

Dates for the Diary

National Careers Week

Monday 6th - Sunday 12th March 2023

International Women's Day

Wednesday 8th March 2023

British Science Week

Friday 10th - Sunday 19th March 2023

Parent Forum Meeting - Venue: Lower Academy

Thursday 16th March 2023: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Year 10 Progress Review Event

Wednesday 22nd March 2023 - 3:30-6:30pm

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 27th February 2023.

★ Year 10 - Danny.T (R10Y1)

★ Year 11 - Petra.F (R11U1)

★ Sixth Form - Jon.M (R1213)

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Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

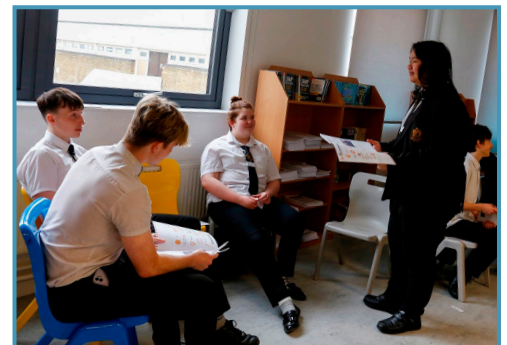
The Basildon Upper Academy hosted the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge with a series of workshops in February.

The dynamic and engaging hosts worked with groups of Year 10 students to look at the art of communication and how we can influence others. The groups reflected on the need to present themselves positively and with confidence for a range of reasons in their lives and practiced strategies to support them with this. Throughout the day, the groups built on their abilities to share their views and opinions leading to a short presentation at the end of the day to showcase the skills they had learned.

The hosts were really impressed with the supportive nature of the groups towards each other and the positive atmosphere created in the sessions. Well done to everyone who took part and represented not just the school but themselves with pride!

"The workshop was so worth it, Dominic's energy was outstanding. This precious experience will be so helpful for me in the future." Claudia.M

"The Jack Petchey workshop was a fun interactive workshop, it helped me build confidence and learn new techniques in public speaking and for interacting in groups." Franky.S



Wellbeing is prioritised for everyone in the school. As well as extensive curriculum content, the leadership have funded Wellbeing Centres on both sites. This support was spoken of very positively by students. Some have timetabled access but "There are break and lunchtime drop ins... anyone can go for help with any problem...it's very accessible."

Unicef RRS Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

Stakeholders recognise they have a clear voice, and they are listened to. There are strong processes in place through forums and surveys and these lead to practical change, examples of which students and staff were able to articulate.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Safeguarding

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link www.escb.co.uk which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding

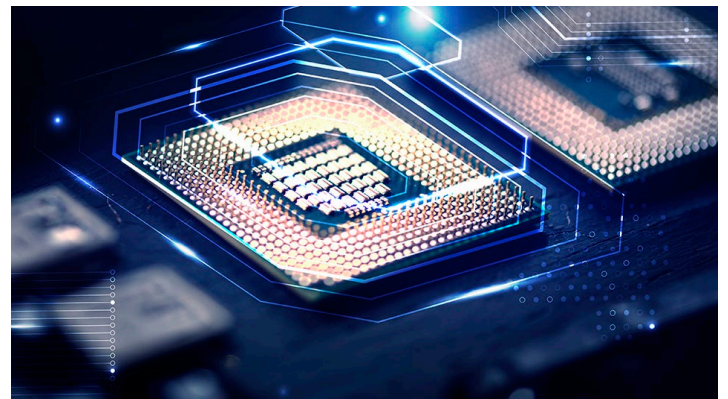
School nurse drop-in



If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Wednesday Breaktime, Location: The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre

Spotlight on: Information Technology - BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate



Information Technology (IT) systems have a significant role in the world around us and play a part in almost everything we do. Having a sound understanding of how to effectively select and use appropriate IT systems will benefit you personally and professionally. You will develop a common core of IT knowledge and study areas such as the relationship between hardware and software that form an IT system, managing and processing data to support business and using IT to communicate and share information. This qualification will give you the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in IT systems, systems management and social media in business.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [ICT BTEC Level 3](#)

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: [Apply to join](#)

House Points - Week Ending 3rd March



26,995
HAWKING



26,904
AUSTEN



26,321
ALI



26,301
SEACOLE

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Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

Home Learning

If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

EAL Intervention Programme

Well done to the following of students for the hard work & dedication they have put into the EAL Interventions programme & Baseline Test:

Nehat.M
Maria-Adelina.A
Noel.M
Eduard.F
Abdul.Q
Fthawi.T
Jordan.D
Karla.P
Denisa.F



Year 10 Work Experience

After 3 years of disruption due to the pandemic, we are excited to have Year 10 work experience planning well underway. Year 10 students will be off site from Monday 24th April – Friday 5th May 2023 on work experience placements. Please encourage conversations at home about where students would like to do their work placements. If you need advice on how and where to source appropriate placements, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.



SEND Department Coffee Mornings

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss your child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 8.45am - 9.45am every Wednesday.



To book an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).

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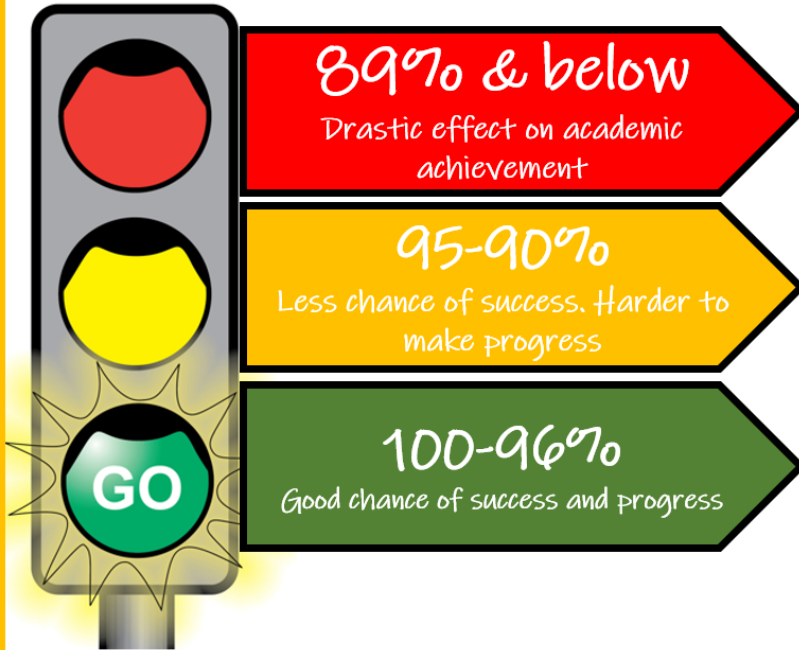
Attendance Expectations

There is a clear link between academic success and attendance and as such our expectations for attendance are that:

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends regularly.
- Students should have 100% attendance each year.
- Students with attendance below 95% are of concern.

ATTENDANCE

Every Minute Counts!



Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- Parents/carers should contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parents/carers must provide medical evidence to support all absences due to illness or medical appointments.
- Wherever possible parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours but if this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.
- If no appropriate medical evidence is provided then the Academies cannot authorise an absence. (ie. medical appointment card, prescription, doctor's letter.)

For further information and guidance regarding attendance and absence please visit our website:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance



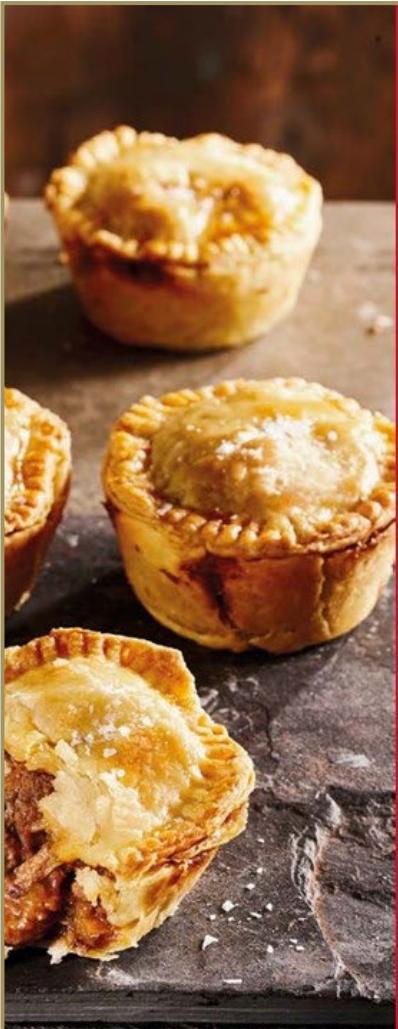
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Free school lunch for all students

We are delighted to announce that a free lunch
will be available to all students every Monday & Friday
between now & the Easter Holidays

A free school lunch is a hot meal or sandwich/baguette/roll and a dessert



6th - 12th March 2023

To celebrate British Pie Week The Dining Hall
will be serving a different choice of pie every day
in addition to the normal lunchtime menu.

Monday: **Cheese, Onion & Potato**

Tuesday: **Steak & Kidney**

Wednesday: **Chicken**

Thursday: **Minced Beef**

Friday: **Chicken & Vegetable**

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