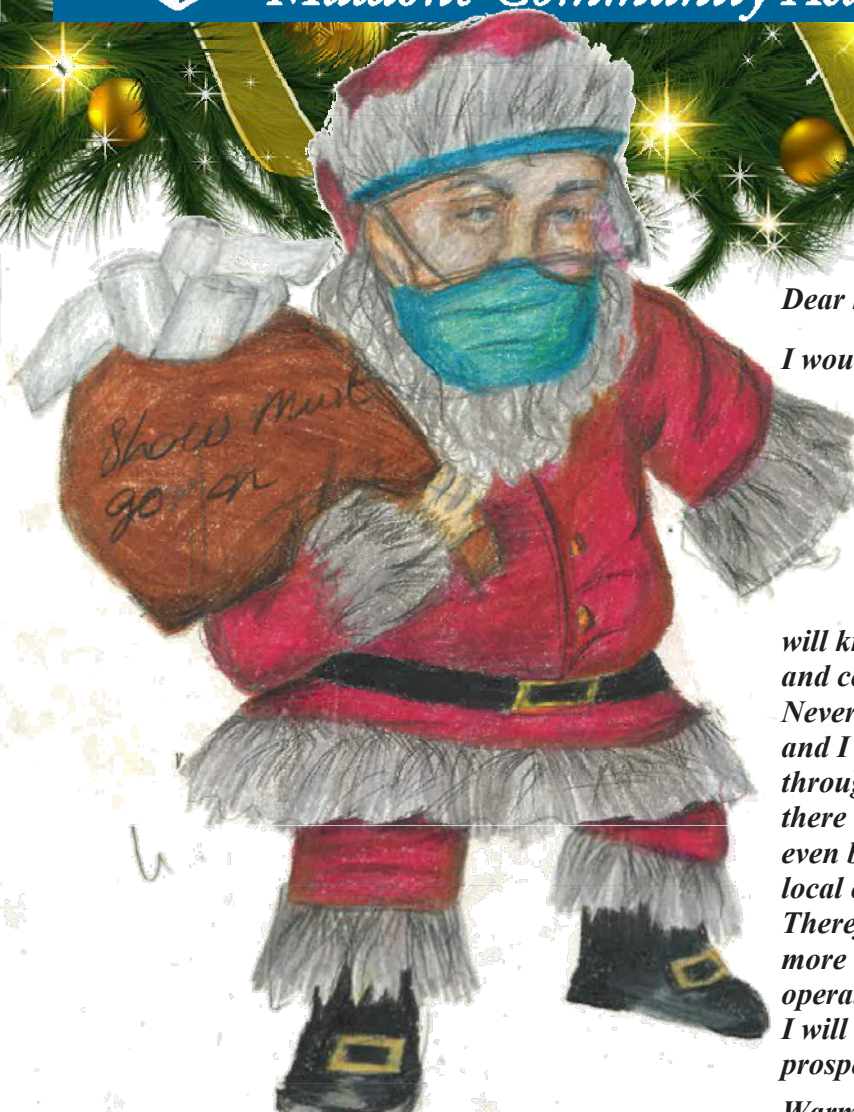




PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 18/12/2020



Dear members of the Plume Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working in such close collaboration for not only the autumn term, but over the course of the last 10 months. 10 months that not only as a school community but in essence, as an entire global population, we have never seen the likes of before. Therefore, and as a direct result, we have had to find, construct and embed new ways of living, operating and functioning with many of these, as you will know all too well, requiring significant additional time, resource and concentration!

Nevertheless, there have also been many 'silver linings' too I believe and I have endeavoured to share as many of these with you as possible throughout the first lockdown period and autumn term. The fact that there have been too many to list here I believe is fantastic and what is even better is that so many of both the Plume Family as well as our local community have either led or been heavily involved in these. Therefore, to all of you, feel proud of what you have contributed but more importantly, **HOW** you have contributed to both the ongoing operation of our academy but also, the Maldon community in general! I will conclude by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas as well as a prosperous and ultimately, safe and healthy New Year.

Warmest regards,
Mr C A Wakefield

This illustration by Alexia Jarvis Year 11 was use for one of Plume Academy's official Christmas cards for 2020

Reminders

End of Term

Arrangements

The academy will close to all students at 12.15pm on Friday 18 December. All buses and taxis will also be ready at this time.

MERRY Christmas!

The academy will reopen to students at the normal time of 8.25am on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Year 8 HPV2 Vaccination

The immunisation team will be in the academy on 7 and 8 January 2021 to carry out HPV1 vaccinations for our year 8 students. Parents/carers will have received electronic communication this week.

The catch-up for our Year 9 students HPV2 vaccination is booked for 11 & 12 May 2021. We will be in touch regarding this nearer the time. Any queries should be directed to the Immunisation Team on 01376 302769.

Congratulations to Year 11 Dance Students!



A massive congratulations to the Year 11 Dance students who produced two fantastic performances on Monday 7 December for their final examination of Component 2. The class has worked really hard since September to produce performances of You Don't Even Know It from Everybody's Talking About Jamie and Jellicle Ball from Cats. Year 11 Dancers - We are so proud of the hard work and commitment you have shown this year despite the many challenges – we can't wait to see what you produce for your Component 3 exam later in the year!

Mrs Markham-Lee and Mrs Bowring



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year! From Carl and the Plume Family

This is one of the Plume Academy's official Christmas cards for 2020. It was illustrated by Leo Faclus of 9MC1



Christmas gifts for the Music department

The music department were delighted to be donated a drum kit from one of our parents Mr Benedict Punchard, which has already found a home and a busy role for all our budding drummers in the department.

Thank you to the Punchard family
Mrs Adams

Year 7 Transition Survey



Year 7 students and Year 7 parents and carers have kindly provided us some feedback on how well they think the transition process has gone this year. It is of paramount importance that students feel settled, safe and positive within the academy, but are we continuing to achieve this? Take a look...

Student Responses

- 100%** of students said that they knew their way around the academy and that they understood what was expected of them.
- 98%** of students felt that they had settled in well at Mill Road Campus.
- 93%** of students felt that they showed positivity towards their school work and that they enjoyed it.
- 94%** of students feel safe and secure at MRC.
- 98%** felt that Plume Academy had helped them move from primary to secondary



Parent Responses



- 99%** of parents/carers are happy with the standard of communications at Plume Academy.
- 98%** of parents and carers feel that their child has established themselves well at the Mill Road Campus.
- 97%** of parents/carers feel that their child shows a positive approach to their classwork and learning.
- 100%** of parents feel that their child feels safe and secure at our Mill Road site.
- 97%** of parents believe that Plume has effectively managed their child's transition to secondary school.

Further Praise...

'The SEND and Pastoral team have been very supportive and their actions have enabled my child to make the best transition and start possible. Thank you'.

'I love Plume and the arts' 'I really like Plume Academy' 'I love the fact that plume has let me settles in as many other children have.'

"As parents we are exceptionally pleased with how well our son has completed the transition from primary to secondary school and the support the school has put in place has been amazing, especially given the current climate we are living in. It's not said often enough ,but

Thank you!



Fantastic Open Morning Tours Survey Results

We conducted a record beating 285 tours this year for the families of Year 5 and 6 students! This was done very carefully with one family at a time visiting us. Thank-you to all 239 of those visiting families who were able to complete a survey for us after their tours.

Here is the feedback :

- 158** people said that they were definitely going to apply to Plume Academy
- 72** people said that they were likely to apply to Plume Academy

Question	Answers of Good-Outstanding
How would you describe your experience of Plume AFTER your visit today?	100% of our visitors felt the academy was good or better 60% of the visitors rated their experience as outstanding!
From your visit today, please state your view of student behaviour, appearance and engagement at Plume	99% of our visitors felt the academy was good or better in this area. 58% felt that the behaviour, appearance and engagement was outstanding!
From your visit today, please state the extent to which you feel that Plume's staff and students provide a happy safe and welcoming environment	99.5% of our visitors felt the academy was good or better in this area. 74% felt the environment was outstanding
Plume is a strong academy that cares for its pupils and will do everything it can to ensure that pupils achieve their best. How far do you agree with this statement based upon your experiences today?	100% of our visitors felt the academy was good or better in this area. 64% felt that the provision and care was outstanding.



As millions of children get ready to unwrap internet-enabled gadgets on Christmas morning, there are simple steps we as parents and carers can take at Christmas to protect our children from online risks:

Use of privacy settings

Be aware of who you are adding as friends. Use privacy settings to make sure only approved friends can see posts and images, and warn your child about sharing their personal information.

Be mindful of tagging

This opens up a post to a wider audience. Check 'tagging' settings so that when others are posting or sharing photos online, your child's identity is not revealed.

Be aware of location services

Are they enabled? Can people see where posts are being made from or where a user is?

Learn how to report abusive or illegal content

Most importantly **encourage conversation** with your children about what they are accessing and who they are talking to.

Learn about different online games and how to play safely at www.askaboutgames.com

Think about parental controls [https://](https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/)

www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

You can find out more about how children use social media, the apps they use, the risks they face, how to use privacy settings, and advice and tips about how to talk to your children at:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

www.parentzone.org.uk

www.internetmatters.org

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Have a safe and happy Christmas!

Miss L. Peake and Mrs O. Bamigbele



I just wanted to share some success from the last couple of days in Food Preparation and Nutrition!

All students worked very hard to produce some complex dishes – all students made their own pasta from scratch and produced some fantastic cakes. I am so impressed by their resilience and determination, and I'm actually looking forward to their final practical examination.

Miss B Thorn - Subject Leader of Food Preparation & Nutrition



YEAR 10 RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS DEBATE CLUB

Mr Stephenson started this lunchtime club back in February (just before lockdown) and it soon became very popular. Since September it has gone from strength to strength, with a number of students (honourable mentions, so far, to: Hattie Phillips, Oliver Arran-Garriock, Woody Pearce, Lily Simpson, Fyn Railton-Miller and Sam Glover) leading debates on topics such as Black Lives Matter, the environment, immigration, racism & nuclear energy. Mr Stephenson has raised our awareness with his introduction to 'Language, Meaning and Memes', while Dr Markham is shortly to deliver on 'Ethics in the Movies'. Year 10s meet each Thursday lunchtime in room 3 (Humanities corridor) and here are some of the students' comments: 'It helps me learn what is happening in the world'; 'it is interesting and fun to hear people's opinions'; 'the club opens your eyes to issues and questions that affect us every day and it furthers our interest in the world'; 'I am really enjoying the club. It makes students aware of current issues and helps us to see what other people believe'; 'I get to express my opinion and debate against others. Some of our debates get very heated and it's fun

Mr Stephenson

Photos kindly taken by Jade Hawes & Elle Tracey (from Yr 12)



Accelerated Reader Update Congratulations!

We are proud to announce 4 new word millionaires within the AR programme. They are Eliza Wheeler 7CRO, Sophie Beaumont 8TDU and Matthew Tachauer 8JBI. Cleo Gunn 8NMA. Emily Cohen 8KBO has read a fantastic 6 million plus words. Well Done Emily! Apologies to Caleb Lennon for the misspelling of his name in the last newsletter, however to confirm, he has read over 8 million words! Amazing! All students have received their certificate and badge in their English classes. CONGRATULATIONS to you all.
The LAIC Team



GOLDEN YEARS

1970-71 - 2020-21

Maldon's Community Academy

A milestone birthday for the Plume Family!

I'm sure that 2020 will go down as a year to remember and with good reason! The start of this academic school year will also go down for our new Year 7 students as probably one of the strangest starts to an educational journey there has ever been! However, there was also a strange if not exciting start to our new young students 50 years ago as Plume School opened its doors for the first time as a fully comprehensive school. **Yes... it's our Golden Years!...We are 50 years old!**

Over the next few months we will be working towards an exciting event (hopefully at Easter all things permitting) celebrating this landmark and reflecting back on events and characters during that time.

We are working on building up our "memory vaults" of these past decades and are asking you to search out your memories/photos/memorabilia of Plume to help us contribute to our planned interactive History project. We would like to reach as many of the Plume Family as possible.

Watch out for more details at the start of the new year in January 2021.

If you would like to get in touch right away please contact

The Times We Live In...



"As part of the Year 12 Photographic coursework, students are encouraged to respond to the world around them in a contextual way. These contexts are often traditional such as political, social and environmental. However, for Art, students that live through extraordinary times, they have a responsibility to record the wider contexts and in this case, it was the pandemic. The images capture and record the young person's viewpoints from the very literal, to the creative and narrative. The work is often candid in quality, giving an informal quality we see day to day. Many of the students also started to explore the wider emotional elements often hidden like the virus itself. The work will be used as part of coursework projects and are an invaluable addition to the portfolio that should the times we live in.

Mr Flowers - Subject Leader for Art



Boom Wackers for year 7

The Music department has been experimenting with covid-19 safe music instruments which have proven to be extremely popular. Christmas Carols have taken on a new meaning as they are played using just plastic tubes. The Music department can't wait to see what other sounds can be made with these simple but engaging instruments. PS Our GCSE students were also really impressed with them!
Mrs Adams

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Autumn Winners

We are delighted to announce the 3 worthy recipients of the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for Autumn term 2020. The full award citations can be viewed on the news area of our website



Angel Wright Year 9

A worthy winner who has battled through challenging personal circumstances and is steadily gaining a new confidence and self-belief through stepping out of her comfort zone by way of an active life and getting fully involved in her life at the academy. Angel has developed into an extremely gifted all round sports lover and regularly

competes and plays for local clubs including Chelmsford Athletic Club, Maldon Rugby Club and Beacon Hill Football Club. She has represented both Chelmsford and Essex. Her teachers all speak very highly of her, she is keen to learn and she is progressing well and supported and encouraged by a close group of friends. Angel has been on a long personal journey and continues to strive to have a positive attitude to life. She embodies the values and ideals of the Jack Petchey Award. Well Done!



Sophia Chapple Year 11

Throughout lockdown, Sophia's consistent engagement in remote learning served as an excellent model to encourage other students. Her work was often shared on Twitter as an exemplar - to the benefit of other students. Over the summer, Sophia took part in summer school workshops run by external bodies and fed back to English staff on what she learnt when she returned in September. Sophia is a role model; considerate, modest, brave, and de-

serves recognition for her consistent diligence day in and day out at school over the past five years at Plume Academy. Sophia is the type of student who goes above and beyond day in and day out and has a positive impact on her learning environments and those around her. A member of staff commented "Sophia is a very worthy winner who might miss out for such awards, as many have come to accept her everyday diligence, hard-work, and alert nature as part and parcel of Sophia's wonderful contributions to school. It is for this reason that I think Sophia should be recognised for all her hard work".



Fran Taylor Year 12

Fran Taylor has been recognised for her determination and resilience in the face of difficult personal circumstances. She herself is an enthusiastic, engaged, and mature student. Despite some real difficulties in the past, she has emerged as her own metaphorical 'butterfly' this year, and many of the nominating staff feel this deserves real praise and recognition. She is a humble,

thoughtful, and sensitive student who supports those around her and gives her all to everything she takes on. In the words of a senior member of staff "*Fran is, in my opinion, the worthiest candidate of Jack Petchey that I have ever met in my teaching career*". That's saying something!! Indeed a worthy winner!

Mr B Collen
Community Team



PLUME PRIDE

Weekly LGBT + Pride Meetings and Support Drop-in Sessions

MRC

**Tuesday
Lunchtime
Room 12**

FRC

**Friday
Lunchtime
Room 120**

Would you like to be part of something exciting? Join Plume Pride!

Last half term, Plume Pride worked together remotely via Teams to support our LGBT+ community and celebrate diversity through the implementation of Schools Diversity Week. We are now ready to open up in school through lunch time meetings and support drop-in sessions. All are welcome!

How the group will run will be very much led by you but its aims are clear:

- Helps the LGBT+ students in our academy and college feel supported, accepted and included.
- Supports anti-bullying policies by offering LGBT+ students the space to share their experiences.
- Demonstrates that our academy is commitment to diversity, acceptance and tolerance to staff, parents/carers and students, whether LGBT+ or not.

There are very clear benefits for the group's members too:

- It builds confidence and self-esteem.
- It nurtures your advocacy skills and encourages you to step up, take responsibility and lead.

What we can achieve as a Pride group is limitless: fundraising events, role model guest speakers, championing change within our local and national communities. We can really make a difference! If you are interested, please do come along to our weekly meetings which are held at both MRC & FRC. If you would like more information then please email pride@plume.essex.sch.uk.





Ellis Punchard 11MSP is this year's winner of FRC's Mastermind reading competition. This was a very close fought competition which only had 1 point between first and second place. The aim of the competition is to answer 10 questions on their chosen book and then answer questions on general knowledge - not easy! Jess Noy 11 MAD came second and Rhian Robinson 11NKO came third. Well done to all who competed. The LAIC team.

Plume College Admissions

We are delighted with the swift response from our students with regards to using our new online application form. If Plume College is being considered for post-16 study, please apply using this online system. It is very quick and easy. Just use the login details sent via our students academy email address. It only takes a few minutes to start the process. If you have any questions, please liaise with Mrs Demes (College Manager) in the first instance.

<div>Physical Education Faculty Extra-Curricular</div> <div>Timetable SpringTerm 2021</div> <div>Clubs start the week beginning Tuesday 5 January 2021</div>			
Day	Morning Club (8.00am-8.20am)	Lunch Time (1.20pm-1.50pm)	After School (3.10pm - 4.30pm)
Monday		Yr. 8 Table Tennis (Mill Road Gym Hall) JPE - <i>You do not need to get changed for this club</i> Yr 10 Fitness Studio – MAX 10 (FRC) JAI Yr. 10 Netball Club (Fambridge Road Gym Hall) SPA Year 10 Basketball Club (FRC Sports Hall) TDU	Sixth Form Fitness Studio – MAX 10 (FRC)
Tuesday	Years 9 Basketball FRC Sports Hall (SPA)	Year 11 Fitness Studio – MAX 10 (FRC) TDU Theory - Year 11 GCSE Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) JAI	Year 7 Girls Football (FRC Astro) SPA/ HTA/ LST – Please meet in MRC Gym Hall Year 8 Girls Football (FRC Astro) SPA/ HTA/ LST – Please meet in MRC changing rooms Years 8 Boys Football (MRC Field) JPE/ TDU Year 9 Girls Football (FRC Astro) SPA/ HTA/ LST Years 9 Boys Rugby (FRC Field) SME Year 10 Boys Rugby (FRC Field) – Please meet Mr Arthur in the Gym Hall Year 11 Boys Rugby – Please meet Mr Ainscough in the PE Classroom
Wednesday		Year 9 Table Tennis (FRC Utility Hall) MAR - <i>You do not need to get changed for this club</i>	Year 8 Netball (MRC) SPA/ JBI Year 11 Netball (FRC) CME Football College (FRC) JAI/ MAR/ RMU GCSE PE Revision and Coursework (FRC PE Classroom) BME
Thursday	Years 11 Basketball FRC (JAI)	Girls Fitness club – Fitness Studio (FRC) LWH Year 11 Basketball Club (FRC) TDU Theory - Yr 10 GCSE/ Sports Studies Catch up/ Revision (FRC PE Classroom) BME	Year 7 Netball (MRC) SPA/ HTA Year 7 Boys Rugby (MRC) JPE/ LST Year 8 Boys Rugby (MRC) TDU <i>Please meet in the Gym Hall</i> Year 9 Netball (FRC) LWH/JBI Year 9 Boys Football (FRC Astro) – SME Year 10 Boys Football (FRC Astro) – Please meet Mr Arthur in the Gym Hall Yr.11 Boys Football (FRC Astro) – Meet Mr Ainscough in the PE classroom (JAI/RMU)
Friday	Years 10 Basketball FRC (MAR) Years 7 Basketball MRC (JPE)	GCSE/ Sports Studies Year 11 Fitness Studio – MAX 10 (FRC) JAI All years netball shooting (FRC) SPA	<div>Fambridge Road Week A</div> <div>Year 11 Badminton – Sports Hall Year 11 Table Tennis – Utility Hall Year 11 Climbing – Utility Hall</div> <div>Fambridge Road Week B</div> <div>Year 10 Badminton – Sports Hall Year 10 Table Tennis – Utility Hall Year 10 Climbing – Utility Hall</div> <div>All Years Padel Tennis (Park Drive) Please direct all enquiries to j.perry@plume.essex.sch.uk</div>



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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.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



I would like to invite you to

Homework Club

Where: **MRC LAIC & FRC LAIC**

When: **MRC Every Tuesday 3:15pm-4:30pm**
FRC Every Monday 3:15pm - 4.30pm

Why?: It's a great place to catch up with your homework and receive support with managing and completing homework on time. Make use of the facilities by using the Laic's computers, printers (*black & white and colour printers*) and the wide range of resource books available.
I will be running this club and be available every week.

Hope to see you there!

Mrs J Frost
PPG Coordinator

Free Drinks & Biscuits!

TERM DATES 2020/2021

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 4 January 2021

Thursday 1 July 2021

Friday 2 July 2021



Please join us for "outdoor cinema-style"

Drive-in Carol Service

Sunday 20th December

repeat services at 4:30 & 7pm,
each lasting about 45 minutes

Maldon Prom Overflow Car Park
(beside the Boating Lake)

A chance for the whole family to sing carols
together and stay safe!

Booking is essential & free:
more information & to book in please go to
www.fullbridgechurch.com

For further details please contact
Andy Mugford on
hello@fullbridgechurch.org.uk



Calendar December/January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
21 Christmas Holiday	22 Christmas Holiday	23 Christmas Holiday	24 Christmas Holiday	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28 Christmas Holiday	29 Christmas Holiday	30 Christmas Holiday	31 New Years Eve	1 New Years Day	2	3
4 Staff Training Day	5 Students return to the Academy	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

The Plume Academy Christmas Concert

14 December 2020 7.00pm

*For those who missed the
concert and would still like to
view, please go to the
Academy website for the link!*



*Featuring musicians from across
all year groups and the
Academy Leadership Team*