

The Appleton School Parent Bulletin

13.12.24

House System

Congratulations to all pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9 and 10 for your achievement points that you have earned since the start of the academic year.









House	Grand Total
Austen	12176
Nightingale	12382
Tull	13435
Turing	12919
Grand Total	50912

Follow us on:

Facebook

The Appleton School



Instagram

The Appleton School



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



Attendance



Check your current attendance using the Arbor 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 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.

709	Mr Gnahore	93.4%
806	Mr Dacosta	94.1%
909	Mr Kyprianou/Miss Bowles	93.8%
1005	Mrs Wilson/Mrs Starling	92.7%
1107	Mrs Edwards/Mrs Dowle	96.7%





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
- 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
- Aspiration: We should aim high and always try our best. Let's work hard to do well in everything we do.

Embrace the opportunity to face

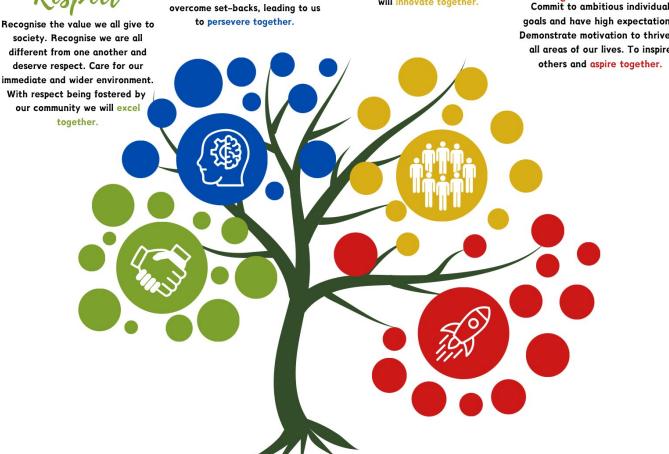
challenges. Value the chance to learn and grow from both our successes and mistakes. Adapt to change and manage stress to

mmunit

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.

goals and have high expectations. Demonstrate motivation to thrive in all areas of our lives. To inspire







General Notices Uniform

During the school 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. Going forward 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
- 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.

FORMAL BLACK KILTED SKIRT Approved length 22 inches

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

%

OR

- 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





Correspondence sent out this week

Date	Letter	Year/Whole School
09.12.24	Parent Sessions Maths	Year 11
10.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day Friday 20.12.24	Whole School
13.12.24	Year 9 Options Overview Letter	Year 9
13.12.24	Year 9 Examination Timetable	Year 9
13.12.24	Year 9 Examinations Letter	Year 9





Shoutouts

Mr Jones, Head of MFL would like to give a shout out to Demitria Robinson for her 1000 day streak on Duolingo - 'An incredible achievement.'









Ŏ

PE Fixtures

Tuesday 17th December 2024

- Year 7 Boys Essex Cup Basketball Fitzwimarc (H)
- All Years Girls Swimming Trials

Wednesday 18th December 2024

- U13 Girls Basketball Great Baddow (H)
- All Years Boys Swimming Trials

PE Shoutouts

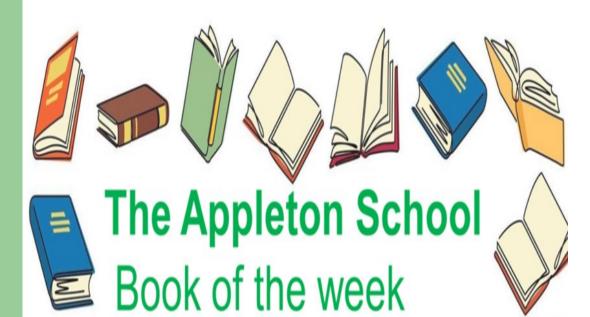
Well done to the Year 8 Netball team who beat Woodlands to reach the quarter final of the National Bowl competition! Congratulations to the Year 7 Boys Football team who beat Gable Hall 5-0 to progress into the 3rd round of the Essex Cup Football.

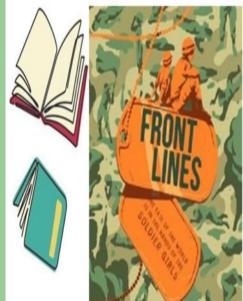
Mr S. Rowe
Head of Physical Education



General Notices

Book of the Week: Front Lines By Michael Grant





Title: Front Lines
Author: Michael Grant

Just when you thought Michael
Grant's GONE series had taken us to
the darkest limits of his imagination,
the evil genius of young adult fiction
is back to take you to the Front Lines
of terror. In the tradition of The Book
Thief, Code Name Verity and
Between Shades of Gray, Front Lines
gives the experience of WWII a new
immediacy while playing with the
'what ifs?' of history.







LOST PROPERTY

Please be aware that any named items that are handed in to lost property are routinely returned to students. However, we have a large number of unnamed items that have built up, and we would like to reunite these with their owners if possible.

To help us with this, if your child has lost anything in school, please ask them to go to the Main Office during break or lunchtime to check if their item is in lost property.

Lost items currently held include coats, shoes, trainers, uniform, jewellery, headphones and glasses.

Thank you for your assistance with helping us reunite any items of lost property with their owners.









On Wednesday 27th November, Key Stage Three students from across our four Trust schools took part in our Spelling Bee competition.

Students were asked to spell words such as "aluminum", "einsteinium", "Loughborough" and "paediatrician". I think you will agree that even for most adults these words present a great deal of challenge! Our students worked brilliantly together as teams and thoroughly enjoyed taking part.



The Appleton Year 7 team came runners up, both the Year 8 and Year 9 teams won their categories, with Appleton as the winning school overall.

Congratulations to all students involved.









Last week a small group of our year 11 Beauty students made a visit to the Goldenley Care home in Benfleet to spend time with some of the residents. Whilst there, our students performed hand massages and painted nails and they all did an amazing job. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet members of our local community, and show off their skills that they have been working on in school.







Our Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 students had the opportunity to meet local professionals and educational establishments representing Lloyds Banking Group, Southend United Community Foundation, DWP, Polar, IPECO, Gilbert & Rose, NHS, Border Force, USP, South Essex College, Anglia Ruskin University, University of East Anglia and many more at this year's Careers Fair on Friday 6th December 2024. It has been a great experience for the students to explore possible career paths and the qualifications required. Students commented that they enjoyed the day, that it was very helpful and provided them with lots of information.

A huge thank you to our exhibitors who said that they were very impressed with the engagement of our students during the day and they are looking forward to working with The Appleton School in the future.















We are still collecting nonperishable items for charity, and these will be shared with the local community ready for collection on December 18th.

Please give any donations to your form tutor, Ms Dowle in C10 or the main office.

















WINTER HAMPER

DONATION DRIVE

This year we will be organising a collection for those in need. Festive items are suggested but all donations are welcome.

· Bottle of juice

- Bag for life
 Tinned custard
 Stuffing mix
- Chocolates or treats Christmas cake Crisps
- Marshmallows
- · Tomato ketchup · UHT milk
- Mince pies
- · Savoury biscuits · Toilet roll

- Family box of biscuits• Gravy granules Any long-life goods

- Christmas pudding Cranberry sauce a surprise

· a supermarket voucher

DONATIONS WELCOME

READY FOR CHARITY COLLECTION ON THE 18TH DECEMBER

Any questions please ask your form tutor or Ms Dowle C10.

Could you be a volunteer elf to collect full boxes and arrange items? Please tell your form tutor or sign up C10





Appleton The National Space Academy

Yesterday our Y11 Triple Scientists and Y13 Physics students had a visit from the National Space Academy, they learnt about careers in the Space Industry and were able to apply core Physics knowledge to new scenarios, revising forces and energy along the way. There was also a point to try on an astronaut suit and learn about how they maintain a stable environment for the astronauts and the effects of a vacuum on a human body.

The workshop finished with students designing their own rockets that were then fired across the playground using pressurised air! We would like to thank Robin Mobbs who is the Lead Educator at the National space Academy for working with us yesterday and bringing so much joy to our students through the teaching of space as a topic.







General Notices

Hidden Books Game is back! Can you guess all 20 books?

The National Book Tokens initiative is back, and this year students can win £500 in book vouchers by taking part in a fun game where they need to guess the titles of famous works of Literature. Click the link below to play along!

Find the book titles with National Book Tokens' Hidden Books Game, see link below:

https://hiddenbooks.nationalbooktokens.com/? utm_medium=email&utm_source=nbt&utm_campaign=20241114hbg&utm_content=play-game





Play the Hidden Books Game

Guess all 20 book titles in our virtual bookshop to win a £500/€500 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshops!



Play our other fiendish games for fun!



Safeguarding

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY



PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS



CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS



STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD



MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS



SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS



ADDRESS STRESS



10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Meet Our Expert







(a) @wake.up.wednesday



→ @wake.up.weds

The National College[®]

Flu Clinics Poster





Flu Vaccine Catch up Clinics

Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running local flu catch up clinics this winter, your nearest clinic is:

Leigh Primary Care Centre, SS9 3NG

Saturday 23 November 10am-2pm

Saturday 7 December 10-2pm

Monday 23 December 10am-3pm

· Monday 30 December 9am-2pm

It's easy to catch up, book your nearest clinic NOW on 0300 790 0597.

For information on school aged vaccinations please visit our website: eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

#GetWinterStrong





House Competition



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



HOUSE

COMPETITION

Your task is to create a gift box that is inspired by your school house.

Tull, Turing, Nightingale or Austen

The best design will be judged by a Special Team of Judges with a Prize for 1st place and 50 house points.



Wednesday Lunch Time in C5
Club Starts on the 27/11/2024







The Pearson National Teaching Awards

The Pearson National Teaching Awards are taking place next year and entries are now open for you to vote for both team and individual achievements across The Appleton School. Please see the attachment with information about the event and details on how to vote.

Please see attached link: Home - The Pearson National Teaching Awards





As proud headline sponsors, we're excited to announce that entries for the 2025

Awards are now open!

With 16 categories celebrating both team and individual achievements across early years, schools, and colleges, these awards offer a wonderful opportunity to honour the outstanding educators making a difference in your community.

Your early bird offer

Enter before December 31st and your submission will not only be eligible for feedback but also the chance to win three signed copies of Michael Morpurgo's books and £200 worth of vouchers for your school library.

Enter now

Why enter?

 Celebrate your community: give your school community a reason to come together and celebrate.



The Pearson National Teaching Awards

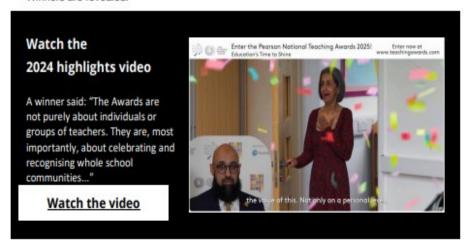
The Pearson National Teaching Awards are taking place next year and entries are now open for you to vote for both team and individual achievements across The Appleton School. Please see the attachment with information about the event and details on how to vote.

Please see attached link: Home - The Pearson National Teaching Awards

- Boost your school's reputation: gain recognition and open doors to exciting new opportunities.
- National exposure: winners are showcased in regional press stories, national TV, and prestigious awards ceremonies, including an overnight stay in a top London hotel.

Tune into The One Show this month

A nomination can have a huge impact, not just on the nominee, but on the whole community. Tune into BBC One's The One Show from 25th - 29th November and see firsthand the impact winning an award could have on your community as the 2024 Gold Winners are revealed.





Copyright © 2024

Pearson Education Ltd | Registered No: 872828 | 80 Strand London WC2R ORL

Privacy notice | Cookies | Unsubscribe



SEND Drop in Sessions







SEND Drop In Session

An opportunity to speak to our Additional Needs Early Intervention Team to get advice and support - no diagonosis is required. Suitable for families* and professionals

> Northlands Park Family Hub Davenants, Basildon, SS13 1QX 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Fryerns Delivery Site Greenshoots Building Churchill Avenue, Basildon SS14 2EQ 1st Thursday of each month 9.30am to 10.30am

All About Delivery Site James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon SS15 5NX 3rd Tuesday of each month 10am to 11am

Highcliffe Delivery Site Rettendon View, Wickford, SS11 8JE 2nd Wednesday of each month 10am to 11:30am

Sunnyside Delivery site Rosebay Avenue, Billericay CM12 OGH 2nd Thursday of each month 10am to 11am

Little Lions Family Hub Northwick Park Academy, Third Avenue, Canvey Island SS8 9SU 4th Monday of each month 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Oak Tree Family Hub Grovewood Primary School, Grove Road, Rayleigh, SS6 8UA 2nd Friday of each month 1.00pm to 2.00pm

*Children do not have to accompany parents/carers to drop in

Call 0300 247 0013 to speak to one of the Additional Needs Early Intervention Co-ordinators (ANEIC)

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service





No Booking Required



The Appleton PTA

The Appleton PTA would like to raise money for students here at The Appleton School. Please see attached our flyer advertising our first event of a raffle with three hamper prizes, all kindly donated by Tesco. If you would like to be in with a chance of winning, Mrs Glyn will be selling tickets Wednesday and Friday breaktimes in N11.

Good luck everyone!





Essex Fire Museum Family Open Days



Essex Fire Museum November

booking is essential as we are on an active fire station site.

Contact us to book: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk or 01376



10.30am to 4.00pm (Last entry: 2.30pm)



Date: 24th Of November







(Last entry: 2.30pm)

Date: 15th Of December

Contact us to book: museum@essexfire.gov.uk or 01376

576847.



Essex County Council

We are seeking the help of young people to decide what kind of event they would like Gina to run. We would like as many as possible to fill in our two-minute survey and would be very grateful if you could publicise it to your students: https://forms.office.com/e/NVGyZMWHpm.





Salvation Army

The Appleton community would like to support local families as best we can. Leading up to winter break we will be collecting donations. These items should be long life and within date. These will be collected by each form and we will hand over our bulk donation on the 18th of December. More information will be provided to students in form time

Who uses foodbanks?

There is not stereotype. People will need foodbanks at different times for different reasons. Some reasons may include: illness, unexpected costs, rising cost of living or interruptions in earnings.

Who are we collecting for:

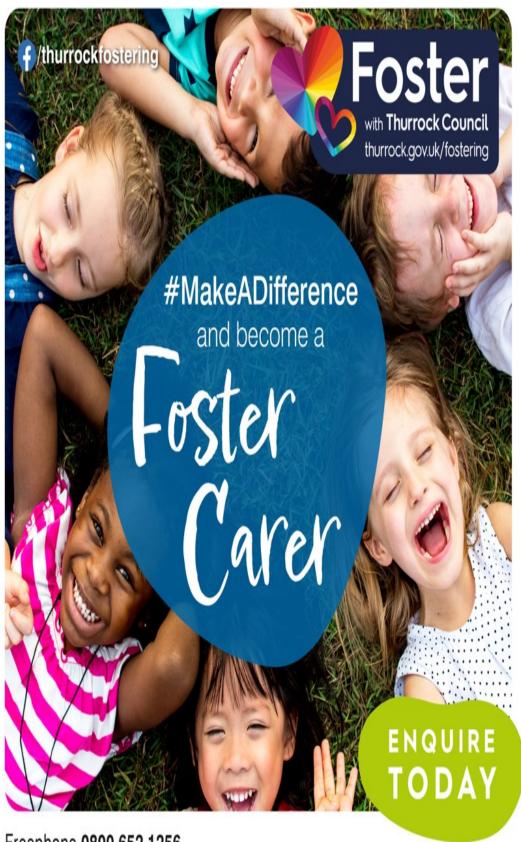
Salvation Army

https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/news/all-aboard-salvation-armys-new-community-supermarket

Responding to the cost of food, The Salvation Army is working in partnership with Essex County Council and Feeding Britain by jointly funding this initiative which aims to bring some relief to local people who are struggling to make ends meet.







Freephone 0800 652 1256 fostering.adoption@thurrock.gov.uk









Community & Family Learning



FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO ENROL ... SCAN QR CODE, CLICK HERE, OR VIEW WEBSITE,
NEED HELP? EMAIL ACLFAMILYLEARNING@ESSEX.GOV.UK









Essex Library Service



Essex Library Service has recently appointed its first ever Author in Residence specifically for young people. Over the coming year Gina Blaxill will be holding a number of creative writing events for 12-17 year olds, beginning with a pair of workshops, "How to create your own fairy tale". A poster for this is attached.

We are seeking the help of young people to decide what kind of event they would like Gina to run. We would like as many as possible to fill in our two-minute survey and would be very grateful if you could publicise it to your students: https://forms.office.com/e/NVGyZMWHpm.



THE APPLETON SCHOOL

Croft Road Benfleet Essex SS7 5RN

Phone: 01268 794215

Email: info@theappletonschool.org

Website: www.theappletonschool.org

Term Dates

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

https://www.theappletonschool.org/parents/term-dates

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

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/09.term-dates/Term Dates 2024-25.pdf

Autumn Term Dates 2024

Friday 20th September **Non-pupil day**Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November **Half term**Friday 20th December **Last day of term**

Spring Term Dates 2025

Friday 3rd January **Non-pupil day**Monday 6th January **Students return**Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February **Half term**Friday 7th March **Non-pupil day**Friday 4th April **Last day of term**

Quick Links

Arbor

<u>ParentMail</u>

Google Drive

Satchel One

Microsoft Teams

Never Acceptable

Summer Term Dates 2025

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22nd April Students return
Monday 5th May Bank Holiday
Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May Half Term
Friday 18th July Last day of term
Monday 21st July Non–pupil day

THE APPLETON SCHOOL

Croft Road Benfleet Essex SS7 5RN

Phone: 01268 794215

Email: info@theappletonschool.org

Website: www.theappletonschool.org

Revision Resources & Extra-Curricular

GCSE Revision Resources

We have provided a wide range of resources to aid your child 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

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

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

https://www.theappletonschool.org/parents/clubs-and-activities

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

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/19.clubs-and-activities/Extra%20Curricular%20Clubs%20and%20Activities.pdf

https://www.theappletonschool.org/user/pages/04.parents/19.clubs-and-activities/Extra%20Curricular Oct-Dec 24.pdf

Quick Links

<u>Arbor</u>

<u>ParentMail</u>

Google Drive

Satchel One

Microsoft Teams

Never Acceptable