

# PLUME NEWS

Maldon's Community Academy

Week Ending 25/10/2019



**A Big thank you** to everyone who bought a yellow ribbon and donated to 'Young Minds' during 'Mental Health Awareness Week.' A special thanks to those who wore yellow on Thursday 10 October as it was a great way to share the message that it is okay to reach out for help and to show fellow students they are not alone with their mental health. It was also a great way to kickstart our fund raising for RAG week where we will continue to fundraise for 'Young Minds' The attached picture: Just a handful of the brilliant students who said #HelloYellow on World Mental Health Day!

Your Mental Health Ambassador:  
Ollie Wiseman

**YOUNGMINDS**  
fighting for young people's mental health



## Enjoy your break! Superb Survey Results!

Once again, we welcomed Year 5 and 6 children, along with their parents and carers, to see Plume in action at our Open Evening and Open Mornings. We were delighted to see a significant increase in the number of visitors, with over **160 families** touring our Mill Road Campus in the mornings, and then many more attending our Open Evening – a massive increase also on numbers from the previous year even though three other local secondary schools had their Open Evenings on the same date.

To capture the success of these events, I asked many of our visitors to complete a survey on their honest observations and views of Plume Academy, and WOW! What a set of results!

- **95% of visitors said that they were definitely going, or likely, to apply to Plume, following our Open Evening!**
- **94% of visitors said that they were definitely going, or likely, to apply to Plume, following our Open Mornings! (Travel issues/distance were the main reason for those who were unsure as to whether they would apply or not).**

We had literally hundreds of very positive comments with many referring to the warm welcome that they received from our reception and teaching staff, as well as the high standards of behaviour and learning that they saw. Comments included: 'Very impressed', 'Informative', 'Helpful', 'Confident', 'A real credit' and 'Enthusiastic' and these were used generously amongst the numerous other comments received about our Student Tour Guides. Prospective parents/carers cited how impressed they were with our academy, even the ones who highlighted that they weren't the sort of people to be easily impressed! The enthusiasm and passion from both staff and students was clearly communicated to them and, as a direct result, many said that their children were looking forward to joining us here at Plume, Maldon's Community Academy. The comments were an absolute delight to read! Thank you to everyone involved as it is always very encouraging when our visitors share their genuine thoughts, and ours too of course, on how fabulous our students and staff genuinely are. We continue to feel immensely proud of them all!

*Ms J Everett - Assistant Vice Principal & Mill Road Campus lead*

## Reminders

**Year 7 'Meet the Teacher' Evening**

**Thursday 14 November**  
Being held at our Mill Road Campus 6.30pm - 8.00pm

**STUDENTS RETURN TO THE ACADEMY MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

**CHILDREN IN NEED NON-UNIFORM DAY**  
Friday 15 November

**Year 13 Consultation Evening with Subject Staff Thursday 21 November**

Being held at our Fambridge Road Campus at 4.30pm - 7.30pm The booking system opens **6.00am on Wednesday 13 November**





# Well Done Phoebe & Kelsey

On Saturday 12 October, one of our students Kelsey and her younger sister Phoebe, took on the challenge to run 5km to raise funds for Great Ormand Street Hospital. They took part in the 'RBC Race For Kids' in wet and windy conditions, however, that did not faze the two girls as they embarked on the course and tackled it with real gusto!

Both girls are more than aware of the work GOSH do for children and they both share that sometimes those that look okay on the outside can have lots going on inside the body as teams in GOSH try their best to support children lead as normal a life as possible. That was their motivation as they crossed the line having completed the course in an impressive 50 minutes. All at Plume want to congratulate them on this fantastic achievement.!

*Mr Rose - Head of Year 10*



# The Poppy Appeal 2019

The LAIC is supporting the Poppy Appeal on behalf of The Royal British Legion. We will be selling poppies, metal pins and silk poppies in the LAIC and at both our receptions.

Thank you in advance of your support.

**The LAIC Team**

## Thank You Year 10 Parents and Carers

As the new Head of Year 10, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who attended the recent information and work experience evenings. Both events were extremely well attended and the vibe and atmosphere was first-class. As I stated on both evenings, this very much reciprocates the way Year 10 have started their GCSE journey and each lesson I manage to visit and the way the students are presenting themselves has impressed me greatly thus far. I am sure those who attended the work experience evening would agree that our Year 11 guest speaker, Oliver Early, stole the show with his enthusiastic but, more importantly, extremely informative speech he gave us all about his summer 2019 work placement. It truly showed the value of this vitally important aspect of Year 10 and I look forward to inviting some of our current Year 10 students sharing their upcoming experience this time next year for the cohort below them. Moving forward, you will notice that the website area for Year 10 has now been updated and all the relevant information for the cohort is now accessible. On the website, you will find the associated presentations as well as key dates and information relating to the actual work experience itself, however, should you need further support accessing this, do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mrs Darcy-Smith. I look forward to continuing the positive journey with our Year 10 students and wish them a safe and enjoyable half term break.

**Mr Rose - Head of Year 10**

**Mr Wakefield would like to invite all staff to:**

# BREAKFAST CLUB

**at 7.55am - 8.25am  
on Thursday 7 November  
at MRC & FRC Campus**



**FREE  
BREAKFAST  
FOR COLLEAGUES  
WHO ATTEND**

# Celebrate with Jack!



*'As is usually the case, it was a wonderful event where I genuinely feel our academy shone. This was in terms of how smart our students looked, the wording of their awards and the way our staff cheered our students' nominations. This is an award we class as highly prestigious as it is from such a well-respected and established source. Therefore, all of those who were our Jack Petchey Award winners should feel immensely proud, as should their respective families of course.*

Mr Wakefield Principal

*The evening was fantastic, the kids were brilliant and could not be more proud of their achievements. It was amazing to share this experience with them".*

Mr Howlett

*"We had a thoroughly enjoyable evening and were immensely proud to watch Megan receive her award alongside the*

*other equally deserving winners".*

Parents of Megan Janes

From Megan – *"It was nice to be recognised for my efforts and I really enjoyed the evening".*

*'I found the whole evening a really rewarding experience, it felt amazing to win an award myself, and it was a brilliant opportunity to be able to celebrate this with my family, I was also lucky enough to have my three teachers who nominated me there; Mr. Wells, Mr. Davis and Mr. Howlett who gave me a big cheer when I went up on stage. It was a lovely evening, and it*

In the company of our award winners and, of course proud parent and carers, several equally proud Plume Academy staff attended the Jack Petchey Achievement Awards 2019 held recently at the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford for Chelmsford and Maldon Schools. In the excitable company of a number of other local schools and voluntary organisations, our own Jack Petchey winners received their gold medallions, All of our students had been recognised for the different ways each had made a wholehearted, unselfish and dedicated contribution to our academy and the local community. We are delighted to include some comments from staff, award winners and parents and carers who attended the evening.

## Rotary Music Competition 12 November 2019 Fambridge Road Stage Hall 6.30pm

This event is open to all instrumentalist and vocalists at the Plume academy and is an excellent opportunity to showcase your musical talents. Each contestant has to perform two contrasting pieces of music in front of two judges who will then pick a winner who will go onto the next round, the regional final at Chelmsford Cathedral in February. More information and an application form is available from Mrs Adams.

**ROTARY**  
**YOUNG**  
**MUSICIAN** COMPETITION

*was nice to be able to recognize all the achievements of young people in our local community.'*

Megan Wiley Award winner

*It was a fantastic evening, the atmosphere was amazing and as parents we were proud to see our son receive his award.*

Parents of Ben Sayward

The Jack Petchey Foundation seeks to increase young people's aspirations by rewarding their achievements and encouraging them to take pride in them. Key are the qualities of positive affirmation, self-belief and the willingness to make an effort for the good of others. In a world today where often achievement is measured in terms of money, power or social media presence, it is indeed uplifting to see young people put the needs of others before their own.- to quote from Jack Petchey " ..know that in giving, you also receive and the world is a better place for it!" Hear, hear to that!!

Mr B Collen  
Plume Community Champion



Stage Hall  
Plume School  
Fambridge Road  
Campus

# Quiz Night

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Doors open 6.30 PM

£5 a ticket | Teams of 8 | Raffle

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own refreshments

All proceeds go to SCOPE  
[www.scope.co.uk](http://www.scope.co.uk)

# Year 9 'Perfect' Drama Road Safety Assembly



On Friday afternoon, Year 9 students had a visit from Ginificent Theatre Company to perform 'Perfect' which is part of Safer Essex Roads Partnership's (SERP) road safety programme and delivered to highlight passenger responsibilities.

The play started like a sitcom which had the Year 9s laughing and smiling. It featured naturalistic acting, narration, physical theatre, and popular music which they related to and engaged with. There were some hard-hitting themes contained within this play which our students responded to with dignity and respect and the message they left with was the importance of wearing a seatbelt and behaving responsibly as a passenger.

I was tremendously proud and impressed by their conduct, interaction with the actors and understanding of the content. The theatre company also commented on the impeccable behaviour and respect that was shown throughout the performance.

Mr J Cooper  
Subject Leader of Personal Development



## A Level English Language Trip to London, 16 October 2019

On 16 October, Plume College's English Language students took a trip into central London, where they were introduced to the English and Media Centre. The day involved lectures and guest speakers from high profile journalists, and linguists who are top researchers in their field. The trip was a chance for students to widen their knowledge of the English Language, and we learned things about ever-changing youth language, right through to whether American English is taking over Britain. The students were a credit to Plume College and were actively engaging with the lectures, behaving professionally and being consistently inquisitive. Have a read of what they had to say!

*"The conference left me thinking deeply about the language we use in our daily lives. Such as how certain youth language came about, and whether or not 'correct English' really exists"* Jack Year 12  
*"The conference did an excellent job at explaining the topics and left me with a better interpretation of how language works in a modern environment!"* Ben Year 12  
Miss Walls



## Plume Community Teaching Partnership Recruiting for September 2020

We are looking to recruit graduates for our highly successful Initial Teacher Training programme.

Working with other local Essex schools, candidates will receive excellent training from experienced staff working in association with TES Institute.

If teaching is the career for you and you have the drive to make a difference to pupil achievement, please register your interest for a personal consultation with our Programme Manager.

We are able to offer primary and secondary routes.

### Entry Requirements

- Educated to degree level
- GCSE grade 4/C in English and Mathematics
- Additional grade 4/C or above in Science for Primary

**Visits to Plume are always welcome and we regularly host open events**  
**We also offer taster days and work experience**

### WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

 Plume Community Teaching Partnership

 01621 854 681

 ITT@plume.essex.sch.uk





# Awards for Flexible Learning

We would like to congratulate Blaine Beeny and Georgina Smith for completing their construction qualification eight months early! This is an amazing achievement. Well done to you both from all in Flexible Learning.

# Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Leo Weller**, 8KBL after reading over 3 million words. Leo received a certificate and badge in his English lessons. Fabulous reading Leo!  
The LAIC Team



# Year 7 3D Cell models for Science

This autumn term the Year 7 students have been studying Cells in Biology. They have been working on a project to create a 3D model to demonstrate their understanding of the various parts and functions of cells. The cell could be plant or animal based. Students at Mill Road Campus have been working really hard over the last three weeks or so to create some brilliant work. These models have been made out of plasticine, Lego bricks, papier mache and even food!

Our best examples will hopefully (with permission) be used for display purposes and for good examples for next year's students. Teachers are going to have a hard time selecting the best examples as there are quite a number of them. I am sure that parents/carers too, have been hovering over the work giving guidance and helping out when needed, so thank you too!

*Mr Botha - Second in Science KS3 Lead*



# CONGRATULATIONS!

To Alfie Mitchell who won five out of six fights to take his first international bronze in the 'International Open Alkmaars Judo Tournament' at the Netherlands!! He was a bit bruised and sore but back on the mat like a true champion!! Great Achievement young sir!

Mr Wakefield



# Well Done!

To Shawn and Scott Saggs, Year 9, and Luke Robers, Year 7, who ran in a 5k Inflatable Charity Race on Saturday 12 October, raising over £300 for the CHES Homeless Charity in Chelmsford.

They were amazing, encouraging others along the way too. Well done chaps!

Mr Wakefield



# Congratulations to our new Student Leadership Team



I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and assistance with the student leadership voting that was conducted last week. The students thoroughly enjoyed the process and felt extremely privileged to be selected by either staff or students to go through to the interview process.

Below are the list of students who were successful and are now either lead or deputy leads for their respective year groups:

- YEAR 11 LEAD - Oliver Early/Maisie Shorney
- YEAR 11 DEPUTY - Oliver Letters/Natalia Dudek
- YEAR 10 LEAD - Cameron Morrison/Sophia Chapple
- YEAR 10 DEPUTY - Alexei Dutaut/Abigail Wilkins
- YEAR 9 LEAD - Sam Glover/Kay Tyler
- YEAR 9 DEPUTY - Freddie Fry/Carla Mason
- YEAR 8 LEAD - Kieran Wingrove/Poppy Taylor
- YEAR 8 DEPUTY - Benjamin Frost/Seren Harris
- YEAR 7 LEAD - Shane Saggs/Rhianna Gregory
- YEAR 7 DEPUTY - Joe Flavell/Natalie Braun

Mr A Stoneman  
Head of Farnbridge Road Campus





## Absence Calls

Can we please request that all absence calls are made to the academy's dedicated absence line. The numbers are as follow:

**MRC – 01621 854681 option 1 option 1**

**FRG - 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 - reasons as 'unwell', 'poorly' etc. will result in an unauthorised absence



Team KBL celebrated their win at interform Rugby against Team SCO with a cupcake morning. Well done to Team KBL!

# Well Done!

# Greenpower Silverstone Final!



**Thursday 17 October 2019**

Well the big day finally arrived, but sadly I was unable to go - would we have to cancel the trip? Fortunately, Mr Barton agreed to get up extra early on Thursday and meet up with the racing team to load up and set off at 5:00am. Thank you very much Mr. Barton for coming to the rescue!

The team travelled to the legendary Silverstone Circuit with our two cars to compete against 98 other competitors from around the world. Fortunately, both cars passed the rigorous scrutineering process and were ready for practice. Sadly, at this point, 'Maldon Mud Racer' started to perform badly in the challenging conditions. 'Plume Projectile' was able to put in some excellent lap times though which showed that all the pre-race preparation had been worthwhile.

During Race 1, Projectile went really well, driven by Freddie Joslin, Charlotte Batson and Joe Iszard. It covered 36.1 miles in the 90-minute race and finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the world which is amazing! Maldon Mud Racer did not do so well and required a new speed controller following its earlier problems. This meant a 30-minute delay before it was fit to race. It finished a creditable 88<sup>th</sup>, driven by Rob Cook, Dan Black and Oscar Marks.

Race 2 followed a similar pattern. On the grid, Maldon Mud Racer once again let all of the smoke out of the speed controller again but this time we didn't have a spare, so it had to be re-wired in the paddock to work from a relay, which took about 50 minutes out of the 90-minute race. Mr Raymond, who runs the Greenpower team at Thurstable should be heartily thanked for helping out in our hour of need. Eventually the revived car got out on the track and went from 100<sup>th</sup> to 90<sup>th</sup> in the remaining time, thanks to some hard driving by Oscar Marks and Rob Cook. Projectile had another outstanding race, managing to improve its first race performance, achieving 37.7 miles and finishing 14<sup>th</sup>.

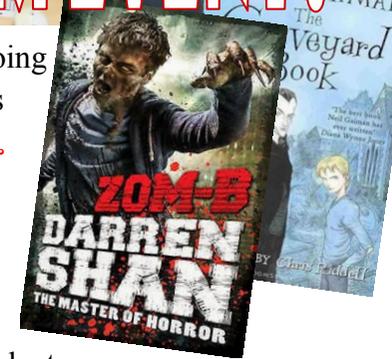
This concludes the 2019 season (our 13<sup>th</sup>!). Although I was not there I understand the whole day was brilliant from start to finish. Thank you and best wishes to our retiring Year 11 racers; Joe Iszard, Oscar Marks and Rob Cook. Thank you once again to Mr Power, Mr Raymond and Mr Barton for making it all happen.

Mr Adams - Faculty Leader for Technology



# ESCAPE ROOM EVENT!

There were lots of **ghastly** games going on at FRC LAIC and MRC LAIC this week in the **Horror Escape Room**. Leading up to the event students had **grabbed** horror books to **devour** and used their **brains** to correctly answer questions. On the day, as the lunch **bell tolled**, the successful students



were **summoned** to the LAIC for **creepy** clues, **petrifying** puzzles, **devilish** de-coding and **unnerving** unlocking! Clues were hidden in Morse code, braille and sign language, and activities involved magnets, flashing lights and UV light. There was lots of unlocking—11 locks to crack!

**Spirits** were high as students **frantically hunted** the LAIC—it was **heart stopping!**

**SHOCK HORROR!**—they did it!

**Treats** all round. **Terrifyingly** fun!



## TERM DATES 2019/2020

### Autumn Term

Monday 2 September 2019  
Friday 20 December 2019

### Half Term

Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November 2019

### Spring Term

Monday 6 January 2020 (6 January staff training, closed to students)  
Friday 3 April 2020

### Half Term

Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February 2020

### Summer Term

Monday 20 April 2020  
Friday 17 July 2020

### Half Term

Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2020  
May Day Bank Holiday - Friday 8 May 2020

### Staff Training Day

Monday 2 - Tuesday 3 September 2019  
Monday 6 January 2020  
Friday 26 June 2020



**Vinjeru School Trust**  
**FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT**  
**Saturday 26th October**

[www.vinjeruschooltrust.org](http://www.vinjeruschooltrust.org)

**Sorry this event has been postponed until the New Year!!!!**

@ Stage Hall, Plumstead, Farnborough, Hampshire

...sing and tea

...sing workshop with Jordan from the Kingdom Choir

Please meet at the Black Cat Coffee shop in Maldon for more details.

Don't worry if you have not got a full team as we can make up numbers on the night.

Please come along to support this exciting project as we seek to build an accommodation block for the school. We aim to bring high quality education to the young people in the town of Kapiri Mposhi, Zambia. Join us in giving some of the poorest children a chance in

EXAM DATES -2019/2020		
TYPE	DATES	VENUES
University Entrance exams	Wed 30 Oct AM	FRC Large Conference Room
GCSE English re-sit only TWO PAPERS	Mon 4 Nov AM Wed 6 Nov AM	STAGE HALL
GCSE Maths Linear re-sit only. THREE PAPERS	Tues 5 Nov AM Thurs 7 Nov AM Mon 11 Nov PM	STAGE HALL
Year 11 Mock Written exams - English, Maths & Science	Mon 25 - Fri 29 Nov	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
Year 11 Mock Practical weeks	Mon 2 - Fri 13 Dec	FRC Practical Areas
OCR Cambridge Technicals ICT Resits Year 13	Wed 8 Jan AM Fri 10 Jan PM	STAGE HALL
OCR Cambridge Nationals Child Development - Year 11	Thurs 9 Jan AM	STAGE HALL
OCR Cambridge Nationals Info Tech Resits - Year 11	Fri 10 Jan PM	STAGE HALL
Year 13 Mock weeks	Mon 3 - Fri 14 Feb	STAGE HALL / COLLEGE LIBRARY
Year 11 FSK Maths Level 1	1 morning between Mon 3 - Fri 14 Feb	STAGE HALL
Year 11 Mock Written exams English, Maths & Science TBC	Mon 9 - Fri 13 March	FRC CLASSROOMS
Summer Exams Mon 11 May - Wed 24 June		
GCSE Biology 1 Trilogy /Triple	Tues 12 May PM	STAGE HALL /SPORTS HALL
GCSE English Literature Paper 1	Wed 13 May AM	STAGE HALL /SPORTS HALL
GCSE Chemistry 1Trilogy/Triple	Thurs 14 May AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
Year 11 BTEC Engineering written exam	Fri 15 May AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Maths Linear Paper 1	Tues 19 May AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Physics 1 Trilogy/Triple	Wed 20 May PM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE English Literature Paper 2	Thurs 21 May AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Biology 2 Trilogy /Triple	Mon 1 June PM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE English Language	Tues 2 June AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Maths Linear Paper 2	Thurs 4 June AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE English Language	Fri 5 June AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Maths Linear Paper 3	Mon 8 June AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Chemistry 2 Trilogy/Triple	Wed 10 June PM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
GCSE Physics 2 Trilogy /Triple	Fri 12 June AM	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL
<b>EXAM CONTINGENCY DAY-STUDENTS MUST BE AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED - JCQ REGULATION</b>		<b>WED 24 JUNE</b>
Year 10 Exams practicals	Mon 8 - Fri 12 June	FRC Practical Areas
Year 10 Exams written- English, Maths & Science TBC	Mon 15 - Fri 19 June	STAGE HALL / SPORTS HALL

## Calendar October/November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
28 Half Term Holiday	29 Half Term Holiday	30 Half Term Holiday	31 Half Term Holiday 	1 Half Term Holiday	2	3
4 Students return to the academy	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Year 7 Meet the Teacher Evening MRC 6.30pm-8.00pm	15 Children in Need Non-Uniform Day 	16	
18	19	20	21 Year 13 Consultation Evening with Subject Staff 4.30pm-7.30pm FRC	22	23	24

**PLUME ACADEMY TELEPHONE LINES 01621 854681**

Student Absence: Option 1  
Assistant Head of Years: Option 2  
Sixth Form College: Option 3

**USEFUL DIRECT LINES**

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

