



The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

13.09.24

Key Dates

13.09.24 Student Leadership Conference

19.09.24 Main School Opening Evening

20.09.24 Inset Day

20.09.24 Aptitude Test

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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	296
Nightingale	244
Tull	249
Turing	250
Grand Total	1039

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



Correspondence sent out this week

Date	Letter	Year/whole school
10.09.24	Parental Letter	Whole School
11.09.24	Early Closure & INSET Day Letter	Whole School

Please See Links below for the letters:

Web Page

<https://www.theappletonschool.org/parents/letters-home>

Early Closure Letter September 2024

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/02.letters-home/02._whole-school/Early%20Closure%20Letter%20September%202024.pdf

Parental Letter September 2024

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/02.letters-home/02._whole-school/Parental_Letter_10th_Sept_24.pdf





General Notices

Uniform

As we approach the end of term we have noticed that the students' uniform is not meeting the usual high standards and we ask for parental support in ensuring the students are meeting the expectations. From Monday we will be confiscating any items that are not part of our uniform policy, this includes jewellery and sports tops/hoodies.

In warmer weather we permit students to take off blazers but they should be on their person and a sports jacket or hoody should not be worn as a replacement.

A link to the school's uniform expectations is here: <https://theappletonschool.org/parents/uniform-and-equipment>

If there are any issues with uniform e.g. shoes are broken, then please just send your child in with a note so an exemption pass can be issued.

FAQs

1. Why a focus on uniform?
The school represents that students are part of the Appleton Community and we want them to be proud of that fact, exactly how a sports team wear the same kit.
2. But uniform does not impact their education?
There have been various studies on this over the years, but a uniform takes off the pressure from students and parents to have the latest designer clothing to allow them to focus on their learning. Further to this, it reduces points of conflict with staff, by meeting the basic uniform expectations means that everyone can focus on the learning in a positive learning environment.



FORMAL PRACTICAL BLACK LEATHER SHOES (or faux leather alternative) which must have a heel and black laces (where applicable).

Not permitted:
Sports brands, emblems or logos. Canvas shoes, flat sole style shoes, trainers, high heels or boots

PLAIN BLACK, FORMAL TROUSERS, which go over shoes.

Not permitted:
Jeans, cropped trousers, stretchy, jersey or Lycra. Skinny-fit trousers, jeggings or leggings, brushed cotton/ chino style trousers.

OR

FORMAL BLACK KILT SKIRT
Approved length 22 inches

Not permitted:
Stretchy, jersey, Lycra or tube style skirts

MAKE UP AND JEWELLERY

- No false eyelashes
- No nail polish or acrylic nails
- No excessive make-up
- Students are allowed one ring of sensible size, a watch and one stud earring in each ear, no other piercings are permitted.
- No other jewellery allowed



For further details visit the uniform section of The Appleton School website



General Notices

Vision and Values

Currently, our students are reviewing the core vision and values of our school. Our vision is that we are “achieving excellence” together. Our core values help us learn important qualities and behaviours that encourage us to be responsible and kind citizens, and help us grow as individuals and in friendships.

- ⇒ **Respect:** We should appreciate everyone in our community. We are all unique and deserve kindness. We should also take care of our school family and wider community.
- ⇒ **Resilience:** It's important to face challenges bravely. We can learn from our mistakes and successes. We should be ready for changes and handle tough times calmly.
- ⇒ **Community:** We are all part of the Appleton family. Let's all work together to make our school a happy place. We should be proud of our diverse community and get involved.
- ⇒ **Aspiration:** We should aim high and always try our best. Let's work hard to do well in everything we do.

Respect

Recognise the value we all give to society. Recognise we are all different from one another and deserve respect. Care for our immediate and wider environment. With respect being fostered by our community we will **excel together**.

Resilience

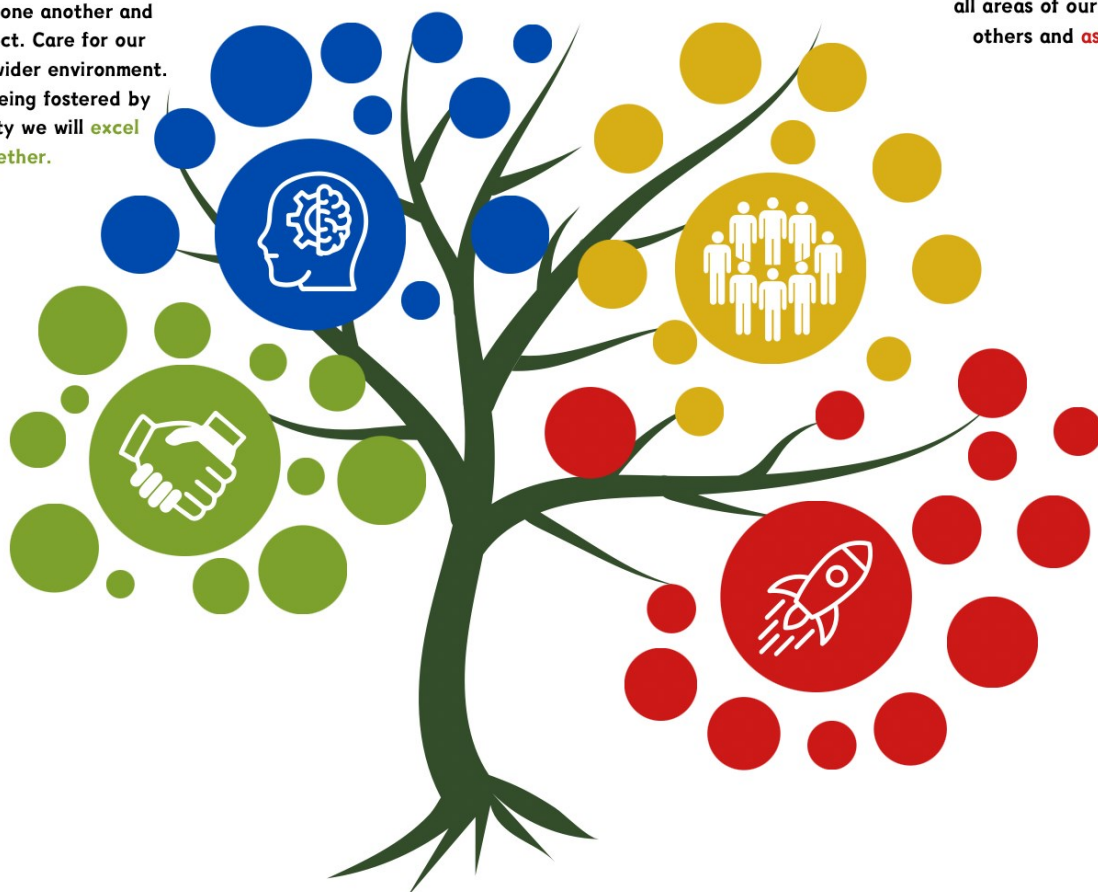
Embrace the opportunity to face challenges. Value the chance to learn and grow from both our successes and mistakes. Adapt to change and manage stress to overcome set-backs, leading to us to **persevere together**.

Community

Commit to making a positive contribution to our Appleton Family. Value and connect with our diverse community with purpose and pride. By working together we will **innovate together**.

Aspiration

Commit to ambitious individual goals and have high expectations. Demonstrate motivation to thrive in all areas of our lives. To inspire others and **aspire together**.





General Notices

Banding in Year 7 and Year 8

As we have recently reverted back to being a 9-form entry school (previously we were 10 forms) it no longer makes sense to split the year group in half as this would lead to two uneven groups.

We have now split the year group into 3 bands so there is an even split to support timetabling. These bands, rather than being X and Y, have used the letters T, N and A - this is to reflect our House system and to use similar names, our Houses start with the letters T, N and A: Turing, Tull, Nightingale, and Austen; although the house the student is in has not influenced their banding.





PE Fixtures

Monday

Year 10 Football Essex Cup Castle View **Home**

Year 7 and 8 Netball Woodlands **Home**

Tuesday

Year 8 Netball National Cup Shenfield **Away**

U16 Netball King John **Away**

Wednesday

Year 7 Football A+B Woodlands **Away**

Thursday

Year 8 Football King Edmund **Away**

PE News

Results

Year 10 Football

Appleton School 5 - 1 Fitzwimarc School



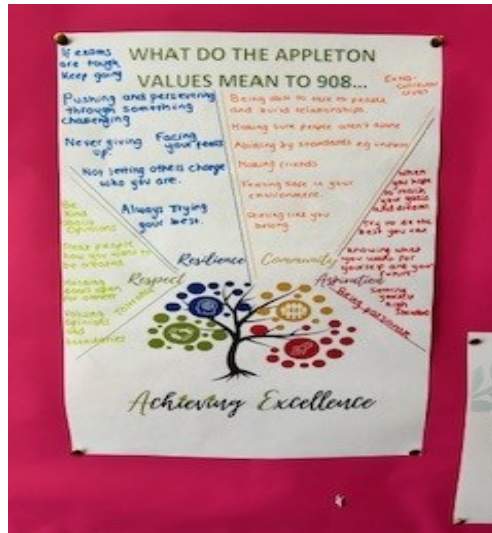
SHOUT OUTS

I would like to thank Mark Lawley, an employee at Homebase, who has donated to our SEN house £30 worth of vegetable strips for a wellbeing garden, as well as tall timber cut offs for our Construction students. We are very grateful and thank them for their generosity!

Mrs Glyn

Evie Hardiman in year 10 who is going above and beyond already by completing course-work at home which wasn't asked of her.

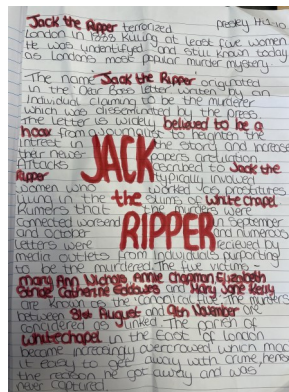
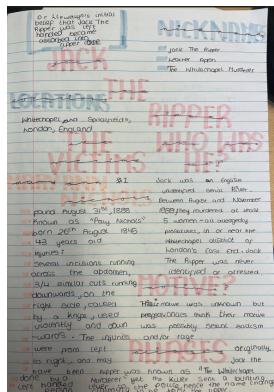
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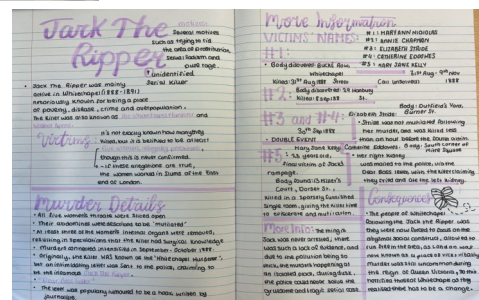
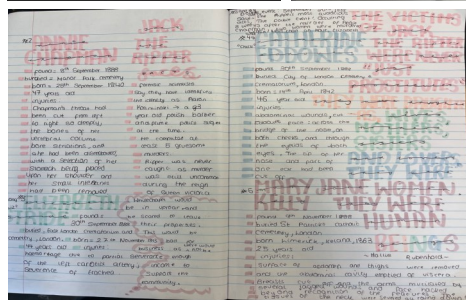
Shout out to Form 908 for their input on 'what do the Appleton values mean to 908'
Miss Green



Inspirational quote poster for CAPE by: Myka Holland in year 9.
I think it's fantastic and really links in with what we have been doing.
Mr Wood



History homework researching Jack the Ripper, by: Libby Twiggs, Lily Adams, and Presley Gartner in year 10.
Miss Dixon



SHOUT OUT



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Young boy from Holy Family Catholic Primary School is shaving his head to help raise money for Oscar Fairs in year 10.

Please click on the following link to read more:

<https://www.echo-news.co.uk/news/24574844.boy-shave-head-support-oscar-fairs-benfleet/>

Mrs Starling

The Appleton School

Student Leadership Conference 2024

TRAINING AND TEACHING PROGRAMME

We are pleased to invite our students that are members of our Student Leadership Structure to our Student Leadership Conference during this Friday 13th September in the Main Hall

The Appleton School Proudly Presents

Student LEADERSHIP Conference 2024
Unlock your strategic leadership skills

Training & Coaching Program

- What is student leadership?
- Values & Principles of student leadership
- Teamwork & problem solving
- Communication & public speaking
- Action planning

Venue: Main Hall
Timing: 8:35 to 10:55
Date: 13th September 2024

Thank you to all the students who took part in the Student Leadership Conference.

Miss Green





Attendance

Being In School, On Time Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

If your
attendance

You would miss

you are likely
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!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters



Research shows us that there is a direct link between pupils attendance at school and how well they achieve

Congratulations to the following tutor groups who had the best attendance in their year group this week.

704	Mr Polley	99.8%
802	Mr Foster	97.5%
909	Mr Kyprianou/Miss Bowles	97.6%
1003	Mr Davies	98.9%
1101	Ms Sandu	97.7%



Parent Support Sessions



Parent Support Sessions



Parent Support Session course delivered by Mr Clout
Starting on Tuesday 17th September the course runs for 10 weeks during term time. This course is open to all parents and covers the following topics:

- The parenting philosophy induction session.
- The tug of war!
- Active Listening.
- Praise and Encouragement
- Whose problem is it?
- Consequences!
- Good days and bad days!
- Managing the stress
- Supporting the vulnerable child

The course will run from 6.00pm - 7.30pm on the following dates in N4 at The Appleton School:

- Tuesday 17th, 24th September 2024
- Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd October 2024
- Tuesday 5th, 12th 19th, 26th November

If you wish to attend please call the school and register your interest on 01268 794215 or email your interest to

info@theappletonschool.org

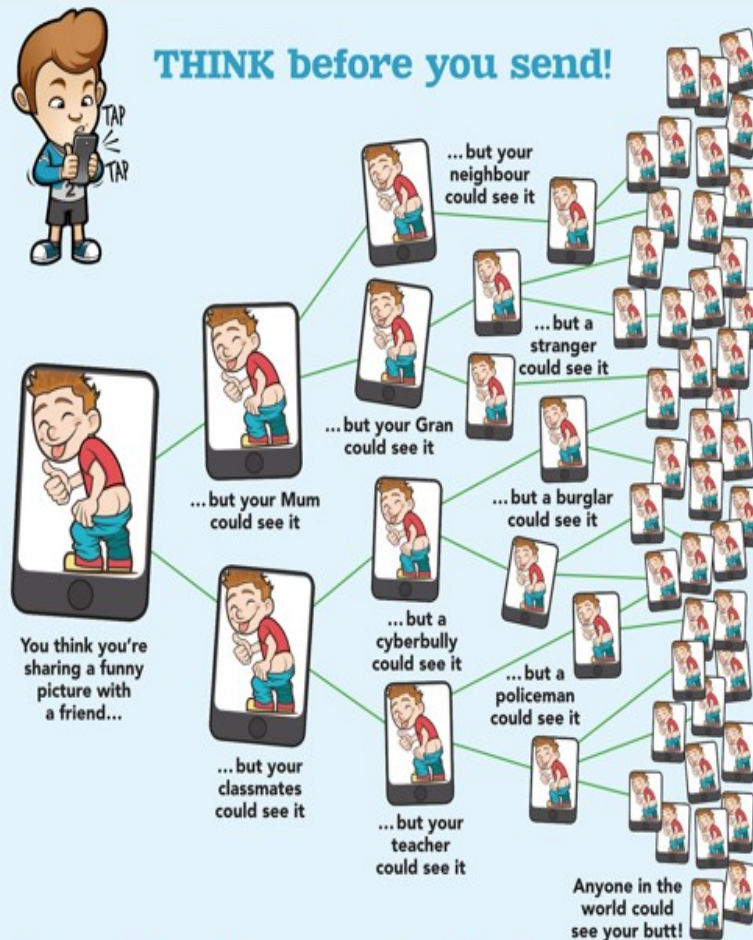


Safeguarding

Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

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 to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Quick Links

[Arbor](#)

[ParentMail](#)

[Google Drive](#)

[Satchel One](#)

[Microsoft Teams](#)

[Never Acceptable](#)

Autumn Term Dates

Friday 20th September **Non-pupil day**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November **Half term**

Friday 20th December **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.theappletonschoo.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.theappletonschoo.org/sixth-form/student-life/ks5-resources>

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

The whole school and PE extra-curricular timetables have now been updated.

You can find these time tables on our website.

Please click on the following link to go direct to the site:

<https://www.theappletonschoo.org/parents/clubs-and-activities>

Alternatively, you can access the time tables directly via the following links:

<https://www.theappletonschoo.org/user/pages/04.parents/19.clubs-and-activities/Extra%20Curricular%20Clubs%20and%20Activities%20-%20Autumn%20Term%202024.pdf>

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