



The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

Newsletter Date 30th June 2023

Key Dates

W/B 3rd July

Y12 Work Experience

3rd July

Year 10 NHS Careers Expo

6th July

Y8 Consultative

12th July

School Production—Dress Rehearsal

13th—15th July

School Production
Wizard of Oz

20th July

Last day of term

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	12447
Nightingale	10703
Tull	9720
Turing	12193
Grand Total	45063

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



CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

On Thursday, Mrs Levey and Mrs Hickey took six students to visit Goldenley Care Home. This is a care home local to our school, who we established close links with during the lockdown - through our English department, students created and wrote personalised Christmas letters to each of the residents, and this is something we have continued ever since. We were invited to Goldenley to celebrate the opening of their "Tiki Garden", which was opened by our local Mayoress.

The students were a credit to our school. They enjoyed speaking to the residents and hearing their stories. Our students were wonderful with the residents and made us very proud.

You can also see pictured one of the art murals on the garden wall, which was painted by Keira Hume in Year 9.





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.

Industrial Action Days

A letter has gone home indicating our plans for the Industrial Action Days, please read this carefully and if you are a critical worker there is a link on the letter to sign up your child to attend school.

For your reference the Industrial Action will be Wednesday 5th July and Friday 7th July



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



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 is located in our Reception

Thank you for your continued support.





Careers Newsletter

Events Spotlight

Final Checks Academy

FINAL CHECKS **Register NOW**

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 5th July
12pm-8pm

STAGE **Fashion** **Tv & Film**

**Final Checks Makeup Academy
for TV, Film & Fashion**

- FREE Workshops
- Full & Short courses information
- Meet The Team
- Facilities Tour
- Enrolment Enquiries
- Graduate Success Stories

Call for More Information
01708 450644
1-5 High Street RM1 1JZ

info@final-checks.com
www.finalchecksacademy.com

Final Checks Make-Up Academy are holding an Open Day on Wednesday 5th July 2023 from 12 to 8.00pm . Final Checks specialise in TV, Film and Fashion.

Throughout the day there will be 3 FREE workshops:

1pm - Dollie Glam from BBC Glow Up

4:30pm - Robbie Drake - Prosthetics

6pm - Yong-Chin Winner of BBC Glow Up

The entire team will be there on the day answering any questions you may have.

To find out more and reserve a space go to:

<https://www.finalchecksacademy.com/product/open-day/>

Yellow Door Careers Fair and Holiday Club

Yellow Door on Canvey Island are hosting a Careers Fair for young people in the local area on Saturday 5th August 2023 from 11am to 6pm. The aim is to inspire and empower young people to realise their potential and explore local opportunities.

They are also now taking bookings for their Holiday Club. These are free sessions for young people to attend who are eligible for Free School Meals aged 11 to 16 years. To find out more and book a space go to:

<https://www.canveyislandyouthproject.org.uk/activate-holiday-club/>

There are limited spaces so booking in advance is essential. Please contact Yellow Door for more information. .

HOLIDAY CLUB

REGISTER NOW!

EVERY HALF TERM AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY

at Yellow Door Youth Hub, Poplar Rd, Canvey Island, SS8 7FH
From 2:30pm - 5:00pm

ACTIVITIES:

- Arts & Crafts
- Multiport
- Video games
- Pool and Football
- Cooking classes
- Trips
- Food Provided

FOR MORE INFO:
01268 682431 / 524792
info@ydp-yellowdoor.org.uk

www.canveyislandyouthproject.org.uk/activate-holiday-club/

In partnership with

Yellow Door CAREERS FAIR

Unlock your future!

SATURDAY 5TH AUG 2023
11:00 AM TO 16:00 PM

For young people and young adults not in education or work.

There will be stall holders and information on:

- Work placements
- Education providers
- Apprenticeships
- Traineeships
- Course placements
- General support
- and a range of Employers

At Castle View School, Foksville Road, Canvey island, Essex, SS8 7FH.

For information call 01268 682 431 or email info@ydp-yellowdoor.org.uk



Careers Newsletter

Subject Spotlight

Psychology can answer many questions about how people behave and why. Did you wonder why everyone seemed to be buying toilet paper during Covid? Or maybe you want to understand why some people are terrified of spiders, while others are scared of heights?

There are many career paths that you could follow. As a Psychologist you could choose to specialise in sports and performance psychology or you might choose to work as a Clinical Psychologist. You could also work for the military or MI5 or become a Child Play Therapist. Go to your Unifrog account to find out more.



DID YOU KNOW THAT **PSYCHOLOGY** CAN LEAD TO ...

Jobs

Clinical psychologist
Counselling psychologist
Educational psychologist
Forensic psychologist
Health psychologist
High intensity therapist
Occupational psychologist
Advice worker
Careers adviser
Counsellor
Detective



"Studying psychology gives you a broad range of skills that span both science and the arts and opens up opportunities with a variety of employers"

Graduate Prospects Ltd

Skills

- Written and verbal communication
- Report writing and presentation
- Information technology
- Handling of data and statistics
- Analytical research
- Problem solving
- Team work
- Reasoned approach

Higher Education

BSc (Hons) in Psychology
BSc (Hons) in Geology and Psychology
BSc (Hons) in Early Childhood Studies
BSc (Hons) in Criminology and Psychology
BA (Hons) in Psychology and Human Resource
BA (Hons) in Education and Psychology
BA (Hons) in Psychology and Philosophy
BSc (Hons) in Psychology of Sport
BSc (Hons) in Psychology and Counselling



Safeguarding—AMINO

All 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 apps 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 AMINO

PETS

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MODERATION GAPS

Amino has a 12+ classification in the App Store and a 'Teen' rating on Google Play. However, certain communities on the platform have little to no moderation in place – increasing the potential for more adult-themed content to reach young users. It's also possible to create an account without proof of age, raising the possibility of even younger children finding their way onto the platform.

UNSAFE CONTENT

The central concept behind Amino is for users to share content, then make and receive comments on these uploads. The level of anonymity that the platform offers (someone's true identity can be completely obscured behind their username, for instance) means that it would be extremely difficult to stop suggestive or outright predatory comments and messages being sent to young people.

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES

Like most social media, Amino offers easy sharing of images. Its community guidelines state that any suggestive photos of under-18s will be removed immediately, but of course this doesn't prevent inappropriate pictures being seen by a young person. Not all of Amino's communities are rigorously moderated, so there's a chance that some unsuitable images could temporarily evade detection.

Amino is a social media platform offering a large group of subcommunities under one digital 'roof'; it was envisaged as the online version of a convention, where fans gather to celebrate shared interest like comic books or sci-fi, for example. While many such platforms are harmless spaces for devotees of a certain TV show or video game to congregate, there are still some aspects that trusted adults should be aware of. With a focus on sharing user-generated content, the idea of Amino is for users to communicate with like-minded individuals – but even that can create plenty of hazards.

COMICS & COSPLAY

MUSIC

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Amino+ is a premium membership for the platform, offering a bevy of customisation options such as stickers, 'moods' to display and an exclusive profile badge. Users can also purchase one-off cosmetic items including different styles of chat bubble or profile frames. If your child has payment methods available via their device, they could potentially make these in-app purchases without you realising.

REPEATED USAGE

As a social media app, Amino is focused on keeping its communities engaged and coming back for more. Part of this approach is encouraging people to build up 'streaks', as users are awarded 'reputation points' for logging in regularly. This type of mechanism, of course, always carries the risk of young people feeling a compulsion to repeatedly check in with the app, further increasing their screen time.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT IT

If your child is old enough and chooses to download and use Amino, it's probably wise to remind them of some online safety basics – such as how not everyone in the digital world is who they claim to be, for example, or not to give out personal information online. It might also be a good idea to go into the app's settings and disable incoming chat requests from users that your child doesn't know.

MEMBERSHIP MEDIATION

If your child asks for an Amino+ membership but you're not entirely comfortable with that, be prepared to explain your decision in depth. Young people's sense of injustice can naturally become inflamed when their friends have things that they don't. Parents of older teens, meanwhile, might actually decide to agree to the membership request but continue to monitor their child's activity on the app.

STAY UPDATED

Ensure that your child knows to report any upsetting or worrying online content they might see to you. As much as possible, try to stay aware of which communities they're joining on Amino. Most of these areas are well-moderated and full of innocent conversation about common interests, but on any platform of this breadth, there's always the potential for chats to veer off into potentially harmful places.

MONITOR SCREEN TIME

If you haven't already, you might want to consider setting up controls such as Family Sharing (on iOS devices) or Family Link (on Android) so, from your own device, you can keep an eye on how much screen time your child is having – and what apps they're spending it on. This can be extremely useful with regard to platforms such as Amino, which can be quite addictive and reward repeated use.

Meet Our Expert

Loyal Coombe is Editor in Chief of gaming and reports site GamerPress.com and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/from-home-to-other-daughter-19-18773329>



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



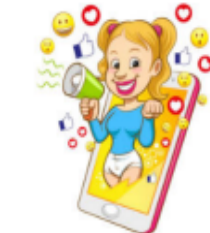
A Parent's Guide to Gaming



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



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Keeping children safe online

www.skipssafetynet.org



YOUTH SERVICE - RAWR

**YOUTH
SERVICE**

Inspire
Enable
Achieve



READ . AND . WRITE . A . REVIEW



RAWR

Enter to win a
brand new Kindle



WHEN IS RAWR LAUNCHING?

RAWR will officially start on the 1st of June and end on the 1st of July 2023.

The competition is to read a book or an ebook / audiobook of your choice and write a review about it. The review can be a rap, a song, a comic, a written review, a physical review and much more. When it is completed please send it to YEA@essex.gov.uk when the competition is launched For your chance to win a brand new Kindle!

Anyone from Essex Aged 11-19 can participate, or 11 - 25 with special educational needs!

To find out more scan the QR Code or visit the Youth Service website:

[Youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/young-essex-assembly/the-young-essex-assembly-rawr/](https://youth.essex.gov.uk/young-people/young-essex-assembly/the-young-essex-assembly-rawr/)

3 winners will be picked each receiving a Kindle!
There will also be gift cards up for grabs!





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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WWW.CAVSORG.UK/VOLUNTEERING



#VolunteersWeek

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CAVS Castle Point Association Of Voluntary Services

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Quick Links

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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>