

## The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter dated: 15.03.24

**Key Dates** 

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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	22102
Nightingale	19446
Tull	16208
Turing	19219
Grand Total	76975

#### **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**

#### Year II Curriculum Information Evening

Following our recent Year 11 Curriculum Information Evening, Please find the link below which will direct you to our revision page. Here you will find subject revision resources along with the revision lessons we have been exploring during form time and CAPE. Additionally, you will find the PowerPoints we shared during last week's event.

https://www.theappletonschool.org/students/revision-resources

#### **Mobile Phones**

We would like to thank all parents for their support with enforcing our rule on mobile phones/headphones/airpods in the corridors and classrooms, we have already seen a huge improvement in school.

## Guidance for Students



- Starts from 8:25am (first bell)
- Mobiles and headphones/airpods are not allowed anywhere in the building.
- Teachers can ask students to use phones in lessons, for specific learning activities, but at the teacher discretion.
- Phones go to the main office where the behaviour policy applies, with a letter going home and a third offence requiring parents to collect.
- Refusal to comply, will be treated in the same manner as any defiance and there will be consequences of an SSA detention, sent to the reflection room or suspended depending on the level.
- Timetables are an issue. Students have been told that they are to ask teacher permission at the end of a lesson, if they need to check. You will also be provided with a paper version of your timetable on Monday.

Achieving Excellence



#### **GENERAL NOTICES**

#### **Vision and Values**

Currently, our students are reviewing the core vision and values of our school. Our vision is that we are "achieving excellence" together. Our core values help us learn important qualities and behaviours that encourage us to be responsible and kind citizens, and help us grow as individuals and in friendships.

- ⇒ Respect: We should appreciate everyone in our community. We are all unique and deserve kindness. We should also take care of our school family and wider community.
- Resilience: It's important to face challenges bravely. We can learn from our mistakes and successes. We should be ready for changes and handle tough times calmly.
- ⇒ Community: We are all part of the Appleton family. Let's all work together to make our school a happy place. We should be proud of our diverse community and get involved.
- ⇒ **Aspiration:** We should aim high and always try our best. Let's work hard to do well in everything we do.

## Resilience

Embrace the opportunity to face challenges. Value the chance to learn and grow from both our successes and mistakes. Adapt to change and manage stress to overcome set-backs, leading to us to persevere together.

Community

Commit to making a positive contribution to our Appleton Family. Value and connect with our diverse community with purpose and pride. By working together we will innovate together.

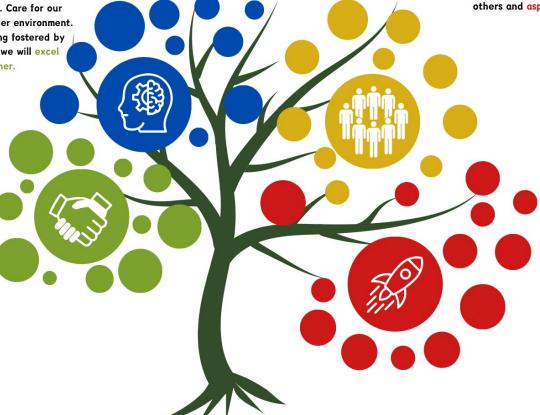
Aspiration

Commit to ambitious individual goals and have high expectations.

Demonstrate motivation to thrive in all areas of our lives. To inspire others and aspire together.

## Recognise the value we all give to

society. Recognise we are all different from one another and deserve respect. Care for our immediate and wider environment. With respect being fostered by our community we will excel together.





#### **PE Fixtures**

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Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Girls District Netball Rally @ Cornelius (Away)	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Girls Football Vs Castleview (Home)	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Boys District Rugby @ Canvey Rugby Club	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 8 Boys Rugby @ Chase (Away) U16 Girls Essex Cup Netball Vs Orsett Heath Academy (Home)	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	No fixtures	

#### **PE News**

#### Year 7 Athletics 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place!

Last Wednesday the Year 7 Athletics team took part in the Lee Valley Indoor Athletics Schools Cup B Final. All of the students involved performing exceptionally well improving on their performances from the previous rounds. I am delighted to announce that the Year 7 girls finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place and the boys in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done to all of the team that took part! What an excellent start to their athletics careers at The Appleton School

#### Year 11 Football

The Year 11 Football team beat Shoebury 3-2 in the South East Essex Plate. The team came back from 2-0 to score a winner in the final minutes. The team will now play either Sweyne Park of Chase in the semi-final.

#### Year 8 and 9 Netball

The Year 8 and 9 netball team both took part in the Castle Point and Rochford District Rally, the girls representing the school exceptionally well and showed great team spirit throughout the competition.



#### **CELEBRATING SIXTH FORM STUDENTS**

Ronnie Foster - Year 12

Ronnie entered the Tutor2U essay writing competition and submitted an entry on 'The Nature of the Economic Problem". Ronnie received an honourable mention by Tutor2U on his impressive writing piece. A huge congratulations and a massive well done to Ronnie.

Charlie Harris - Year 13 On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Charlie won a Silver medal in the British Schools Championships 2024 for Judo. A massive congratulations and well done to Charlie on his win, especially whilst studying for his upcoming examinations.





Blake Williams (form 808) is playing the Artful Dodger in Basildon Operatic Society's production of Oliver! at the Towngate Theatre on:

May 30th at 7.30pm
May 31st at 7.30pm
June 1st at 2.30pm
See below flyer and a picture of him in his last production of Oliver! which was at the Palace Theatre Southend







#### **Mental Health January 2024**



As part of our ongoing goals to promote and support student mental health and wellbeing, we would like to highlight further updates made to the <a href="MindCare@Appleton">MindCare@Appleton</a> website which students can access <a href="here">here</a>.

#### 1) Updates to the positivity hub:

- New <u>positive habits</u> calendar for January to help students develop a positive mindset for the new year.
- Last month we shared tips for how to make meeting our new year's resolutions more likely, so this month we have added a calendar which gives examples of specific goas to meet each day in January.
- We will be reflecting on these goals in form time, but it can also be a useful task to complete outside of school.

#### 2) Key contacts / dates:

- Students can collect Wellbeing Support cards which provide them with a physical copy of key contacts (both in and out of school). These can be collected from the pastoral office.
- The <u>events</u> calendar has been updated for this academic year highlighting key mental health days. More details about resources and activities taking place in school will be provided closer to the time of specific events.

#### Additional resources:

- Flourish is an excellent YouTube channel run by Jo Morton Brown (Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner) aiming to help people of all ages develop positive coping strategies to support their mental health. Examples include videos providing guidance on how to make new friends, beat back to school anxiety, and be a kind person. Jo will also be leading some virtual workshops to help our students manage exam-stress later this half term.
- Anger management kit under <u>Mindfulness Exercises</u> resources provides ways to help students identify, understand, and manage their anger in appropriate ways.

If you would like us to add further information or resources on any specific topics on MindCare@Appleton, please contact us. Thank you for your ongoing support in working together to promote positive wellbeing for our students.

Miss S Sangha Mental Health Lead



#### Lady McAdden Breast Cancer Trust Gowns For Good



### GOWNS FOR GOOD

BRIDAL & PROM BOUTIQUE
BY LADY MCADDEN BREAST CANCER TRUST

Lady McAdden Breast Cancer Trust have relaunched their Prom & Bridal
Dress Shop in the Royals Shopping Centre, Southend. We have had lots of
new amazing donations from Del Tailors, Blue Beau Boutique and
Chantilly Lace. The most you will pay for a dress is £100!
So why not get yourself prom ready and help a charity at the same time.

Opening Times: Tuesday 10-4pm, Saturday 10-4pm. No appointment necessary.

For further information please email info@ladymcadden.org or phone 01702343288.



#### FREE Bouldering for SEND Children

#### **Bouldering Sessions**

We are excited to share that we have received funding to provide **Bouldering Sessions in partnership** with Indirock. This funding has allowed us to offer complimentary bouldering sessions to children and young people between the ages of 6 and 17 who are suspected or diagnosed with specific educational needs and disabilities (SEND). The free sessions are available to registered families in Southend, Castle Point, and Rochford District.

In partnership with Indirock, we provide complimentary bouldering sessions for children and young individuals who are neurodivergent and/or have disabilities. These sessions can benefit children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions, such as Autism and ADHD, who may struggle with social and emotional communication, self-regulation, and executive functions. Bouldering can help build motor skills, co-ordination, balance, core strength, and self-confidence, enhancing their overall well-being.

Children and young people who are Autistic or/and are ADHD (amongst other neurodevelopmental conditions) have difficulty with social and emotional communication. They may also need support with self-regulation and developing their executive functions.

#### What are the signs of dysregulation?

- · difficulty managing frustration
- · sporadic impulse control
- · emotionally reactive behaviours
- · struggling with problem-solving



#### In what ways can bouldering be beneficial?

Children and young people who are neurodivergent may have difficulties with their gross and fine motor skills. Their stability, balance, and core

- Boosts co-ordination
   Builds core strength
- Strengthen muscles (perfect for those with
- Enhances self-confidence and self-esteem

- Promotes decision making
   Gain confidence to take responsibility to make their





#### **Bouldering Sessions**



#### 'Give it a go' taster sessions

Wednesdays Term Time Time: 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm Ages 6-17yrs

Bookable via the membership zone or by contacting info@strmsupport.co.uk

#### Join the Bouldering Club

Following the taster session, participants can join the Bouldering Club, which meets weekly and requires advanced booking.

Wednesday Term time

Time: 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Ages 6-17yrs

Bookable via the membership zone or by contacting info@strmsupport.co.uk

#### Have you visited Indirock previously?

Have you visited Indirock without us? It is possible to skip the 'Give it a go' session and proceed

Contact info@strmsupport.co.uk

To register with us scan this QR code







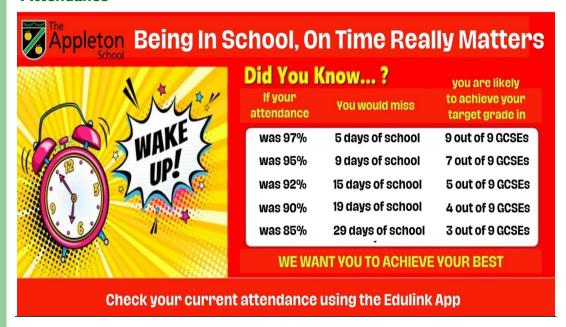
info@strmsupport.co.uk

Free STRM charity membership registration is required before booking.

Watch our Youtube video about Bouldering at Indirock https://youtu.be/pVDHLEINxgQ?si=bEN3zHdhLRgZ39xq



#### **Attendance**



#### 100% Attendance



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!



#### **Attendance Matters**



Research shows us that there is a direct link between pupils attendance at school and how well they achieve

This week, 1009 pupils had 100% attendance.

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who had the best attendance in their year group this week.

701	Mr Hunt	97.6%
806	Mrs Geisser-Holmes	96.1%
904	Mrs Bell	92.8%
1009	Miss Clifforth	95.3%
1104	Ms Beardsell	98.4%







## **Teaching Internship**



Do you know someone studying a Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Computer Science or Languages interested in teaching as a career?

They could earn £300 a week on our three-week DfE teaching internship programme starting this June in secondary schools across South Essex and Southend-on-Sea.

To find out more email

mhoward@theappletonschool.org





## ACL FAMILY LEARNING



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- · Managing Big **Emotions**
- Getting Teens To Talk
- Mindfulness & relaxation
- Anxiety Coping **Techniques for Teens**





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## WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

#### Who is the programme for?

Clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte, however these can be limited.

#### What do the clubs offer?

Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary provision across the county, also dedicated mental wellbeing and SEND clubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.

#### How can I book my child onto a club?

To book onto a club during February, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.

To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.

#### What is considered 'low income'?

We understand that all families circumstances are different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support - you can book on.







# ACTIVE CHRISTIAN TRUST PRESENTS YOUTH GROUP AT THE MEGACENTRE MONDAYS DURING TERM TIME

4:30PM - 6:00PM

+ + + COME JOIN US FOR FREE + + +

**AGE 11 - 16** 

YOUNG PEOPLE WILL GET TO ENJOY

GAMES BITE SIZE BIBLE MUSIC/SONG WRITING LIFE SKILLS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
TIMOTHY.READ@MEGACENTRERAYLEIGH.CO.UK









#### **Essex Local Offer**

## Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

#### No need to book, just drop in!

Parent/carer workshops will also be running. More information to follow soon.

#### Join us...

Monday 4 March 2024

The Holiday Inn, Basildon

Thursday 7 March 2024 Hamptons Sports and Leisure, Chelmsford

Wednesday 13 March 2024 JobServe Community Stadium, Colchester

Tuesday 19 March 2024 The Harlow Hotel, Harlow









find out more

or go to The Essex Local Offer Website





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#### Safe guarding-DEVELOPING HEALTHY SLEEP PATTERNS





#### **Careers Newsletter**

## **Careers News** FREE OXBRIDGE & TOP **UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME** Y12: How to Become a Successful Candidate **PROGRAMME SUMMARY** Free support for Year 12 students submitting their applications to highly competitive universities and medical schools including Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL and Imperial Focus on high-impact tips that can be used to put students ahead at these early stages of the process. Help choosing which super-curriculars will have the most impact on student's applications. With a success rate of 43%, our students double their chances of gaining entry to Oxbridge.



#### **Careers Newsletter**



The programme offered by Leading Education has to be one of the most comprehensive and detailed services that any Year 12 could ask for.

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Past Student
Gained Adminion to Oxford 2024
Law

#### **OUR PROGRAMME**

- Students rate our programmes on average at 9.2/10, whilst 98% would recommend us to a friend.
- Delivered online by world-class admissions consultants from Cambridge or Oxford university.
- Our advice and materials are derived from detailed research into the G5/Medicine application process.
- At the end of the programme, we will make students and parents aware of opportunities for further low-cost support or our free access programme should students meet certain criteria.

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#### 60-Minute Lecture + Q&A 25th March 2024 | 6pm

We will help students identify the key things they need to be doing at this stage to boost their chances of getting into top universities. We will help them stand out from the crowd and create an impressive application.



#### 1:1 Strategic Consultation

Our senior consultants will advise each student on their applications, including top tips that can make students 4x more likely to recieve an offer. We will also cover other components such as university choice, wider reading and much more!

#### REGISTER NOW

If you are interested, please sign up using either the QR code or the link:



https://kieran667667.typeform.com/to/tYPXBjPC



#### **Careers Newsletter**

#### Careers News



#### Summer Time

#### Advanced Aerospace Residency

We are pleased to announce our STAAR (Summer Time Advanced Aerospace Residency) applications are now open!

STAAR will run on Monday 22 – Friday 26 July 2024 and Monday 29 July – Friday 2 August 2024. Students who wish to apply must be available for these dates. There are 20 spaces available for each week of the residential - with 40 spaces available overall.

STAAR is designed for **Year 9** students who demonstrate an interest or aptitude for one or more STEM subjects. The STAAR programme is open for students nationwide and all spaces are **fully funded**.

#### How to Apply - Applications are now open!

New for 2024, our application process is the most accessible one yet.

To apply, please complete the application form here

https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/midlands/schools-and-colleges/staar/

To apply for STAAR 2024, students **must** complete the application form in conjunction with a teacher, school representative or organisation leader. Contact Mrs Palmer The Careers & Employability Manager for further support.

Applications are open until midday on Friday 19 April 2024.

The application form includes questions about the student's interest in STEM, a personal statement from the student, supporting teacher statement and contact information for the student and their school.

The STAAR team will be in touch with successful candidates on **Monday 13 May** via the school/organisation email provided.







#### **ANYONE FOR TENNIS**



# APRIL 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?

SPACES LIMITED PER GROUP

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

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



#### Prices:

Member - £20 per day

Non Member - £22 per day

3 Days Member - £50

3 Days Non Member - £56

Get 4 days for the price of 3

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

Essex LTA

"Club of the Year 2024"



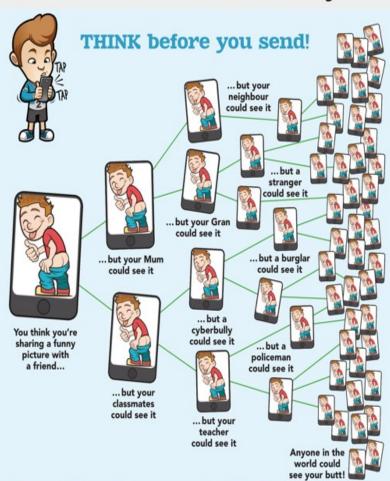


#### **Safeguarding**

#### Stips Safety Net

#### Keeping children safe online

#### **Parent Guides to Online Safety**



#### 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.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with

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

your children safe online









www.skipssafetynet.org

#### THE APPLETON SCHOOL

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Email: info@theappletonschool.org

Website: www.theappletonschool.org

#### **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

#### **Quick Links**

**Edulink** 

<u>ParentMail</u>

Google Drive

Satchel One

Microsoft Teams

Never Acceptable

#### **Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities**

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/19.clubs-and-activities/
Extra Curricular Clubs and Activities - SPRING TERM 2024.pdf (Whole School Activities)

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/19.clubs-and-activities/
PE Extra Curricular Jan 2024.pdf (PE)