



The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter Date 7th July 2023

Key Dates

12th July

School Production—
Dress
Rehearsal

13th—15th July

School Production
Wizard of Oz

20th July

Last day of term

House System

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



House	Grand Total
Austen	12943
Nightingale	11250
Tull	10100
Turing	12764
Grand Total	47057

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



District Rounders

This week Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students took part in the District Rounders Competition held at King John School on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. All teams played a number of games and performed exceptionally well.

Results are as follows:

Year 7

The girls won all games convincingly losing only to Fitzwimarc and finished as **District Runners Up**.
Team: Gemma Mings, Pippa Mailley, Kadie Harmsworth, Lily White, Molly Baumber, Mia Randall, Buhlebethu Hllongwa, Mia James and Ellie-Faye Halls

Year 8A

The girls won their games against King Edmund, Fitzwimarc and Cornelius finishing top of their pool. They beat Castle View in the semi finals and Fitzwimarc in the final getting the whole team out on ball number 13! The girls were crowned **District Champions!**



Team: Chloe Leonardi, Callie Hall, Alena Pattle, Amelie List, Maayan Sisso, Ella Collins, Phoebe Roff, Evie Hardiman and Holly Morgan-Edgell.



District Rounders

Year 8B

The girls played in a pool alongside all other A teams and put up a great fight. They drew 2 games and lost by half a rounder against Greensward.

Team: Alicia Morton, Abbie Wood, Honey Silver, Megan Wilson, Molly Clayton, Aimee Njovana, Angelina Smart, Kacey Crosby and Lexi Brickley.

Year 9

The girls started the tournament losing the first two games but went on to win the rest and finished as

District Runners Up.

Team: Jessika Stafford, Eva Pearson, Gracie Rielly, Connie Davies, Bella Culverhouse, Ruby Culverhouse, Isabelle Brumwell, Francesca Brumwell, Kaylynn Cross, Maisy Moyet, Olivia Kharkini, Lucy Brooks and Chelsy Laballa.

Year 10

The senior girls played their games in a round robin format winning all their games. Their final match was against King John who had also won all of theirs. Our girls took the victory and were also crowned

District Champions!



Team: Elise Bryant, Olivia Conway, Scarrlett Oliver, Ava Goodwin, Lydia Biney, Isla Harris, Urte Sabulyte, Kira Monford, Sophie Peall, Megan Peacock, Alys Radescu, Tiani Attew and Issabella Hilz.



Kents Hill Sports Day Helpers

This week a large number of our Year 9 and 10 students were selected to assist in the running of Kents Hill Primary School Sports Days over the course of three mornings. Each day involved a different year group at Kents Hill participating – Monday Year 4, Tuesday Year 5 and Thursday Year 6. All Appleton students led their activity with maturity and were enthusiastic and encouraging to all students involved.

A large number of parents praised their efforts:

“I thought the Appleton students were brilliant, really got involved and made the children enthusiastic to take part!” (Year 4 Parent)

“The students had a lot of patience with the little ones and were very encouraging to them all.” (Year 5 Parent)

“My parents and in-laws all commented on how lovely it was having them there. They were all very well behaved and mature.” (Year 6 Parent)

“The students were absolutely fantastic. They were really good with the children, encouraging and cheering them on when needed. Impeccable behaviour right through and managed groups of 9 years old better than I think I could! It was nice for the Kents Hill children to have them there as well. It made it more special for them to be able to ‘hang out’ with senior school children and not their teachers.” (Year 4 Parent)



Year 9 Helpers:

Gracie Reilly, Ruby Culverhouse, Bella Culverhouse, Francesca Brumwell, Isabelle Brumwell, Kaylynn Cross, Chelsy Labella, Maisy Moyet, Lucy Brooks, Olivia Karkini, Jessika Stafford, Fatima Suwareh, Eva Pearson, William De Freitas, Joshua Agbeme, Sonny Lockwood, Ben Gladman, Freddie Enever, Josh Coomber, Matthew Boyd-Platt, Sam Burns, Jacob Hill, Preston Downing, Joey Mineiro, Gene Kilby and Liam Hopkins.



Year 10 Helpers:

Bevan Adams, Bobby Wells, Kai Watson, Aiden Coleman, Rhys Duck, Ashton White, Junior Dadzie, Harry Lefever, Riley Hodgkinson, Josh Wakefield, Harrison Smith, Riley Harmsworth, Jake Devonshire, Josh Williams, Urte Sabulyte, Millie Trotter, Lydia Biney, Kira Monford, Olivia Conway, Isabel Tshabuluka, Elise Bryant, Sophie Peall, Scarlett Oliver, Poppy Aitkin, Bobbie Fry, Alysa Radescu and Crystal Labella.



School Production –The Wizard of Oz

Tickets are selling quick for this year's School Production of 'The Wizard of Oz', which will be running on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th July 2023 at 7:30pm.

Tickets will be available to be purchased via Parent Mail until Tuesday 11th July 2023 - Adult tickets cost £6 and Concession tickets (under 18s and OAP) cost £3.
Tickets will also be available to be purchased via the Main office on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July 2023.

We look forward to seeing you there.
The Performing Arts Team


There's no place like home!

THE WIZARD of OZ

WILL YOU JOIN US AND FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD?

PERFORMANCES
THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023
FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2023
SATURDAY 15TH JULY 2023
7:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENTMAIL
ADULTS £6.00
CONCESSIONS £3.00

 The Appleton School



End of Year Staff Awards

Your child can now nominate members of staff for the end of year awards listed below. An informative PowerPoint has been uploaded to Satchel for all students in Years 7-10 to help them to make their decisions. Voting will be carried out via Microsoft Teams, using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HHuj7mYR34>

The Austen Award

The Austen house slogan is "*aspiring together*". Have you had a teacher this year who has been really aspirational when it comes to your achievements? Has somebody outside of the classroom challenged you to succeed more than you thought you could?



The Turing Award

The Turing house slogan is "*innovating together*". Have you had a teacher this year who has been really creative in the classroom? Has somebody outside of the classroom made you think outside the box, or try something new?



The Nightingale Award

The Nightingale house slogan is "*persevering together*". Have you had a teacher this year who has encouraged you to keep going, or helped you to overcome barriers? Is there somebody outside the classroom who has supported you through challenges and helped you to persevere?



The Tull Award

The Tull house slogan is "*excelling together*". Have you had a teacher this year who has pushed you to excel? Is there somebody outside the classroom who has helped you to excel or improve in one way or another?





Polite Message from School Nurse

If your child suffers from Hayfever, please ensure they have taken their Hayfever medication before school.

Unfortunately due to the numbers of pupils requiring antihistamines I cannot supply these on a daily basis. However, if you can provide a pack of One a Day Antihistamine or a Bottle of Piriton (Chlorphenamine) I'm happy to keep this in the medical room solely for your child's use.

Also I would like to highlight the importance of bringing a Water Bottle into school. This helps them stay hydrated throughout the day. Especially now as the weather is going to hopefully get warmer. Please note that they will have to ask to leave the room in a Science lab to take a drink due to Health and Safety legislation.

Majority of the pupils headaches and feeling sick I see here at school, is because they are dehydrated.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Sheppard
School Nurse (RGN)

Message from Student Services

If you need to collect your child during the school day please can you insure you inform student services by 8.30am either by Edulink or phone. If it is for a medical appointment please can you provide evidence.

Message from the kitchen

Due to a change in law the school has to remove single use plastic from our daily use. As a result the kitchen will not be able to give students plastic cups for dispensing water. We ask all students bring a reusable water with them into school. There are multiple water filling stations across the school site to accommodate this.



Online Safety

Please follow this [link](#) for some advice on keeping your child safe online. Another link to Netware can be found [here](#), which is a parents' guide to the social network's children use and how to keep them safe while using them.

Canteen Menu

Please see [here](#) for the latest menus.

Extra-Curricular

Timetable

Please see [here](#) for the listing of all our extra-curricular clubs, we encourage all students to attend at least one.

ESSEX AUTISM PROJECT

NHS ESSEX AUTISM PROJECT



KIDS is working with the NHS in Essex to create an exciting new support service for young autistic people and their families. We'll be working hand-in-hand with young people, families, and community groups across Essex, Southend and Thurrock over the coming year to create a service that works for everyone.



Over the next 12 months we want to work with young people and families all over Essex to coproduce an engaging accessible website and support webinars created by and for people with lived experience and **we need your help!**

Want to join us or find out more?

Are you an autistic young person?
Or a family member or local organisation working with autistic young people or their families?
We would love for you to be involved.

Call us and leave a message on
01206 414 934

Text us on 07361 587 876
or visit

www.kids.org.uk/essexautism

And we will be in touch
with more details





Project branding experience for a young Canvey resident

Essex County Council are seeking a young person living on Canvey to **brand and shape a new Essex-wide youth movement**. The 16-25-year-old will use their social media and networking skills to help other young people with their next life and career steps.

The lucky young person will receive **free access to a business mentor and professional social media training**. Travel costs will be covered and there will be help with access to devices if necessary. This is an opportunity to gain experience while also making a difference to other people's lives.

Find a flyer attached with further details. To become an Essex Hero contact Louise.Fry@essex.gov.uk

Email Louise.Fry@essex.gov.uk or call 03330 322591

School Uniform / Recycle & Save The Planet

Do you have any good quality Appleton School uniform or PE Kit to donate?

All uniform items are welcome, but please ensure they are clean and in good condition.

Please can you send it in with your child or place in the uniform box that is located in our Reception

Thank you for your continued support.





Careers Newsletter

Events Spotlight

Amazing Apprenticeship

Parent Podcast



Amazing Apprenticeships host, Rachel Burden, will be joined for the first Parent Podcast episode by the Metropolitan Police and the NHS to discuss apprenticeships in the all-important public sector.

Rachel will be speaking to Grace Bernard-Broadreck from The Metropolitan Police and Lucy Hunte from NHS England to explore the range of opportunities on offer, the roles available, degree apprenticeship routes, and much more!

Available on all the usual channels, or by hitting the button below!

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

Year 11 and Year 13 Apprenticeship

Support Workshop

We will be hosting an Apprenticeship Support Workshop on Tuesday 11th July 2023 from 12.00 to 1.30pm in collaboration with the Essex Apprenticeship Hub. If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13 and is hoping to secure an apprenticeship this is for them!

We will go through how to search for an apprenticeship, how to prepare a winning application and how to prepare for interviews.

Please note we have a limited number of spaces, if your child would like to attend please send an email to jhil-iker@theappletonschool.org as soon as possible.





Careers Newsletter

Subject Spotlight

Geography helps us understand the people, environment and physical features of the world. It enables us to study current issues such as climate change and how different places and communities will be affected by it. The skills you develop by studying Geography, like data and spatial analysis, organisation and critical thinking are useful in many jobs. For example, Meteorologists analyse data about the weather to develop their short and long range forecasts. To find out more about careers related to Geography log into your Unifrog account and search the Careers Library.

DID YOU KNOW THAT GEOGRAPHY CAN LEAD TO ...

Jobs

- Cartographer
- Commercial/residential surveyor
- Disaster response coordinator
- Environmental consultant
- Recycling manager
- Weather analyst
- Audit associate
- Teacher
- Town planner
- Water / Land manager

"Geography explains much of what is going on in the world right now, from climate change and the Arab Spring to globalisation and natural disasters. Geographers have embraced new digital technologies and media in their field/laboratory work, making the knowledge and practical skills of the modern geographer very relevant to a wide range of employer needs"

Martin Dezz, Head of Geography, University of Chester

Skills

- Statistical, spatial and environmental analysis
- Flexibility and openness of mind
- Ability to develop and test hypotheses and to integrate ideas
- Analytical capabilities to collect/select, analyse, present and interpret primary and secondary datasets
- Problem solving
- Team working skills including through field research
- Report writing

Higher Education

- BSc (Hons) in Geography
- BSc (Hons) in Geoscience and Geography
- BSc (Hons) in Economics and Geography
- BA (Hons) in Geography and Tourism
- BA (Hons) in Geography and Management
- BA (Hons) in Geography and Planning
- BSc (Hons) in Human Geography
- BA (Hons) in Archaeology and Geography

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Safeguarding—RUMBLE

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 this needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store
"Get" on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a "slow burner" in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Justus Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

David Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GOLive.com and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iSH and TechRadar.



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Source: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/parents-and-carers-should-be-aware-of-social-media-platforms-like-rumble> | www.nationalonlinesafety.com



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Summer holidays –Parents guide to help keep children safe online

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School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



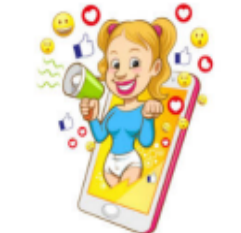
A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

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 if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

Skips Educational

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

Developed in partnership with



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www.skipssafetynet.org



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**YOUTH
SERVICE**

Inspire
Enable
Achieve



READ . AND . WRITE . A . REVIEW



RAWR

Enter to win a
brand new Kindle



WHEN IS RAWR LAUNCHING?

RAWR will officially start on the 1st of June and end on the 1st of July 2023.

The competition is to read a book or an ebook / audiobook of your choice and write a review about it. The review can be a rap, a song, a comic, a written review, a physical review and much more. When it is completed please send it to YEA@essex.gov.uk when the competition is launched For your chance to win a brand new Kindle!

Anyone from Essex Aged 11-19 can participate, or 11 - 25 with special educational needs!

To find out more scan the QR Code or visit the Youth Service website:

[Youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/young-essex-assembly/the-young-essex-assembly-rawr/](https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/young-essex-assembly/the-young-essex-assembly-rawr/)

3 winners will be picked each receiving a Kindle!
There will also be gift cards up for grabs!





VOLUNTEERING WITH CAVS

Volunteers' Week 2023



Could You Volunteer For Us?

WE ARE RECRUITING NOW, FOR MORE PEOPLE TO
JOIN OUR CARING BEFRIENDING TEAM.

COULD YOU SPARE ANY TIME TO HELP CHANGE
SOMEONE'S LIFE FOR THE BETTER?

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01268 214 000

VOLUNTEERING@CAVSORG.UK

WWW.CAVSORG.UK/VOLUNTEERING



#VolunteersWeek

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CAVS Castle Point Association Of Voluntary Services

Registered Charity: 1103968



Year 7-9 Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camp

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to inform you that The Deanes School has been awarded funding from Essex County Council to run a 'Secondary' Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camp during the Summer holidays for Year 7 – Year 9 students who attend The Deanes School/The King John School/The Appleton School

Please note, this provision is free of charge (fully funded) and only available to students who receive free school meals.

Further details of the offer are listed below:

Venue: All sessions will take place at The Deanes Sports Centre, Daws Heath Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2TD

Dates:

- Tuesday 1st August
- Wednesday 2nd August
- Thursday 3rd August
- Tuesday 8th August
- Wednesday 9th August
- Thursday 10th August
- Tuesday 15th August
- Wednesday 16th August
- Thursday 17th August
- Tuesday 22nd August
- Wednesday 23rd August
- Thursday 24th August

Times:

- All sessions will be from 10am – 1pm.

Each day there will be a range of sporty activities provided by The Deanes School Sport Partnership professional coaches along with supervised time to socialise and lunch (pizzas) and snacks.

Please note, this is fully funded and therefore free of charge with limited places available each day so if will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To reserve a place, please e-mail cprssp@thedeanes.essex.sch.uk

- Name of Student
- Year Group
- Dates you would like to reserve
- Emergency contact details
- Any relevant medical information
- Food allergies or any notable information

Kind regards

Steve Bish
Partnership Development Manager
Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership
The Deanes School



Access to HE learning opportunity for parents

I am the Curriculum Manager for the Access to HE Diploma programme at USP College, Seevic campus in Benfleet. We offer diplomas for adults who wish to return to education with a view to entering degree courses and graduate careers. The diplomas we offer provide entry routes to graduate courses and careers in:

1. Nursing, Midwifery and other health careers
2. Primary school teaching and careers in Early Years and other Teaching sectors
3. Social work careers
Degrees in social science (psychology and sociology)

I was wondering if it is possible for me to deliver either an online version or a hard copy version of a leaflet which summarises our Access diploma provision, to be given to parents of children at your school at all, as you are local to us as a college, in order to raise the profile of this valuable course. Failing this, if there is any way that we might be able to email parents regarding this learning opportunity, we would also be grateful.

We have helped thousands of adult learners to start their journey into graduate careers over decades.

- All they require is a Level 2/GCSE in English and preferably Maths, although they could take Maths as a separate evening class.
- Lessons are taught over 1.5 days, allowing most to fit their other commitments around studying, including school runs.

The course is normally funded with a tailor-made student loan, which is wiped off if the learner finishes a degree course afterwards.



Youth market Benfleet

BENFLEET YOUTH MARKET

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Under 25s
entrepreneurs
showcasing their
talents and small
businesses

Refreshments

**SATURDAY
12TH
AUGUST
2023**

11AM-2PM



FREE ENTRY

St George's Church Hall
Rushbottom Lane
Benfleet
Essex
SS74DN

**THE APPLETON
SCHOOL**

Croft Road
Benfleet
Essex
SS7 5RN

Phone:
01268 794215

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info@theappletonschool.org

Website:
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Quick Links

[Edulink](#)

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[Google Drive](#)

[Satchel One](#)

[Microsoft Teams](#)

[Never Acceptable](#)

Summer Term Dates

Thursday 20th 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>