



# The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter dated: 15.12.23

## Key Dates

20.12.23 End of Term

School finishes at 1pm

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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.



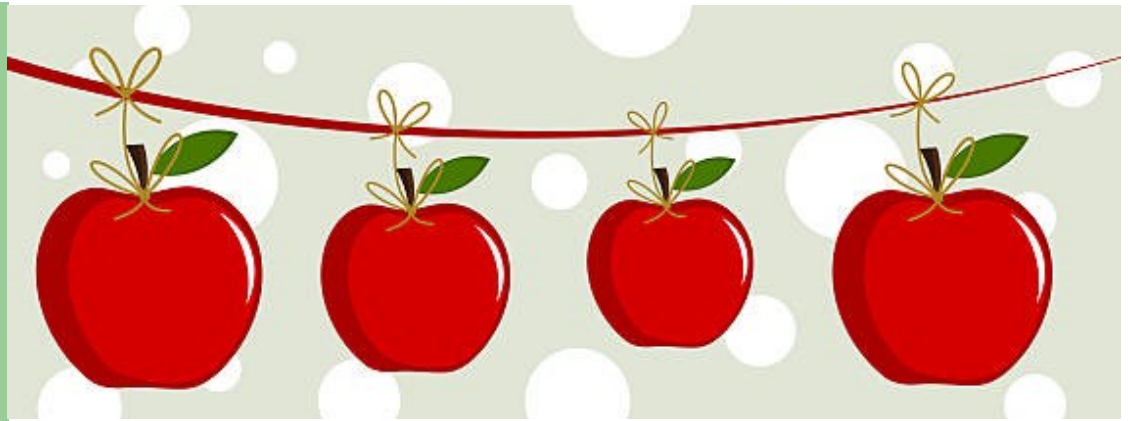
House	Grand Total
Austen	12290
Nightingale	113257
Tull	9349
Turing	10968
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>43964</b>

## 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
		<b>You will achieve your target grade in:</b>
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

### End of Term

We wish all of our Appleton community a very restful and enjoyable Christmas break. The school day will finish at 1pm on Wednesday and students are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper on the last day to raise money for charity.

We return to school on Thursday 4th January, which will continue to be a **WEEK A**



### Key Stage 3—Progress Reports

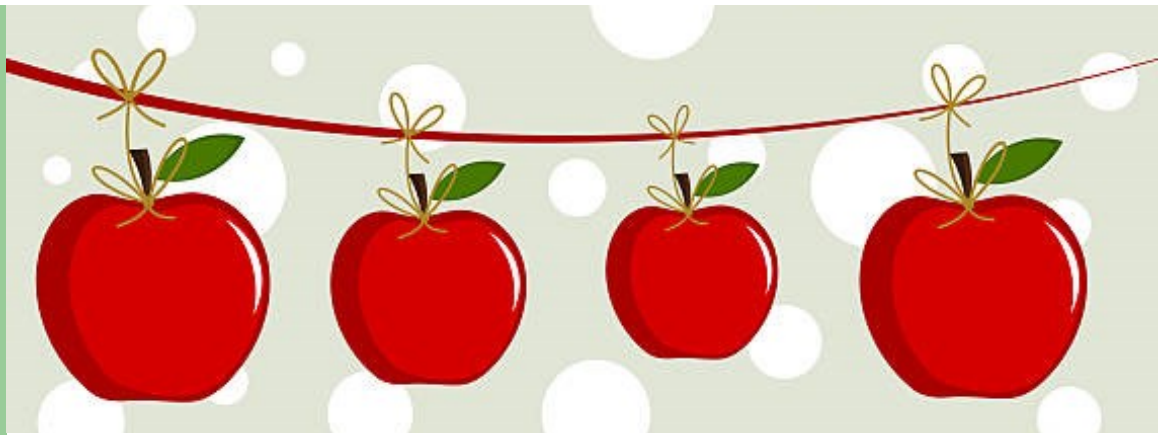
Next week we will be emailing home Autumn Term Progress Reports for students in Year 7, 8 and 9. These are shared with parents and carers at the end of each term and will include information about how your child is progressing in each of their subjects, their attitude to learning as well as key targets for them to focus on for the following term. Also included in this report will be key information about their attendance and punctuality, as well as overall achievement and behaviour points.

Thank you to those parents that gave us valuable feedback on our Key Stage Three 'Steps' assessment system at the end of last academic year. We are always keen to ensure our reporting methods work effectively for parents, students and staff alike and welcome parent input.

In response to your feedback, we have developed the format of our progress reports and also reviewed how we run our consultative evenings for this academic year. We have now moved to a hybrid model for Year 7, 8 and 9 Consultatives, where we will be offering both virtual and in person appointments.

All Year 7, 8 and 9 students have also had an assembly dedicated to Key Stage Three Assessment this half term. During this assembly we discussed with students the many different ways in which we feedback on their progress, one of which being termly progress reports. We highlighted the importance of feedback; to celebrate the progress they have made and to ensure students are aware of their strengths as well as key areas for development so these can be acted upon.





## PE News



## Sport Results

Huge well done to the U13 Girls Football team who won their Essex cup match this evening v William Edwards and continue in the cup.  
POM: Rosa & Coaches POM: Emily



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Well done to the Year 7 Netball team who faced a strong Shenfield side in the Essex Cup Despite the loss there was some excellent play throughout the court. POM: Isabella



To be able to stay up to date with all of The Appleton Schools PE Departments fixtures and results please follow our X (Twitter) page: Appleton PE



ACTIVE CHRISTIAN TRUSTS PRESENTS

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YOUTH  
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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

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The Hub @ The MegaCentre  
Community. Care. Connect.



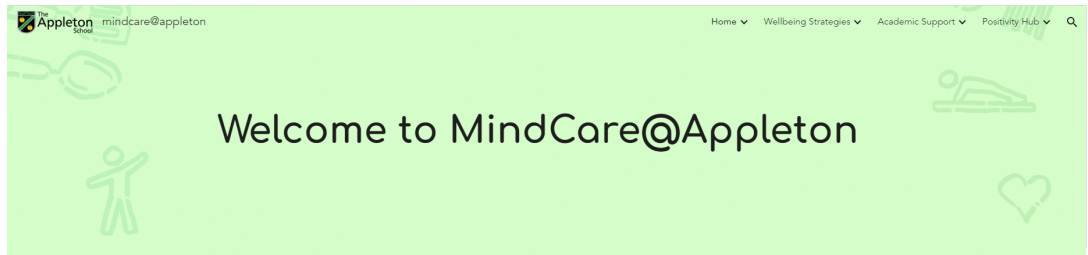
The MegaCentre Rayleigh

Joy | Hope | Life





## Mental Health December 2023



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!

As part of our ongoing goals to promote and support student mental health and wellbeing, we would like to highlight some recent updates made to the MindCare@Appleton website which students can access [here](#).

1. Updates to the positivity hub:
  - ⇒ New [positive habits](#) for December to help students develop a positive mindset for the new year, such as how to make achieving new year's resolutions more likely.
  - ⇒ Research suggests that writing down our goals and making a list of actions that will help us achieve these goals increases the likelihood of us achieving them.
  - ⇒ We will be reflecting on these goals in form time, but it can also be a useful task to complete over the holidays.
2. Key contacts:
  - ⇒ 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.
3. Updates to clubs and other activities:
  - ⇒ Weekly-drop in sessions every Monday lunchtime in 11 (Drama room). Students can drop-in to speak with our Mental Health Lead and School Counsellor if they have any concerns about their wellbeing. This might include how to deal with exam stress, cope with feelings of worry or loneliness, and improve sleep quality etc. We will provide students with strategies to improve their wellbeing, and signpost them to further support in and out of school on a needs-basis.
4. Additional resources:
  - ⇒ [Kooth](#) is an organisation that works with schools to help us support the wellbeing of our students.
  - ⇒ We have uploaded examples of their resources that we will be using in CAPE lessons on topics such as personal wellbeing as well as during tutor time.
  - ⇒ These can be found under the [Mindfulness Exercises](#) section of the Wellbeing Strategies page. This includes a self-care calendar, as well as festive activities such as how to make effective new year's resolutions and a cracker to celebrate achievements from this year to promote self-kindness.


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



## 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!

**ATTENDANCE**

## 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.



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**





## Recycle your Tree



Registered charity number 1149068

# Recycle your Tree!

In aid of

Sponsored by

Hamelin Trust



Registration closes Thursday, 4th January, 2024



[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://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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**CALLING ALL SWIMMERS YEAR 7 TO YEAR 11**

# **CALLING ALL SWIMMERS!!**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE STUDENT SCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM?**

**CAN YOU SWIM 25M AT A GOOD SPEED?**

**ALL AGES TIME TRIAL EVENT**



**WHEN**

**GIRLS—TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER**

**BOYS—WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

**3PM—STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL**

**WHERE**

**THE APPLETON SWIMMING POOL**



## 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  
© RESOURCES, CAREERS

## 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 - Onsite 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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TO FIND OUT MORE



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THE CAREERS &  
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COMPANY



## 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](http://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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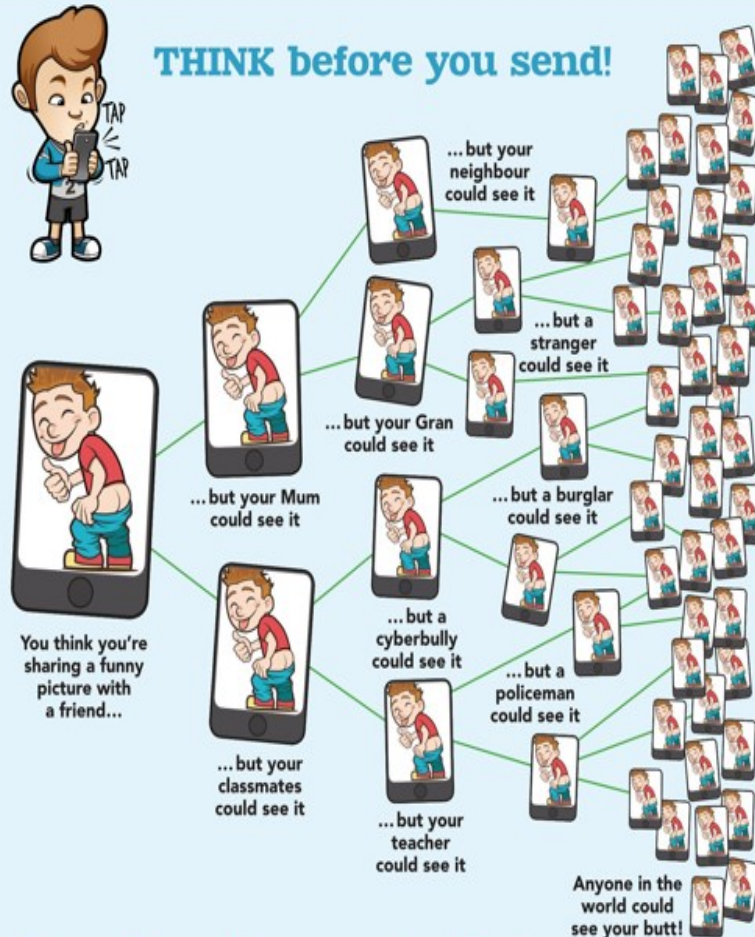


**SOUTHEND CITY COLLEGE  
SOUTHEND CAMPUS**  
Luker Road, Southend, SS1 1ND  
Tuesday 3 October 2023 - 5-7pm  
Thursday 16 November 2023 - 5-7pm  
Tuesday 13 February 2024 - 5-7pm

**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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**Quick Links**

[Edulink](#)

[ParentMail](#)

[Google Drive](#)

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[Microsoft Teams](#)

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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>