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 System

The Appleton School
Parent Bulletin

House Grand Total

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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!

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District Rounders

This week Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students took part in the District Rounders Competition held at King John School on Monday and Tuesday afternoon. All teams played a number of games and performed exceptionally well.

Results are as follows:

**Year 7**
The girls won all games convincingly losing only to Fitzwimarc and finished as District Runners Up. Team: Gemma Mings, Pippa Mailley, Kadie Harmsworth, Lily White, Molly Baumber, Mia Randall, Buhlebethu Hllongwa, Mia James and Ellie-Faye Halls

**Year 8A**
The girls won their games against King Edmund, Fitzwimarc and Cornelius finishing top of their pool. They beat Castle View in the semi finals and Fitzwimarc in the final getting the whole team out on ball number 13! The girls were crowned District Champions!

Team: Chloe Leonardi, Callie Hall, Alena Patel, Amelie List, Maayan Sisso, Ella Collins, Phoebe Roff, Evie Hardiman and Holly Morgan-Edgell.
District Rounders

**Year 8B**
The girls played in a pool alongside all other A teams and put up a great fight. They drew 2 games and lost by half a rounder against Greensward.
Team: Alicia Morton, Abbie Wood, Honey Silver, Megan Wilson, Molly Clayton, Aimee Njovana, Angelina Smart, Kacey Crosby and Lexi Brickley.

**Year 9**
The girls started the tournament losing the first two games but went on to win the rest and finished as District Runners Up.
Team: Jessika Stafford, Eva Pearson, Bracie Rielly, Connie Davies, Bella Culverhouse, Ruby Culverhouse, Isabelle Brumwell, Francesca Brumwell, Kaylynn Cross, Maisy Moyet, Olivia Kharkini, Lucy Brooks and Chelsy Laballa.

**Year 10**
The senior girls played their games in a round robin format winning all their games. Their final match was against King John who had also won all of theirs. Our girls took the victory and were also crowned District Champions!

Team: Elise Bryant, Olivia Conway, Scarrett Oliver, Ava Goodwin, Lydia Biney, Isla Harris, Urte Sabulyte, Kira Monford, Sophie Peall, Megan Peacock, Alysa Radescu, Tiani Attew and Issabella Hilz.
Kents Hill Sports Day Helpers

This week a large number of our Year 9 and 10 students were selected to assist in the running of Kents Hill Primary School Sports Days over the course of three mornings. Each day involved a different year group at Kents Hill participating – Monday Year 4, Tuesday Year 5 and Thursday Year 6. All Appleton students led their activity with maturity and were enthusiastic and encouraging to all students involved.

A large number of parents praised their efforts:

“I thought the Appleton students were brilliant, really got involved and made the children enthusiastic to take part!” (Year 4 Parent)

“The students had a lot of patience with the little ones and were very encouraging to them all.” (Year 5 Parent)

“My parents and in-laws all commented on how lovely it was having them there. They were all very well behaved and mature.” (Year 6 Parent)

“The students were absolutely fantastic. They were really good with the children, encouraging and cheering them on when needed. Impeccable behaviour right through and managed groups of 9 years old better than I think I could! It was nice for the Kents Hill children to have them there as well. It made it more special for them to be able to 'hang out' with senior school children and not their teachers.” (Year 4 Parent)

Year 9 Helpers:
Gracie Reilly, Ruby Culverhouse, Bella Culverhouse, Francesca Brumwell, Isabelle Brumwell, Kaylynn Cross, Chelsy Labella, Maisy Moyet, Lucy Brooks, Olivia Karkini, Jessika Stafford, Fatima Suwareh, Eva Pearson, William De Freitas, Joshua Agberme, Sonny Lockwood, Ben Gladman, Freddie Enever, Josh Coomber, Matthew Boyd-Platt, Sam Burns, Jacob Hill, Preston Downing, Joey Mineiro, Gene Kilby and Liam Hopkins.

Year 10 Helpers:
Bevan Adams, Bobby Wells, Kai Watson, Aiden Coleman, Rhys Duck, Ashton White, Junior Dadzie, Harry Lefever, Riley Hodgkinson, Josh Wakefield, Harrison Smith, Riley Harmsworth, Jake Devonshire, Josh Williams, Urte Sabulyte, Millie Trotter, Lydia Biney, Kira Monford, Olivia Conway, Isabel Tshabaluka, Elise Bryant, Sophie Peall, Scarleett Oliver, Poppy Aitkin, Bobbie Fry, Alysa Radescu and Crystal Labela.
School Production – The Wizard of OZ

Tickets are selling quick for this year’s School Production of ‘The Wizard of Oz’, which will be running on Thursday 13th, Friday 14th and Saturday 15th July 2023 at 7:30pm.

**Tickets will be available to be purchased via Parent Mail until Tuesday 11th July 2023** - Adult tickets cost £6 and Concession tickets (under 18s and OAP) cost £3. **Tickets will also be available to be purchased via the Main office on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July 2023.**

We look forward to seeing you there.
*The Performing Arts Team*
End of Year Staff Awards

Your child can now nominate members of staff for the end of year awards listed below. An informative PowerPoint has been uploaded to Satchel for all students in Years 7-10 to help them to make their decisions. Voting will be carried out via Microsoft Teams, using this link:

https://forms.office.com/e/HHuJ7mYR34

The Austen Award
The Austen house slogan is “aspiring together”. Have you had a teacher this year who has been really aspirational when it comes to your achievements? Has somebody outside of the classroom challenged you to succeed more than you thought you could?

The Turing Award
The Turing house slogan is “innovating together”. Have you had a teacher this year who has been really creative in the classroom? Has somebody outside of the classroom made you think outside the box, or try something new?

The Nightingale Award
The Nightingale house slogan is “persevering together”. Have you had a teacher this year who has encouraged you to keep going, or helped you to overcome barriers? Is there somebody outside the classroom who has supported you through challenges and helped you to persevere?

The Tull Award
The Tull house slogan is “excelling together”. Have you had a teacher this year who has pushed you to excel? Is there somebody outside the classroom who has helped you to excel or improve in one way or another?
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.

Message from the kitchen

Due to a change in law the school has to remove single use plastic from our daily use. As a result the kitchen will not be able to give students plastic cups for dispensing water. We ask all students bring a reusable water with them into school. There are multiple water filling stations across the school site to accommodate this.
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

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.
Events Spotlight

Amazing Apprenticeship

Parent Podcast

Amazing Apprenticeships host, Rachel Burden, will be joined for the first Parent Podcast episode by the Metropolitan Police and the NHS to discuss apprenticeships in the all-important public sector.

Rachel will be speaking to Grace Bernard-Broadreck from The Metropolitan Police and Lucy Hunte from NHS England to explore the range of opportunities on offer, the roles available, degree apprenticeship routes, and much more!

Available on all the usual channels, or by hitting the button below!

https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/

Year 11 and Year 13 Apprenticeship Support Workshop

We will be hosting an Apprenticeship Support Workshop on Tuesday 11th July 2023 from 12.00 to 1.30pm in collaboration with the Essex Apprenticeship Hub. If your child is in Year 11 or Year 13 and is hoping to secure an apprenticeship this is for them!

We will go through how to search for an apprenticeship, how to prepare a winning application and how to prepare for interviews.

Please note we have a limited number of spaces, if your child would like to attend please send an email to jhilker@theappletonschool.org as soon as possible.
Geography helps us understand the people, environment and physical features of the world. It enables us to study current issues such as climate change and how different places and communities will be affected by it. The skills you develop by studying Geography, like data and spatial analysis, organisation and critical thinking are useful in many jobs. For example, Meteorologists analyse data about the weather to develop their short and long range forecasts. To find out more about careers related to geography log into your Unifrog account and search the Careers Library.

**Subject Spotlight**

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

**Jobs**
- Cartographer
- Commercial/residential surveyor
- Disaster response coordinator
- Environmental consultant
- Recycling manager
- Weather analyst
- Audit associate
- Teacher
- Town planner
- Water / Land manager

**Skills**
- Statistical, spatial and environmental analysis
- Flexibility and openness of mind
- Ability to develop and test hypotheses and to integrate ideas
- Analytical capabilities to collect/select, analyse, present and interpret primary and secondary datasets
- Problem solving
- Team working skills including through field research
- Report writing

**Higher Education**
- BSc (Hons) in Geography
- BSc (Hons) in Geoscience and Geography
- BSc (Hons) in Economics and Geography
- BA (Hons) in Geography and Tourism
- BA (Hons) in Geography and Management
- BA (Hons) in Geography and Planning
- BSc (Hons) in Human Geography
- BA (Hons) in Archaeology and Geography
Safeguarding—RUMBLE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RUMBLE

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the offspring of a "showburner" in digital circles. It was initially launched in 2013 but is only in its fourth three-year period that it has begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with the "truth social" platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content is frequently about mainstreaming political commentary. It is a site often referred to as the "Trump Twitter." Rumble has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company publishes, Rumble is also responsible for housing Trump's content. The same group of US senators who commented on an advertisement to mainstreams social media, about political misinformation, has expressed concerns that Rumble is not suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on provoking free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "the home of the alternative hard right before they cost us their money." And now, Rumble is taking its stance, with a new initiative to use "provocative content creation".

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

The very idea of what is appropriate material is subject to varying interpretations. It's a platform seeking to challenge mainstream narratives, but in doing so, Rumble's algorithm may select content that is considered inappropriate for a young audience.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Discourage your child from sharing or commenting on the platform. Politicians should be fact-checked, and in their absence, there is a risk of misinformation spreading.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

While Rumble may be viewed as a platform for political discourse, it is important to consider other, more reliable sources for information.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

As with any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble may affect your child's mental health. They may be exposed to inappropriate content, which could affect their emotional well-being.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts operate in a political vacuum, which can be harmful. It's important for parents to discuss how to interpret different viewpoints and maintain a balanced perspective.

Meet Our Expert

Karen Johnson, Chief Operating Officer of National Online Safety (NOS), remarked, "We are seeing a rise in misinformation being shared through social media platforms. It's crucial for parents to educate themselves and their children about how to identify and report such content."

Resources:

- National Online Safety
- Rumble's Safety Center
- Parental Controls

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@NationalOnlinesafety Instagram
@NationalOnlinesafety Facebook

Website: https://www.nationalonlinesafety.org
Email: info@nationalonlinesafety.org

For more information, visit our website: NationalOnlinesafety.org

#WakeUpWednesday
Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

**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**
Web: www.skipssafetynet.org
Email: info@skips.com
Tel: +44 121 227 1941
142 Newton Road
Great Barr
Birmingham B43 6BT


Keeping children safe online [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)
YOUTH SERVICE - RAWR

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/

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

www.cavs.org.uk | 01268 214 000 | volunteering@cavs.org.uk
CAVS Castle Point Association Of Voluntary Services
Registered Charity: 1103968
Year 7-9 Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camp

Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to inform you that The Deanes School has been awarded funding from Essex County Council to run a ‘Secondary’ Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camp during the Summer holidays for Year 7 – Year 9 students who attend The Deanes School/The King John School/The Appleton School.

Please note, this provision is free of charge (fully funded) and only available to students who receive free school meals.

Further details of the offer are listed below:

Venue: All sessions will take place at The Deanes Sports Centre, Daws Heath Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 2TD

Dates:

- Tuesday 1st August
- Wednesday 2nd August
- Thursday 3rd August
- Tuesday 8th August
- Wednesday 9th August
- Thursday 10th August
- Tuesday 15th August
- Wednesday 16th August
- Thursday 17th August
- Tuesday 22nd August
- Wednesday 23rd August
- Thursday 24th August

Times:

- All sessions will be from 10am – 1pm.

Each day there will be a range of sporty activities provided by The Deanes School Sport Partnership professional coaches along with supervised time to socialise and lunch (pizzas) and snacks.

Please note, this is fully funded and therefore free of charge with limited places available each day so will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

To reserve a place, please e-mail cprssp@thedeanes.essex.sch.uk

- Name of Student
- Year Group
- Dates you would like to reserve
- Emergency contact details
- Any relevant medical information
- Food allergies or any notable information

Kind regards

Steve Bish
Partnership Development Manager
Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership
The Deanes School
Access to HE learning opportunity for parents

I am the Curriculum Manager for the Access to HE Diploma programme at USP College, Seevic campus in Benfleet. We offer diplomas for adults who wish to return to education with a view to entering degree courses and graduate careers. The diplomas we offer provide entry routes to graduate courses and careers in:

1. Nursing, Midwifery and other health careers
2. Primary school teaching and careers in Early Years and other Teaching sectors
3. Social work careers
   Degrees in social science (psychology and sociology)

I was wondering if it is possible for me to deliver either an online version or a hard copy version of a leaflet which summarises our Access diploma provision, to be given to parents of children at your school at all, as you are local to us as a college, in order to raise the profile of this valuable course. Failing this, if there is any way that we might be able to email parents regarding this learning opportunity, we would also be grateful.

We have helped thousands of adult learners to start their journey into graduate careers over decades.

- All they require is a Level 2/GCSE in English and preferably Maths, although they could take Maths as a separate evening class.
- Lessons are taught over 1.5 days, allowing most to fit their other commitments around studying, including school runs.

The course is normally funded with a tailor-made student loan, which is wiped off if the learner finishes a degree course afterwards.
Youth market Benfleet

**BENFLEET YOUTH MARKET**

**SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 2023**

11AM—2PM

**WHAT'S HAPPENING...**

Under 25s entrepreneurs showcasing their talents and small businesses

Refreshments

**FREE ENTRY**

St George's Church Hall
Rushbottom Lane
Benfleet
Essex
SS74DN
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