

The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter dated: 17.11.23

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	9812
Nightingale	8342
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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

Key Dates

- 6-11-23—21-11-23 Y11 Exam week (see the last page of bulletin for revision support)
- 27th November Y13 Exam week

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GENERAL NOTICES

Mock Exams

Year 13 mocks start in little over a week. All revision materials can be viewed on our website—please see the link at the end of the bulletin.

Success for exams starts every day-see below for some helpful hints!

Top 10 Tips For A Killer Study Routine

Hacks to get more work done, in less time

Be strategic about where you study.



Find a rhythm that works for you and stick with it, so it becomes automatic.

Eliminate distractions for **intense focus:** start by switching the phone off and kept out of sight.



Try **batching chores** like laundry and email – do more, less often, and save time.





Schedule **guilt-free downtime** each week to recharge your batteries.

Think about **the fuel** you're putting in to your body - meals, snacks, how you use caffeine.



Get plenty of sleep each night.



Take **breaks throughout the day:** at least 10 minutes per hour for most tasks.

Look after your mind and body by getting some
 exercise, and consider meditating to boost your focus and concentration further.



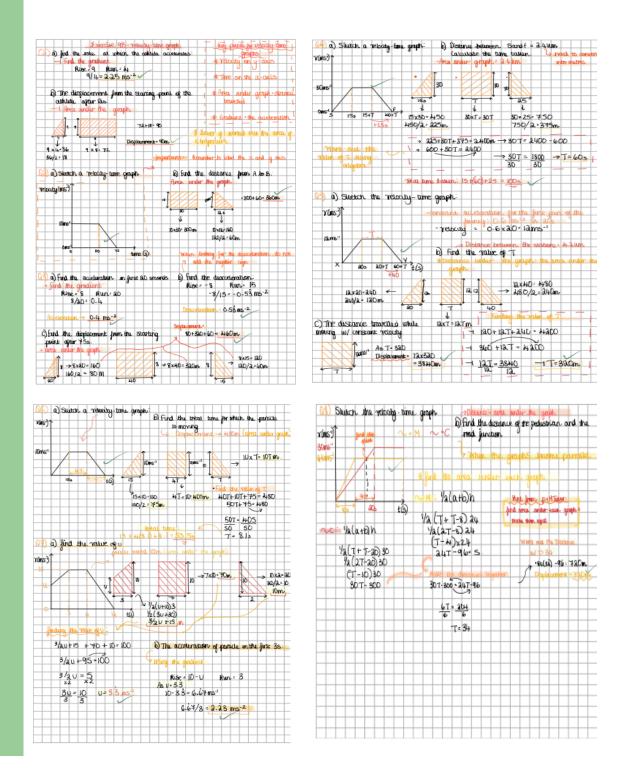
Going Home As the evenings get darker we ask all of our students to take care when walking home, to look both ways when crossing the room, were something reflective and to cycle home carefully.



A massive well done to the Year 10 Set 1 students for consistently meeting high standards in maths and being strong independent learners. Miss Sangha

Mr O'Neill gives a shout out

This example is from Gemma Clift (Year 12). Her work in A-Level Mechanics (part of Maths) for constant acceleration. Again, all the annotations are her own.





A huge congratulations to Chloe, who marched in the remembrance parade at the Cenotaph last weekend.

She was chosen from the gold cadet unit she is part of, representing the Fire Service.

It is an amazing achievement to be part of this major event, and everyone in the school and her family are incredibly proud!

Well done Chloe!







Mrs Geisser – Holmes shout out

I would like to say well done to the form class 8.04, who had really good conversations during our Anti Bullying lesson in CAPE this week, they also came up with their own Anti Bullying slogans, which are now displayed on the class-room wall.



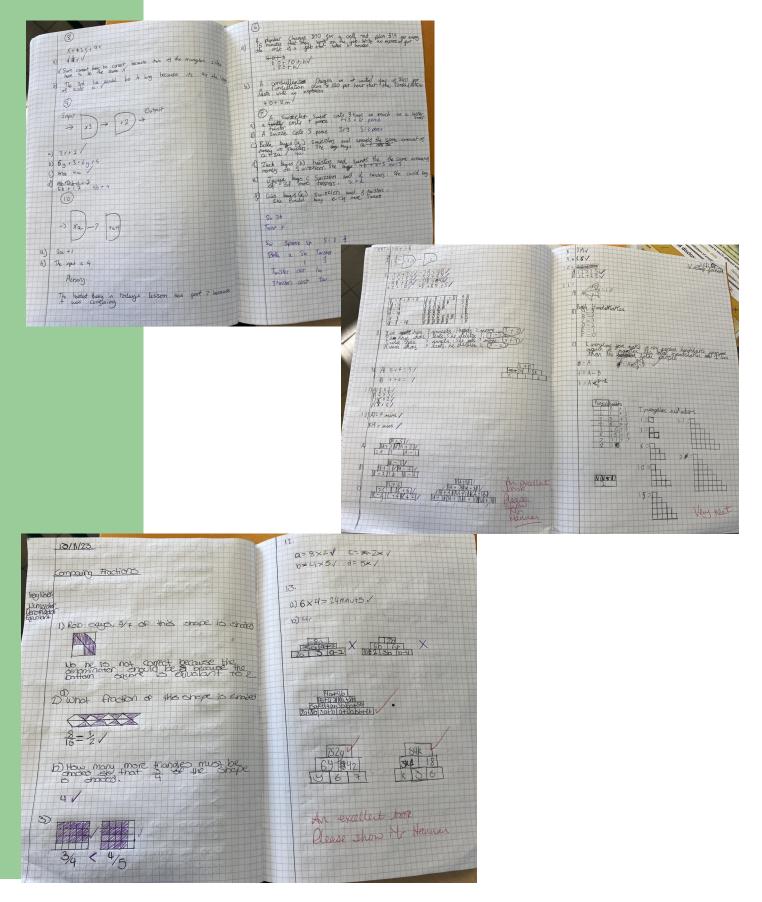


A big well done to Connor Coleman year 10 who travelled up to Liverpool last weekend for the KUGB National Youth Karate Championships, as well as winning a bronze medal in kata, he won gold in kumite and is now National Youth Champion.





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External Speaker - Physics

On Wednesday 15th November we had world renowned Peter Tait in to speak to our A-Level Physics and Computer Science students.

Peter Tait was Head of High Resolution Radar and Non Co-operative Target Recognition at BAE Systems Integrated System Technologies. He joined the Marconi Research Laboratories in 1974 after graduating in Physics from Imperial College, London University with first class honours. He initially worked in the field of radar and communications receiver research.

From 1986 he led the core target recognition research programme in GEC-Marconi and the group developing the technology for high resolution modes for company radars including Captor for the Typhoon fighter aircraft. He then spent two years on the Captor programme as Technical Adviser to the Euroradar Board of Directors and in 1997 became Chief Engineer of Sensors Division. In 2000 he joined the predecessor company to BAE Systems to develop target recognition technology for naval and land-based surveillance, tracking and phased array radars. He is a member of NATO air and ground target recognition working groups and is a reviewer for IEE journals. He has been granted several UK and worldwide patents, has presented papers at several international conferences and is known internationally for his expertise in target recognition.

In 2001 he won the BAE Systems Chairman's Silver Innovation Award for inventing techniques for detecting plastic land mines. In 2004 he was presented by the United Kingdom Government Minister for Technology and Innovation with a world class company innovation award for his work in target recognition technology.

Peter gave a talk to students about his journey from A-Levels to his professional career in physics and radar technology. The talk gave students an interesting insight into the challenges and innovations in his career, how physics gave him the basis for every problem he solved.

The students engaged with Peter, enjoyed his talk and asked great questions – a superb piece of independent learning from our students delivered by a world expert!





PHSE

Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at The Appleton School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. At our school, this is predominantly taught in CAPE (Citizenship, Achieving Personal Excellence) through a specialised team of tutors.

I am writing to let you know that, throughout the academic year, your child's class will have taken part in lessons which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme. RSE lessons will include: Healthy relationships, including friendships and intimate relationships; families; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; developing self-esteem and confidence. This will be approached in and with age-appropriate delivery. Pupils will also have opportunities to ask questions that help prepare them for relationships of all kinds in the modern world.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website: <u>https://</u><u>www.theappletonschool.org/subjects/citizenship-and-pshee-cpshee</u> for more detail about our PSHE curriculum. At the bottom of this page you can also click on the Edulink icon which will direct you to the year specific example materials that are used. All PSHE teaching takes place will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

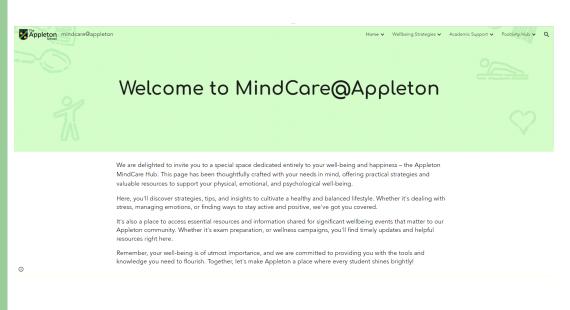
As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; recent parental and student feedback has indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents and pupils continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education programme. We will also be shortly inviting all parents to further support us by completing a questionnaire about our CAPE provision.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Brown cbrown@theappletonschool.org



Wellbeing and Mental Health



We are excited to launch the new MindCare@Appleton website, spearhead by Ms Sangha our Head of Wellbeing and support. This webpage is for our students to help their wellbeing and mental health, and it is informed by the results from the Student Surveys conducted last term.

Please click <u>here</u> to access it. students will need to log in using their school google accounts to access it.

At the Appleton School, your child's emotional wellbeing is important to us.

With the current situation in school, we understand that your child may be experiencing some anxiety, or have some worries adapting to some of the temporary changes we have had to make in school.

If, you feel your child may need some support with their wellbeing, or would benefit from further intervention, then please feel free to contact me at the following email address: in-fo@theappletonschool.org where it can then be forwarded onto Mrs Benson.

Where appropriate, Mrs Benson will work with your child, either remotely or in person in order to support them. If necessary, Mrs Benson is able to signpost parents/carers to other members of staff or external organisations.

May we remind you that if you have any Safeguarding concerns, then these should be directed to the school Safeguarding Team, in accordance with the school's Safeguarding Policy. This information can be found on the school website.



Attendance

Appleton Being In School, On Time Really Matters



Did You H	(now ?	you are likely
lf your attendance	You would miss	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



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!





Careers Newsletter

Subject Spotlight

WHY STUDY CONSTRUCTI 0

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**

SKILLS



PATHWAYS

APPRENTICESHIPS

Acoustics Technician

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- · Coll Engineering
- Cambruction Plant Operation
- Installation and Maintenance Electrician Landscape Technician
- Planding and Domestic Heating

HIGHER EDUCATION

- · IRD in Construction and the Bulk
- Environment - BA (Hand) in Architecture
- 85c (Hand) in Construction Mana
- BEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering
 BEc (Hans) in Building Control
 BEc (Hans) in Building Surveying
- · BSc (Hans) in Building and Constr
- Engineering BSc (Hand) in Quantity Surveying



FURTHER EDUCATION

- A Level Engineering
 A Level Engineering
 A Level Design Technology
 T Level Building Services Engineering for Construction
- T Level Design, Surveying and Ranning for Construction - T Level - Cesite Canatra
- BTGC Construction and the Built Environment
- BTEC Britklaying / Pastering / Joinery BTEC Chill / Mechanical / Electrical Engineering





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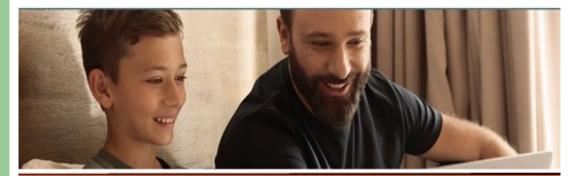
News Spotlight

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



Open Evenings

Palmer's Campus

Seevic Campus

9 November 2023 24 January 2024 23 November 2023 31 January 2024

Chadwell Road, Grays, Essex RM17 5TD

College

south essex college

Runnymede Chase, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1TW

XTEND Digital Campus

7 December 2023 Meppel Avenue, Canvey Island, Essex SS9 9RZ

Open Evenings

SOUTHEND CITY COLLEGE

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



Safeguarding SMART TVS





Safeguarding





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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

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