



September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 have made an excellent start with us at Appleton Academy, their attitude to learning is strong and they have had a very purposeful beginning to the new school year.

We are now writing to you to provide some key information about this academic year, which will be useful for you in supporting your child. We want to ensure, as you do, that your child makes as much progress as possible with us in school this year.

### Academic Options

Year 9 is an exciting time for our students at Appleton Academy. Throughout the year, they will have the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the curriculum which will, in turn, support them to make their option choices in the spring term. We will be holding an Options Evening in school on Wednesday 12 March 2025, during which you and your child can gain a better understanding of the courses we have on offer and the doors these can open to further education, employment or training Post 16. During the Summer Term, students will find out which options they have been successfully allocated ready for them to commence in September 2025.

### Please find a list of key dates for Year 9:

Weds 20 November 2024	Report 1 – Attitude to Learning
Weds 12 February 2025	Families Evening Report 2 – Attitude to Learning and Progress Data
Weds 12 March 2025	Options Evening
Weds 16 July 2025	Report 3 – Attitude to Learning and Progress Data

### Homework

At Appleton Academy, homework is seen as a valuable way of revising and extending work undertaken in school, discovering information not available in school, involving parents and carers in their children's studies and of developing the self-discipline essential for good habits of study.

- Students should spend 30 - 45 minutes on each subject's homework.
- A variety of homework tasks will be set including written work, research, revision, project work and preparation for future study.
- Students have a journal this year in which they can record their homework to ensure they do not forget to do this.
- To make good progress in their learning it is essential that students complete homework to the best of their ability. Please talk to your child about their

homework and support them in organising themselves to ensure homework is handed in on time.

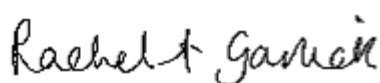
- If students need support with homework, please encourage them to talk to their subject teacher.
- We value the importance of homework in consolidating your child's learning but it can become unmanageable for teachers to chase students who were set homework and choose not to do it. If your child fails to complete three consecutive pieces of homework, we will presume you do not wish your child to continue to complete homework and staff will no longer inform you or issue a sanction to your child should they not complete it.
- If you have concerns about homework, you should refer these in the first instance to the subject teacher.

Please find details below of the homework that will be set for each subject this year:

Subject	Task Type	Frequency
English	Reading (30 minutes a week recorded in journals)	Weekly
Maths	Online - Sparx maths	Weekly - set on a Wednesday
Science	Science quiz set on forms, emailed out	Fortnightly
History	Science quiz set on forms, emailed out	Fortnightly
Geography	Guided Reading Topic Projects	X2 per half term x1 per half term
Spanish	Topic Project	x1 per half term
Digital Literacy	Online - iDEA award badges set alongside lessons	x3 per half term
RE	Guided reading	Each half term
DT and Art	Tasks linking to their project/rotation	Fortnightly

Through all of us working together, we know that your children, our students, will have a positive year and will make the progress that their hard work deserves. Please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [info@appletonacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@appletonacademy.co.uk) in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours faithfully



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