

APPLEBY COLLEGE



June 21, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the 2025–2026 academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share some key information to help support your child's transition into the Senior School at Appleby College.

My name is Michael Moores, and I serve as the Director of Senior School, responsible for overseeing both the academic program and student life for our senior students. I hold an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Education from Trent University, as well as a Master of Education in Administration and Leadership from Brock University. This fall marks my tenth year as Director of Senior School and my eighteenth year at Appleby. Over the years, I've also had the privilege of serving in a variety of roles, including Boarding Life Don, Assistant House Director of Colley House, and House Director of Powell's House. I remain actively involved in school life, coaching rugby and hockey, and working closely with the Senior School Council and other student committees.

The Senior School experience at Appleby offers an exciting range of opportunities, and we strongly encourage students to take full advantage of them. With expanded co-curricular offerings, including the option to pursue an arts or service activity for an entire reporting period—as well as a broader academic course selection, Senior School presents students with new ways to challenge themselves and grow. Senior students play a vital role in shaping the tone and culture of the school and are expected to lead by example in all they do.

Many of our senior students are part of the boarding community, living in one of the four on-campus houses. Boarding life at Appleby provides a unique environment that fosters academic success, personal growth, and meaningful friendships. The program is designed to support each student's development in a safe, inclusive, and nurturing setting that emphasizes community, accountability, and independence.

We are excited to welcome you and your child to the Senior School community and have planned several important events in September to ensure a smooth and engaging start to the year. These events are designed to be both informative and welcoming, helping students and families become fully immersed in the life of the school.

Please see below for details on these events, along with other key information to support the start of your child's senior school journey.

New and Returning Senior School Student Orientation

Senior One (Grade 11) Student Orientation

All **new and returning** Senior One (Grade 11) students are required to attend the Orientation Day on **Thursday, September 4, 2025**, as outlined below. Students are to come dressed in casual; comfortable attire prepared to participate in various activities. More specific details will be shared in August.

Senior One students (Grade 11): **Thursday, September 4, 2025** – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Returning boarders only: Move-in to their boarding room, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- All Senior One Students Orientation, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Day students are expected to find their own way to campus by 10:00 a.m. There will be a bus leaving campus for all day students at 4:00 p.m.

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Senior Two (Grade 12) Boarder Move-in

Senior Two (Grade 12) students will move in on **Saturday, September 6, 2025**.

- Move into boarding room - 9:00 a.m.
- All Senior Two students remain in boarding for the full duration of the weekend.

New Parent Orientation – Wednesday, September 3, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**, all new parents are invited to attend the New Parent Orientation Evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come meet the Appleby school administration, faculty, and your child's advisor. New long distant and local boarding parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's advisor during the New Boarding Parent orientation beginning on **Tuesday, September 2, 2025**. Parents will have the opportunity to mingle with their new parent buddies and other Appleby parents. Additional details including the RSVP form will be provided in the **Sunday, August 3, 2025** issue of *Appleby This Week*. Please note that this event is for parents and does not include students.

Summer Reading

The English Department has a summer reading program which is mandatory. You can find which text your child is required to read by clicking this link [English Summer Reading](#). If you have any questions, please contact Janet Kurusanather (jkurusanather@appleby.on.ca) Department Head, English.

I look forward to an exciting year and working with your child to support them in all endeavours as they strive to achieve their personal goals.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Moores', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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