The Appleton School

Parent Bulletin

Key Dates
W/B 26th March
Y12 Mock Exams

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

Congratulations to all pupils in Year 7 and 8 for your achievement points that you have earned since the start of the academic year.

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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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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.

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
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

#volunteering
#youthempowerment #youthvoice #youthengagement #canvey #schoolstudents #colleges #essexyouth #youthservices

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.
AIR CADETS RECRUITING EVENING

Calling all aspiring cadets (year 8 and above)

If you’re interested in joining then come on down to our recruitment evening on the 29th of June to meet our cadets, the staff, and see what it is we do.

Now is your chance to learn new skills, make new friends, and find out if you’ve got any hidden talents.

Do more, be more.

#ventureadventure #RAFAC #essexwing #cadets #aircadets #dukeofedinburghaward #adventuretraining #gliding #archery

Year 12 Mock Exams—Reminder

The Year 12 mock examination period is this upcoming week, **26th June - 30th June 2023**.

If any student is awarded a U grade for any subject in the Year 12 end of year exams 2023 they must be prepared for a **resit examination upon their return in September** for the relevant examination(s). Following the resit result there will be a discussion with students and parents to finalise the student’s future curriculum pathway; either continuation to Year 13 curriculum or resitting Year 12. The purpose of this is to ensure we are fully supporting the needs of our students.

The mock exam timetable that will be sent home has been organised into morning and afternoon sessions, following the same format of their external summer examinations next year, meaning that some students school day will finish later than normal. Given this increase in the school day, and to support student wellbeing, the school timetable has been adapted. Between the morning and afternoon examination sessions, students should have their lunch if they have two exams on the same day, or use this time to engage in revision, with staff available in their regular timetabled classrooms to provide additional support.

All teachers will set materials to support revision and this is expected to be completed in the Sixth Form block, one of the study rooms or at home.
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.

School Uniform

During the warm weather it is not required for students to wear blazers but they should still have their expectations card on them.

Should the weather get much warmer we will enact our emergency weather procedure, where students can wear PE kit to school. Should this occur we will email all parents.
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/
Events Spotlight
Applying to study Medicine

On Tuesday 27th June 2023 we have one of our past students who is currently in her second year of studying Medicine coming into school to talk to aspiring medics, dentists and vets. She will be sharing her experience of the application process and giving hints and tips on how to maximise your chances of making a successful application to study one of these most competitive subjects.

If your child would like to attend please send an email to jhilliker@theappletonschool.org.

Year 11 and 13 Apprenticeship Support

On Tuesday 11th July 2023 from 12.00 to 1.30pm we will be holding an Apprenticeship Support Workshop with the Essex Apprenticeship Hub. If your child is currently in Year 11 or 13 and is hoping to secure an apprenticeship they are welcome to come along. We will be focusing on how to search and apply for current opportunities, how to tailor applications to maximise your chances of a successful application and how to prepare for interviews.

If your child would like to attend please send an email to jhilliker@theappletonschool.org.

CTM Pathway Events

CTM Pathways have a range of events taking place in the coming months to help students explore their career options. Click the link below to find out more:
https://pathwayctm.com/events/
Apprenticeship Spotlight

Essex Apprenticeship Opportunities

The Essex Opportunities website features a range of local apprenticeship vacancies. Please see some of the current live vacancies below:

Role – Business Support Apprentice
Scheme – Apprenticeship
Location – Chelmsford

Role – Town Planner Apprentice
Scheme – Apprentice
Location – Remote working

Role – Active Essex Intern
Scheme – Internship
Location – Essex

All our live vacancies can be found on: [www.workingfor Essex.com](http://www.workingforEssex.com)
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Link - https://www.workingforessex.com/apply/business-support-apprentice-129877
source=workingforessex.com

Role – Town Planner Apprentice
Scheme – Apprentice
Location – Remote working
Link - https://www.workingforessex.com/apply/town-planning-apprentice-130237
source=workingforessex.com

Role – Active Essex Intern
Scheme – Internship
Location – Essex
Link - https://www.workingforessex.com/apply/active-essex-intern-129477
source=workingforessex.com

All our live vacancies can be found on: www.workingforessex.com
Safeguarding—AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AI VIRTUAL FRIENDS

What are the risks?

Content and Accountability

AI technology providers are unable to recognize any content described as offensive or harmful. Therefore, it is essential to understand that providers cannot be held liable for any inappropriate content, including hate speech or discriminatory content. Parents and carers must take responsibility for any content that their children access.

Reduced Social Contact

An excessive reliance on chatbots or virtual friends could potentially cause a child to begin neglecting social contacts, learn-to-face communication, and social isolation. Young people become dependent on chatbots or virtual friends, leading to isolated and lonely development.

Lack of Sensitivity

Chatbots are not always sophisticated enough to pick up on the emotional needs of children. They may not be able to recognize or respond appropriately to the emotional needs of children, which can lead to a lack of emotional wellbeing or decreased emotional safety.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Chat About Chatbots

If your child is already expressing an interest in chatbots, it’s important to discuss what they are and how they work. Discuss these apps with your child and talk about what you think of them and how they relate to your child’s development.

Create a Safe Environment

If your child is known to engage with AI chatbots, encourage them to do so in a safe environment. Make sure the environment is a shared space at home, so you can monitor their activity and keep an eye on their progress. Set up appropriate content filtering measures in advance.

Take Control

As with any form of app or game, it’s important to ensure that children are supervised by a trusted adult and that adult is aware of all interactions. Ensure that your child’s privacy settings are turned on and that their privacy is protected.

Recognise the Risks

It’s important to remember that most children still have an extensive face-to-face social network, whether physically present or through virtual interactions. The presence of chatbots can be a real distraction, and it’s important to ensure that children remain engaged in the offline world.

Meet Our Expert

A dedicated online safety professional who works with children to teach them how to stay safe online. "It’s important to remember that most children still have an extensive face-to-face social network, whether physically present or through virtual interactions."
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
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  142 Newton Road
Email: info@skips.com  Great Barr
Tel: +44 121 227 1941  Birmingham B43 6BT


Keeping children safe online 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!
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

www.cavs.org.uk | 01268 214 000 | volunteering@cavs.org.uk
CAVS Castle Point Association Of Voluntary Services
Registered Charity: 1103968

#VolunteersWeek
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