



The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter Date 16th June 2023

Key Dates

19th June
Year 10 Exam
Week 2

26th June
Y12 Exam Week

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	11221
Nightingale	9707
Tull	8904
Turing	11295
Grand Total	41127

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



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





School Production –The Wizard of Oz

We are excited to announce our School Production of 'The Wizard of Oz' will be running on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th July 2023.

Tickets will be available to be purchased via Parent Mail from Monday 19th June 2023. Adult tickets cost £6 and Concession tickets (under 18s and OAP) cost £3.

Tickets will remain on sale until Friday 7th July 2023 after which tickets will be distributed via pupils.

On the evening of the performance, doors will open at 7 pm where you will have the opportunity to purchase refreshments before the show. The show will begin promptly at 7.30 pm.

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?

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENTMAIL

ADULTS £6.00
CONCESSIONS £3.00

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

 The Appleton School



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.





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



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.



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



Careers Within Mental Health Services

Wednesday 12 July | 17:30-19:30

Virtual



Mid and South Essex
Integrated Care
System

What's it like to work for Mental Health Services
in Mid & South Essex?

- Gain an insight into the different roles within the Mental Health Services.
- Network with professionals in the field.
- Learn more about who Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System are.



Scan this QR code to sign up!

Who are Mid & South Essex Integrated Care System?

They are a partnership of primary care, hospital, social care, mental health, community health and voluntary services and they provide health and care to **1.2 million residents** across Mid & South Essex.



Careers Newsletter

Events Spotlight

Careers within Mental Health Services

Did you know there are 21 different careers within the mental health sector?

Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System are hosting a free event on 12th July for students interested in careers in the mental health sector. This is a great chance for students to meet with professionals, learn about the different job opportunities and get tips on how to apply and get started with their potential career. Please see leaflet attached.

All attendees will receive a certificate after attending the session that they can put on their CV & LinkedIn!



Mid and South Essex
Health and Care
Partnership

First Intuition—Accountancy Academy

First Intuition are hosting three 90-minute sessions, held **via Zoom** between **4.30 pm and 6.00 pm** on the following dates for students interested in Accountancy:

4th, 6th & 12th July

The Accountancy Academy is **FREE** and offers in-depth and detailed sessions to help young adults understand if a career in accountancy suits them and how they get started.

Our Accountancy Academy will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to accountancy
- Accountancy skills – with some practical exercises
- Workplace skills for accountancy roles
- Finding roles and preparing for interviews in this industry

Employer Forum (Q&A)

Employer Forum – 12th July - Those who join at least one of the other sessions will be invited to a further session to meet local employers and hear about career options in their region.

If you think this is something your child could be interested in attending, especially those studying maths, business studies, or economics, please click the link below to register.

<https://zq345.infusionsoft.com/app/page/accountancy-academy-registered2>

first intuition 
where people count



Safeguarding—MONEY MULING

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 MONEY MULING

Money muling involves individuals – very frequently young people – being recruited to transfer illegally obtained funds into and out of their bank account on behalf of criminals (often without even realising that's the kind of activity they've become embroiled in), and usually being allowed to keep a certain amount for themselves. It's essentially a digital form of money laundering. This guide highlights some of the risks associated with money muling, and provides parents and carers with useful tips to help safeguard young people against becoming ensnared by this growing online hazard.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LEGAL REPERCUSSIONS

Young people may be lured by the promise of quick, easy money, but by doing so they will become unwitting participants in activities that can have severe legal and financial consequences. Money muling is a serious offence under UK law; involvement in such schemes can result in imprisonment and fines (or both). Remember, the threshold for criminal responsibility in the UK is 10 years of age.

ONLINE RECRUITMENT

Cyber-savvy criminals are increasingly using various online methods, including social media apps and gaming platforms, in their attempts to recruit young people as potential money mules. The criminals often deploy persuasive, deceptive tactics to gain children's initial interest and attention, then seek to exploit their trust and naivety.

POSSIBLE EXPLOITATION

Money muling is frequently carried out in tandem with other organised criminal activities, such as the drugs trade or human trafficking. Not only is money muling a criminal offence in its own right, therefore, but it could also expose young people to harmful situations as well as potentially putting them in contact with some extremely dangerous individuals.

FINANCIAL LOSSES

If they (even unknowingly) transfer funds that are traced back to criminal activities, money mules can face considerable financial losses: their bank may freeze their accounts, and they can be held liable for any illegally obtained funds. People involved in money muling often also find themselves at greater risk of becoming entangled in other forms of criminal financial exploitation and fraud.

LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

Involvement in money muling can have a lasting negative impact on a young person's reputation, education and employment prospects, and place colossal strain on their family life. A conviction for financial fraud would significantly damage a young person's future opportunities: they could be blocked from opening a bank account, taking out a mortgage or even securing a phone contract.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE

Talk to your child about the risks and consequences of money muling, emphasising the importance of making informed decisions and seeking guidance if they need it. Create an open, non-judgmental space which encourages them to share their concerns and experiences, ensuring they feel comfortable getting help if they suspect they may have become involved in money muling.

MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITIES

If you have concerns, you might want keep a closer than usual eye on your child's online presence, including their profiles on social media and any gaming platforms that they use. These can often serve as useful warning systems which might help you to detect any signs of attempted recruitment by criminals or other types of suspicious behaviour.

TALK ABOUT MONEY

Discussions about avoiding being recruited as a money mule are also good opportunities for a refresher with your child about financial responsibility and good money management. It's also a helpful starting point for highlighting the importance of earning their money by honest means and the potential consequences of getting involved in illegal activities, both online and offline.

STAY INFORMED

Criminals' methods and approaches to recruiting young people as money mules frequently evolve to reflect the online landscape. Try to stay aware of criminals' current tactics and make time to regularly check out resources provided by schools, law enforcement and financial organisations. The Don't Be Fooled Campaign (at www.moneymules.co.uk) has plenty of useful information and advice.

REPORT YOUR SUSPICIONS

If you have reason to believe that your child, one of their friends, or someone they know has been recruited into a money muling operation, seek support and then report your suspicions. For your own safety, please don't attempt to directly confront anyone you suspect of organising money muling. Instead, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Meet Our Expert

Steve Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 12 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.

National Online Safety

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Source: www.moneymules.co.uk | <https://nationalonlinemoneyagency.gov.uk/moneymuling>
www.ukfinance.org.uk/press/press-releases/parents-urged-help-stop-rise-child-money-mules

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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



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



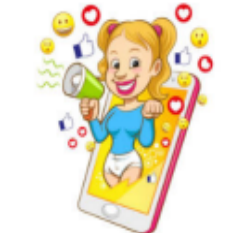
A Parent's Guide to Gaming



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



Skips

Keeping children safe online

www.skipssafetynet.org



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

www.cavsorg.uk/volunteering/ | 01268 214000 | volunteering@cavsorg.uk



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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.

01268 214 000

VOLUNTEERING@CAVSORG.UK

WWW.CAVSORG.UK/VOLUNTEERING



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[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>