



The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter Date 09th June 2023

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	11044
Nightingale	9437
Tull	8721
Turing	11030
Grand Total	40232

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



IMPORTANT NOTICE: Late to Lessons

From Monday students will receive a one-hour detention, after school, if they are more than 5 minutes late for lesson without a note from a member of staff.

As you'll agree punctuality is a key life skill we want to instil in our students. You can see your child's detentions on Satchel:One and an email will come home.



Science Detentions

Detentions in Science will now be centralised. Any removals from lesson or behaviour issues in Science will result for detentions after school on a set day. These detentions will be set either by the Director of Science Mrs V Love or by Head of behaviour for learning in science Mr R Millar.

FOSTERING

“My foster parents have shaped my life, now I have a future



Charlotte was just 9 years old when she was fostered by Cara. Now, at age 17, she is studying Health and Social Care in college with the dream to help other children in the future.

Charlotte said: “I don't see Cara as my foster carer, she's like my mum. She got me into a good school, encouraged me to get good grades, she wants me to be the best that I can be. I wouldn't be sat here today if I stayed where I was, Cara has changed everything for me.”

You can [watch Charlotte's video on youtube.](#)

From as little as a weekend a month you can help a child to heal from their trauma and unlock their true potential. Essex County Council match children to your family, offer 24/7 support, training and your family will receive on average £504 per child, per week. Find out more about fostering by [joining a local information event](#) or call 0800 801 530.



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.

Year 10 Science Mocks

Following feedback from the Year Triple Science Students we have made the following changes:

Tuesday 13th March P4—Skills Test (remains as it is), this is a focus on experimental skills and the 'required practical's this applies to Combined Science and Triple Science students. Extra time can be taken at lunchtime and students will have an extended lunch to compensate.

Wednesday 21st March P5—Will now just be Biology for Triple Science, extra time students can take this time after school

Thursday 22nd March P5/6—Physics paper for Triple Scientists

Tuesday 27th March P4—Chemistry paper for Triple Scientists. Extra time can be taken at lunchtime and students will have an extended lunch to compensate.



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 will be placed in our Reception from Monday 12th June.

Thank you for your continued support.





Are you a Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computing or MFL Undergraduate who is currently at University?

Benfleet Team Supporting All has the opportunity to offer STEM and MFL undergraduates in any year of their degree, an internship in a school during summer 2023.

This will take place from the 26th June completing 14th July. Interns will be in school from 8.15am until 4.00pm Monday to Friday and receive £300 per week.

This will suit someone with a genuine interest in a career in teaching and an enthusiasm for promoting STEM/MFL subjects in school, our internship programme is an excellent opportunity to gain first-hand experience in a school as well as a gateway into the profession.

Please contact Maxine Howard, Administrator, Benfleet Team Supporting All on 01268 794215 ext. # 210 or mhoward@theappletonschool.org for more information and an application pack.

Benfleet Team Supporting All website:
<http://www.btsa.uk/>



Careers Newsletter

Events Spotlight

The Royal Navy/Marines Careers Presentation



We representatives from The Royal Navy/Marine Commandos in School on Tuesday 13th June 2023 to talk to students interests in a career in the Armed Forces, particularly The Royal Navy/Marines during period 5. We have a limited number of spaces, if your child would like to attend please send an email to

jhilliker@theappletonschool.org

Get into Law Conference—10th and 11th June 2023

This is a reminder that students still have time to sign up for the Get into Law conference in June! This is a full guide to the UCAS process for Law degrees, where a serving Judge will share their knowledge of what students need to do to stand out in a highly competitive application pool.

The next conferences are on:

Saturday 10th June (9:30am - 2pm)

Sunday 11th June (9:30am - 2pm)

Registration link: <https://lawmentor.org.uk/product/get-into-law-conference/>



Volunteers Needed!

Anyone looking for some volunteering opportunities to put on their C.V, or job/college/University Application?

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Adventure Island Year 11 Recruitment Day— 27th June 2023



Adventure Island are hosting a big recruitment event for all Year 11 leavers. The event will be taking place on Tuesday, 27th June. This is a great opportunity for any students looking for temporary or part time work over the Summer. Please see information below.

Essex Police Recruitment Event for Year 13

Essex Police are holding a recruitment day at Southend Jobcentre on Monday 19th June for Year 13 students. Please find link below to Eventbrite to book a ticket and time slot to attend.

[Essex Police - Recruitment Job Fair Tickets, Southend-on-Sea | Eventbrite](#)

There are a number of roles available listed below. There may be some age restrictions for some of the roles. For a Police / Detective Constable you can start your application when you are 17 but cannot officially join until you're 18 years old. For the Police Staff roles, you need to be from 18 years of age.

Jobs on offer include:

- Police Constable
- Detective Constable
- Police Community Support Officer
- Transfer Opportunities
- Force Control Contact Handler (Full time & Part time)
- Resolution Centre Investigator
- Detention Officer
- Special Constabulary





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Subject Spotlight

The subjects you go on to study will help you to shape your future. So it's worth knowing exactly where they can lead you and the kind of careers you can have. History is a perfect choice if you enjoy carrying out research, are curious about what motivates people and are interested in how the past influences current culture. You will become a critical and strategic thinker, able to present complicated information in a simple way. It is a subject that relies on your ability to pay attention to detail while still seeing the bigger picture. These are all skills that employers will be looking for, including MI6! History is a great foundation for a wide range of careers. You can use your Unifrog account to research careers or University subjects related to History.

DID YOU KNOW THAT HISTORY CAN LEAD TO ...

HISTORY

Jobs

- Academic librarian
- Archaeologist
- Social media manager
- Heritage manager
- Film production assistant
- Politician's assistant
- Archivist
- Journalist
- Teacher
- Barrister

"Important abilities and qualities of mind are acquired through the study of History. They are particularly valuable for the graduate as a citizen and are readily transferable to many occupations and careers"
History Benchmarking Draft Report, 1999

Skills

- Gathering and analysing information from different sources
- Looking at events from different perspectives
- Coming up with an informed view of a situation
- Writing
- Giving presentations
- Constructing arguments
- Working to deadlines

Higher Education

- BA(Hons) in Ancient History
- BA(Hons) in Modern History
- BA (Hons) in History
- BSc (Hons) in Archaeology
- BA (Hons) in International Relations
- BA (Hons) in Politics
- LLB (Hons) in Law
- BSc (Hons) in Economics
- BSc (Hons) in Business

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Safeguarding—ANIME

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 www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.



COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the SFG: Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it lectures incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as '18-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romance, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upson is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web2. He has also written 10 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and PC4U, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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ECC LIBRARIES VOLUNTEER FOR AGES 14 +

As you may know, every year the Essex Library Service works with The Reading Agency to run the Summer Reading Challenge in our libraries, with the help of some amazing volunteers.

We have a fantastic opportunity for your students and staff to come and volunteer with us to help run the scheme again this year! Throughout the Summer Holidays, volunteers will come to a library of their choice and speak to children participating in the challenge about the books they read, giving out rewards as they go along.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your students aged 14+ to boost their CV, enhance their social skills, or complete the volunteering section of their Duke of Edinburgh Award, all whilst having fun and helping out the local community! We provide ongoing support to our volunteers throughout the summer to make sure that the experience is enjoyable and worthwhile.

We'd love for your students and staff to come and volunteer with us this summer!

You can find more information about volunteering with us, and details of how to apply, on our website here: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/volunteer-to-help-with-the-summer-reading-challenge>

You can learn more about this year's Summer Reading Challenge here: <https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge-2023>

Essex County Council
Libraries

VOLUNTEER with us!

Come and help children take part in the
Summer Reading Challenge 2023
in libraries during the summer holidays!

talk about books

have fun chats with children

help your local community

boost your CV

Apply online at libraries.essex.gov.uk
Closing date: 30 June 2023

Apply early to secure your first choice of library.

Open to ages 14 and over



VOLUNTEERING WITH CAVS

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HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?

CAVS have a number of exciting volunteering opportunities across our services including Befriending, Ways to Wellness and Family Mentoring. Our Volunteer Centre specialises in all aspects of volunteering and management.

THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING:

- A chance to make new friends
- Gain valuable work experience
- Improve your job prospects
- Learn a variety of new skills
- Gain self confidence
- Use your talents and experience
- Campaign for something you believe in
- A chance to help others within your local community
- Contribute to improving your local environment
- Fun and fulfilment to your life!

CONTACT US:

Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS)
The Health Centre, Third Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9SU

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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?

PLEASE CONTACT US FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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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>