into the "Puzzle of the Week" competition. The competition starts on 12 October 2020. There will be 30 puzzles this year each published on a Monday. The competition is open to all of the Plume Family – students, staff and their families. To take part all you need to do is register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd89fiS9RTh_x8n5DB0qMVMhfUstN9p9ntH-V957FtHVszTQ/viewform

The academy ID is : 1644 The academy Password is: B9910F6CA

You will then receive a unique 6-digit user ID which you will need to complete the answer entry form for each puzzle.

When you have submitted your answers you will have access to a record sheet which will show you how you are doing in the competition.

The Maths Faculty hope you will enjoy the puzzles!



MATHEMATICS



WANT TO TRAIN AS A TEACHER?



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

✉ ITT@plume.essex.sch.uk

☎ 01621 854 681

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Plume Community Teaching Partnership

Contact us now for your free consultation with our programme specialist



Plume Academy supports Young Carers!

Drop-in sessions and Forum.

Weekly Drop-in sessions at Fambridge Road Campus

Wednesday - Break-time room 007

First Wednesday of the Month

Lunch-time - room 007

Weekly Drop-in sessions at Mill Road Campus

Thursday - Break-time Room M15

First Thursday of the Month Forum Lunch-time in room M15

What is a Young Carer?

A Young Carer is a child or young person under the age of 18, who regularly helps to look after a family member or friend who is disabled, ill, has a mental health condition or an addiction problem. If this is you, or someone you know, please contact Mrs Davies T.Davies@plume.essex.sch.uk for more information as to how Plume Academy can support you.

A Truly Fantastic Achievement!

On Sunday 4 October after 18 months of arduous training, Jodie Farmer, supported by Tash Janes throughout the day, completed 26.2 miles around the streets of our town. This was instead of through the streets of London where regular participants were not allowed to run this year due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. Nevertheless, the time, effort and commitment put into this over such a long period of time cannot be underestimated especially in light of the wonderful causes and charities that will now benefit as a direct result of their superb efforts.

It was also brilliant to witness the brilliant support for both colleagues throughout the day from members of the Plume Family as well as their own loved ones of course. It was great seeing members of the local community join in too especially with the bibbing of their car horns at various points on their very long journey.

Congratulations and rightly so as , Jodie and Tash, you were absolutely fantastic in every sense of the word and we are immensely proud of you!

With great respect and sincerest best wishes,
Mr Wakefield



Plume Careers



On behalf of the Careers team, we would like to welcome all parents/carers, students and staff to the Careers Hub on the academy website. The hub has been designed to ensure that all stakeholders have access to all the information advice and guidance they need regarding Careers. The content ranges from providing useful resources to aid career research and develop employability skills, to ensuring students have access to vital tools to make informed decisions on GCSE option choices, post-16 and post-18 destinations.

CAREERS

Careers Hub

Careers Policy link

Provider Access link

Careers Programme link

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Our new logo...

At the end of the summer term, students in Year's 7-9 were set the challenge to design a logo for Plume Careers. Following a number of very impressive entries, I am pleased to share with you that the winner of our competition was Shane Saggs in Year 8. The logo will be taking pride and place on the careers Hub and will be featured on all Career related displays and events.



Tweets by @PlumeCareers

Plume Careers Retweeted

National Careers
@NationalCareers

Watch this space!



Sep 22, 2020

Plume Careers
@PlumeCareers

Plume Careers Hub News: Great opportunity- online internships in a wide variety of businesses- check your emails Year 12 and 13 or read more here plumecareershubnews.blogspot.com/2020/09/great-...

Sep 22, 2020



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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Oliver Teodorski

Oliver is a member of 1st Maldon Merlin Scout Group. He has worked very hard with us in the LAIC over the last year and has successfully completed his Librarian Badge, which now means he has over 20 badges in total. Oliver took on LIAC duties that included issuing and returning books, and he was shown and involved in the journey of a new book, from when it arrives in the library to before it is put on the shelf for students to borrow. This journey includes covering, processing and cataloguing each book.

Oliver said "It was great to be part of the LAIC Team and I had an amazing time learning lots of new things. I would recommend other scouts to take this badge."

We are very proud of Oliver on his fantastic achievement, as he is the first student to have completed this badge.

The LAIC Team

Parent Voice

Would you like to have your say at Plume Academy?



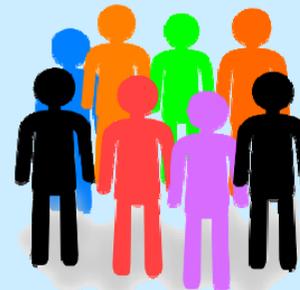
As you are aware, the academy is very limited in welcoming visitors to the academy due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the related whole academy risk assessment.

We would therefore welcome you to join a virtual Parent Voice meeting at 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm on Wednesday 21 October via your child's Microsoft Teams account in order to hold the meeting securely on the academy's platform.

We propose to have a focussed presentation on "learnability" and invite other questions to be submitted in advance to Mr Baster and Mrs Clark's PA, Mrs Redmond, via K.Redmond@plume.essex.sch.uk by 4.00pm Monday 12 October in order to enable us to manage the meeting in an orderly manner or to be able to provide an answer individually if more appropriate. Please advise Mrs Redmond if you would like to receive an invitation to join the meeting.

Please note that Parent Voice can be a large forum, and, as such, it is not a suitable place to raise issues that are personal to your child. Such concerns should be addressed via the route's highlighted in Mr Wakefield's recent letter. We very much hope that many parents and carers will be able to join us at this forthcoming event.

**Mr Baster and Mrs Clark
Joint Interim Heads of Academy**



Our meetings are very friendly and an open forum for all to discuss crucial aspects of your child's school experiences so please join us!

Plume Alumni

Once part of the Plume family...
always part of the Plume family!

We have always been extremely grateful to those former students who have taken time out to come back into "our school" to share their own story and personal experiences and give many of our current students the opportunity to reflect on the wide variety of educational and career pathways that can present themselves. It is always a pleasure to meet Plume family members at parents evenings, careers fairs and other events (though not lately!!) and hear of their willingness to "give something back" .

Because this approach can be so powerful, this year we are embarking on a real drive to increase awareness of the Plume Alumni and how you might be able to get involved. This is especially pertinent as this year we celebrate 50 years of this academy being a fully comprehensive school. We are planning a project that will both look back as well as look forward over 50 years!

Ambitious!!

In the first instance please visit our [Plume Alumni webpage](#) and register for more details.

Plume Alumni Administrator

Mr B Collen - B.Collen@plume.essex.sch.uk

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:

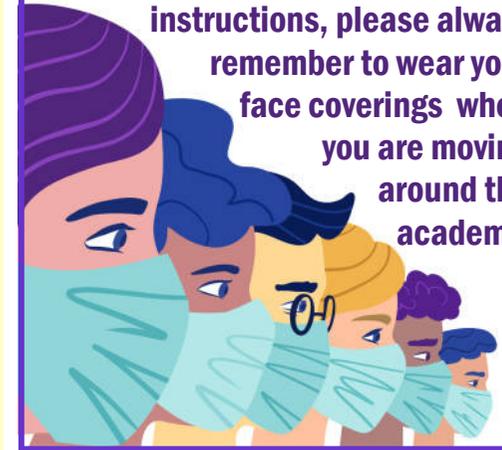
Mill Road Campus for Year 7 and Year 8: 01621 879803

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

Further to Mr Wakefield's recent instructions, please always remember to wear your face coverings when you are moving around the academy.



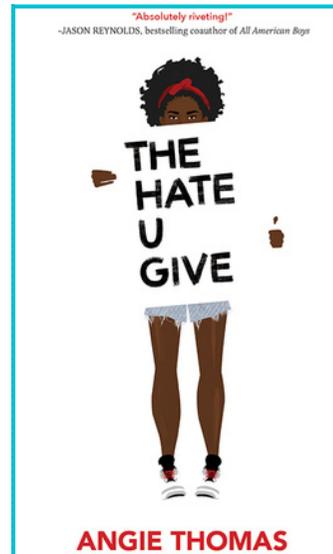
Book Club is a way of meeting new people and discovering new ideas!

Do you enjoy reading?
Or talking about topical issues?

Plume Academy's Key Stage 4



Our first book is:



Plume Academy's Key Stage 4



Where? The English Department

Year 10: Tuesday 13th October

Year 11: Wednesday 14th October

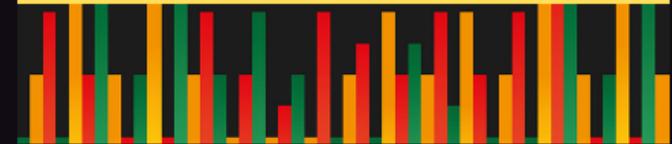


Black History Month



"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Barack Obama



PLUME ACADEMY TELEPHONE LINES
01621 854681

Student Absence:
Assistant Head of Years
Sixth Form College:

Option 1
Option 2
Option 3

USEFUL DIRECT LINES

MRC Reception 879803
FRC Medical Room: 879835
MRC Medical Room: 879803
Finance 879857
(ParentPay/Trip Monies/Catering payments) 879830
Sixth Form College:

The wait is nearly over.....



Pick Your Own Pumpkins!
Fri 23rd - Sat 31st
October 2020
10am - 4pm
Cobbs Farm, Maldon
rd, Goldhanger
CM9 8BQ
on the B1026
No booking, free parking, free
entry. Facebook updates

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Autumn Term

Thursday 3 September
Friday 18 December

Half Term

Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October

Spring Term

Monday 4 January 2021
Friday 26 March 2021

Half Term

Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021

Summer Term

Monday 12 April 2021
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Half Term

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021

May Bank Holiday

3 May 2021

Staff Training Day

Monday 2 November 2020
Monday 4 January 2021
Thursday 1 July 2021

Calendar October/November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12 College Rag Week	13 College Rag Week	14 College Rag Week	15 College Rag Week	16 College Rag Week	17	18
19	20	21 Virtual Parent Voice Meeting 7.00pm Wed 21 Oct	22	23 Last day of Half Term	24	25
26 Half Term	27 Half Term	28 Half Term	29 Half Term	30 Half Term	31	1
2 Staff Training Day	3 Students return to the academy	4	5	6	7	8

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

