



The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter dated: 01.12.23

Key Dates

• 27-11-23-08-2-23

Y13 Exam week begins
(see the last page of
bulletin for revision
support)

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House System

Congratulations to all pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 for your achievement points that you have earned since the start of the academic year.



House	Grand Total
Austen	11126
Nightingale	10044
Tull	8140
Turing	9707
Grand Total	39017

Attendance & Achievement

How much does attendance impact on achievement and success?

The school's expectation of attendance is at least 97%. The impact on good attendance on your progress is shown in the table below with 94% of students achieving their target grades at the end of year 11. The higher your attendance the best possible chance of personal success!

Attendance %	Achieve expected target grades.	You will only achieve your target grade in:
<80%	20%	2 of your subjects
80-84.9%	33%	3 of your subjects
85-89.9%	46%	4 of your subjects
		You will achieve your target grade in:
90-91.9%	53%	5 out of 9 subjects
92-95.9%	75%	7 out of 9 subjects
96%	84%	8 out of 9 subjects
97%	94%	9 out of 9 subjects



GENERAL NOTICES

Christmas Concert



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

PLUS EXCLUSIVE
SUMMER PRODUCTION
ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 7PM

*Tickets Available on Parentmail collect from the main office
Students - £2 / Parents - £4 / Concessions - £2*

Our Community

Could we ask all parents to speak to their child(ren) about respect for the local community and just being aware when travelling to and from school. Students should respect the property and other individuals in the community, when students travel to school they represent the school and our values/ethos.



SPORTS NEWS

Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys on their victory against Cornelius!

Year 8 win against KES!



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Football

U12 Girls football team have great success in the Essex cup beating Beauchamps!



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Well done to all of our students for representing the school, keep it up!



Safe guarding– THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools ...

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. The new laws also relate to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

Luke Bownden is Senior Deputy Headmaster and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named Pastoral Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.



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PHSE

Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at The Appleton School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. At our school, this is predominantly taught in CAPE (Citizenship, Achieving Personal Excellence) through a specialised team of tutors.

I am writing to let you know that, throughout the academic year, your child's class will have taken part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons will include: Healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; developing self-esteem and confidence. This will be approached in and with age-appropriate delivery. Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website: <https://www.theappletonschool.org/subjects/citizenship-and-pshee-cpshee> for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. At the bottom of this page you can also click on the Edulink icon which will direct you to the year specific example materials that are used. All PSHE teaching takes place will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

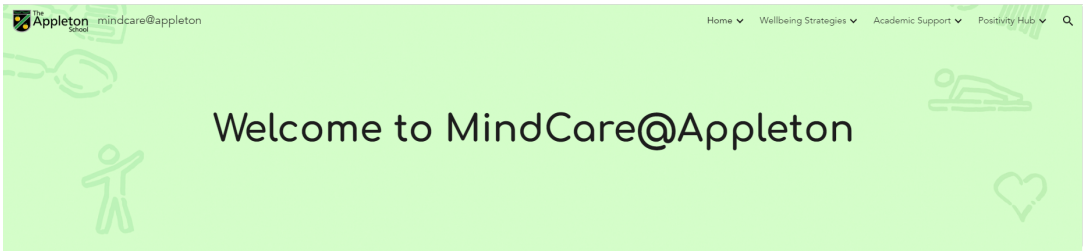
As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; recent parental and student feedback has indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents and pupils continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education programme. We will also be shortly inviting all parents to further support us by completing a questionnaire about our CAPE provision.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Brown
cbrown@theappletonschool.org



Wellbeing and Mental Health



We are delighted to invite you to a special space dedicated entirely to your well-being and happiness – the Appleton MindCare Hub. This page has been thoughtfully crafted with your needs in mind, offering practical strategies and valuable resources to support your physical, emotional, and psychological well-being.

Here, you'll discover strategies, tips, and insights to cultivate a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Whether it's dealing with stress, managing emotions, or finding ways to stay active and positive, we've got you covered.

It's also a place to access essential resources and information shared for significant wellbeing events that matter to our Appleton community. Whether it's exam preparation, or wellness campaigns, you'll find timely updates and helpful resources right here.

Remember, your well-being is of utmost importance, and we are committed to providing you with the tools and knowledge you need to flourish. Together, let's make Appleton a place where every student shines brightly!

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We are excited to launch the new MindCare@Appleton website, spearhead by Ms Sangha our Head of Wellbeing and support. This webpage is for our students to help their wellbeing and mental health, and it is informed by the results from the Student Surveys conducted last term.

Please click [here](#) to access it. students will need to log in using their school google accounts to access it.

At the Appleton School, your child's emotional wellbeing is important to us.

With the current situation in school, we understand that your child may be experiencing some anxiety, or have some worries adapting to some of the temporary changes we have had to make in school.

If, you feel your child may need some support with their wellbeing, or would benefit from further intervention, then please feel free to contact me at the following email address: info@theappletonschool.org where it can then be forwarded onto Mrs Benson.


Where appropriate, Mrs Benson will work with your child, either remotely or in person in order to support them. If necessary, Mrs Benson is able to signpost parents/carers to other members of staff or external organisations.

May we remind you that if you have any Safeguarding concerns, then these should be directed to the school Safeguarding Team, in accordance with the school's Safeguarding Policy. This information can be found on the school website.



Attendance

The Appleton School **Being In School, On Time Really Matters**



Did You Know... ?

If your attendance	You would miss	you are likely to achieve your target grade in
was 97%	5 days of school	9 out of 9 GCSEs
was 95%	9 days of school	7 out of 9 GCSEs
was 92%	15 days of school	5 out of 9 GCSEs
was 90%	19 days of school	4 out of 9 GCSEs
was 85%	29 days of school	3 out of 9 GCSEs

WE WANT YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR BEST

Check your current attendance using the Edulink App

100% Attendance

The Appleton School **100%**

GOLDEN TICKET
for 100% attendance in the last week

This ticket allows the holder to skip the queue in the canteen or pod at breaktime and lunchtime for 1 week in recognition to their commitment to school

Awarded to: _____ Valid until _____

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Did you know that all students with 100% attendance are entered into a weekly prize draw for a Golden Ticket to jump the queue at break and lunch?

And students with 100% attendance all term receive a special attendance award!

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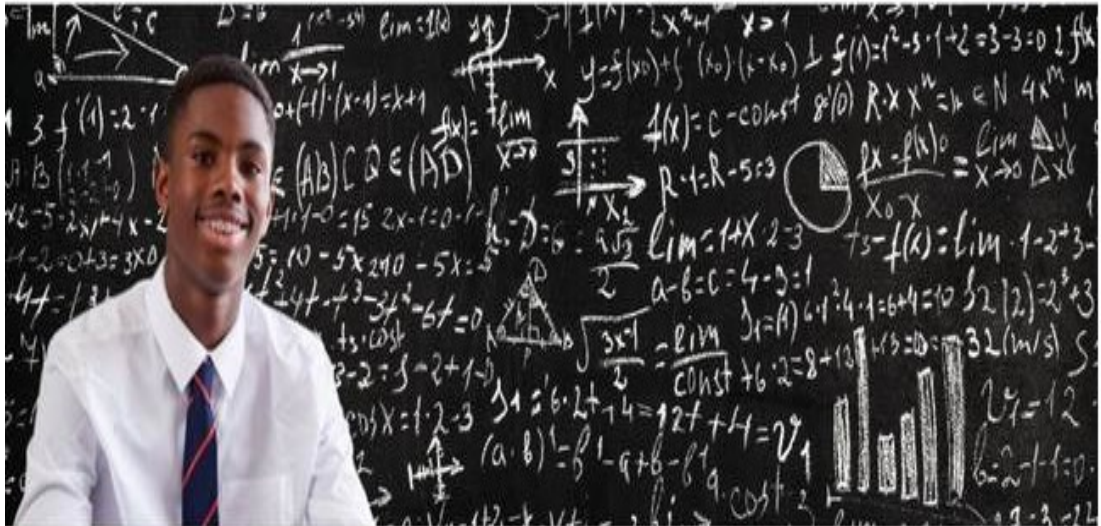
Absence

If your child is absence please use EDULINK to provide a reason for their absence and when to expect your child back., Or you can leave a message on the absence line option 1.



CAREER IN TEACHING

Are You Interested in a Career in Teaching?



To find out more about our primary and secondary teacher training programme from September 2024 register for one of our events

Monday 11th December at 7pm via Zoom

Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7pm @ Kingston Primary School



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Anyone for Tennis ?

27TH DECEMBER

3RD JANUARY

KIDS HOLIDAY CAMPS
HADLEIGH PARK LAWN
TENNIS CLUB

Looking for an activity for your kids over the school holidays?

Why not join us and sign them up for a tennis camp?



10 AM - 2PM MINI RED & ORANGE (4-9 YEARS)

10AM - 2PM JUNIOR GREEN & YELLOW (10+ YEARS)

ONLY 12 SPACES PER GROUP

Prices:

Member - £20 per day

Non Member - £22 per day

For more information or to book a place, please contact Graham on
07745 943403



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Recycle your Tree!

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Registration closes Thursday, 4th January, 2024



www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

After costs, Hamelin Trust receive 85% and up to 15% will be distributed by Just Helping to other local charities. More information on where your donation goes can be found on our website.

We will be collecting & recycling trees from the 10th to 12th January 2024.
Scan the QR code or visit our URL and enter your post code to register.



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Subject Spotlight

WHY STUDY...

CONSTRUCTION

Check out some of the jobs you can do, the skills you'll develop and pathways available!



JOBS

Architect
 Bricklayer
 Building Surveyor
 Civil Engineer
 Construction Manager
 Drone Pilot
 Electrical Engineer
 Gas Service Technician
 Land Surveyor
 Mechanical Engineer
 Quantity Surveyor



RESOURCES, CAREERS
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SKILLS



Practical



Teamwork



Problem Solving



Numeracy



Communication



Physical Fitness

PATHWAYS

APPRENTICESHIPS

- Acoustics Technician
- Architect
- Bricklayer
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Plant Operative
- Installation and Maintenance Electrician
- Landscape Technician
- Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician

FURTHER EDUCATION

- A Level - Engineering
- A Level - Maths
- A Level - Design Technology
- T Level - Building Services Engineering for Construction
- T Level - Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
- T Level - Oracle Construction
- BTCC - Construction and the Built Environment
- BTCC - Bricklaying / Plastering / Joinery
- BTCC - Civil / Mechanical / Electrical Engineering

HIGHER EDUCATION

- HND in Construction and the Built Environment
- BA (Hons) in Architecture
- BSc (Hons) in Construction Management
- BEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering
- BSc (Hons) in Building Control
- BSc (Hons) in Building Surveying
- BSc (Hons) in Building and Construction Engineering
- BSc (Hons) in Quantity Surveying

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CAREERS HUB

THE CAREERS &
ENTERPRISE
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Careers Newsletter

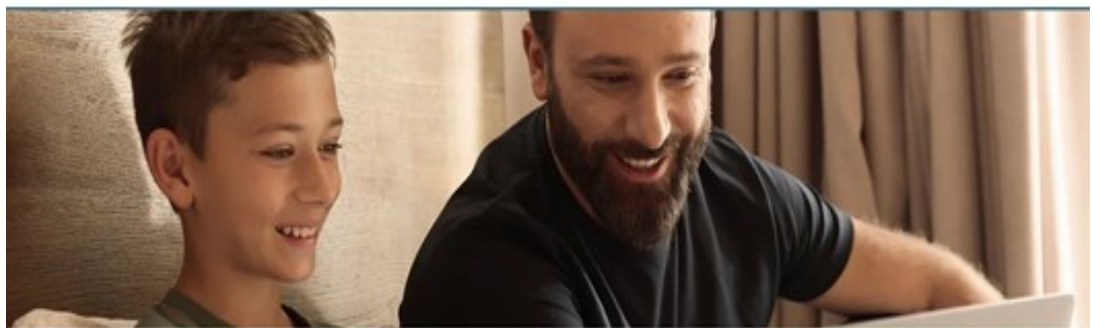
News Spotlight

The Parents' Guide to

Feel confident talking with your teen about their choices for the future

If you're a parent of a teen aged between 14 and 19, we're here for you with everything you need to know about options after GCSE or sixth form AND what you can do at home to improve your teen's wellbeing and help them with their studies.

Sign up to our parent newsletter and receive free support, advice and resources on how you can help your teenage children straight to your inbox. www.theparentsguideto.co.uk



Open Evenings

Palmer's Campus

9 November 2023
24 January 2024

Chadwell Road, Grays, Essex RM17 5TD

Seevic Campus

23 November 2023
31 January 2024

Runnymede Chase, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1TW



XTEND Digital Campus

7 December 2023
Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex SS9 9RZ

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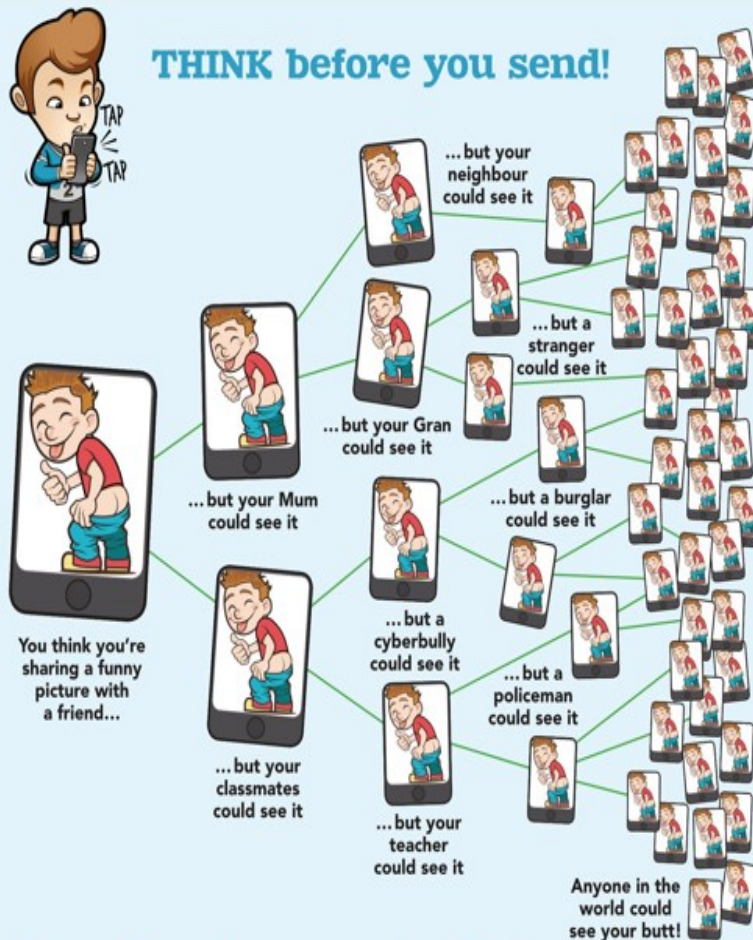


**SOUTHEND CITY COLLEGE
SOUTHEND CAMPUS**
Luker Road, Southend, SS1 1ND
Tuesday 3 October 2023 - 5-7pm
Thursday 16 November 2023 - 5-7pm
Tuesday 13 February 2024 - 5-7pm

**BASILDON COLLEGE
CENTRE FOR ADVANCED
ENGINEERING**
Luckyn Lane, Basildon, SS14 3AX
Thursday 30 November 2023 - 5-7pm
Wednesday 28 February 2024 - 5-7pm
Tuesday 14 May 2024 - 5-6.30pm



Parent Guides to Online Safety



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Autumn Term Dates

Friday 20th October non pupil day

Monday 23rd October– 27th October Half Term

Wednesday 20th December last day of term

Spring Term Dates

Thursday 4th January 24 students return

Monday 19th February –23rd February Half Term

Friday 8th March non pupil day

Thursday 28th March last day of term

Summer Term Dates

Monday 15th April students return

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May-31st May Half Term

Friday 19th July last day of term

GCSE Revision Resources

We have provided a wide range of resources to aid your son/daughter when it comes to their revision for each of their examination subjects.

<http://www.theappletonschool.org/students/revision-resources>

A-Level Revision Resources

We have provided a wide range of resources to aid your son/daughter when it comes to their revision for each of their examination subjects.

<http://www.theappletonschool.org/sixth-form/student-life/ks5-resources>