

Dates for the Diary

Parent Drop In

Thursday 15th February 2024 - 8.30-9.30am

Half Term

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February 2024

Year 11 AP2 Assessments

Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March 2024

Year 11 Photos

Monday 11th March 2024

Year 10 & 12 Progress Review

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 3:45-6:30pm

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

House Points - Week Ending 9th February



14,169
ALI



11,252
AUSTEN



10,638
HAWKING



10,487
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

Emotional Wellbeing Support

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people to access online counselling, wellbeing support and resources. It also contains guides and information packs for parents and carers.

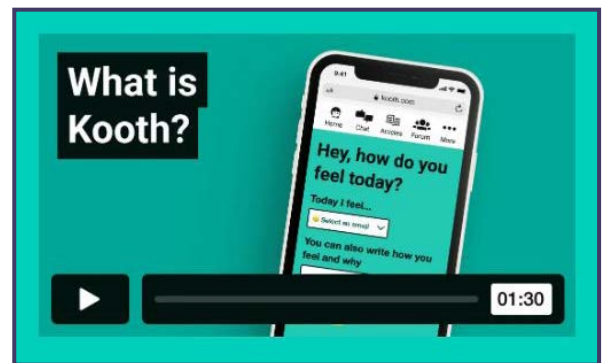
Many young people and their families can experience life changing events without receiving appropriate support. We are always here for students and their families but sometimes we know we might not be the ones you want to talk to, we may not even have the answers. Kooth have a range of services and platforms you can access.

If you or your child have experienced bereavement, illness, diagnosis of life changing conditions, homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, please contact safeguarding@basildonacademies.org.uk

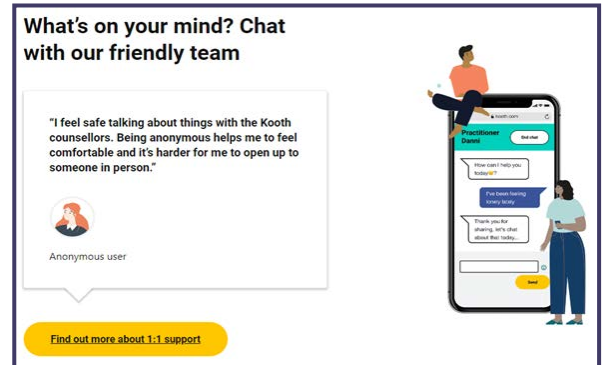
We may not be able to change any of these events or even reduce the emotional impact they are having but, we can offer support and guidance to students, or sign post you to someone who can.

S.O'Neill

Senior Student Development Leader



[Click here](#) to view a short video.



[Click here](#) to find out more about 1:1 support.

Parent Drop In - Thursday 15th February

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 15th February, between 8.30am and 9.30am.

There will be no need to book an appointment, just sign in at reception and staff will be happy to show you to the venue. There is no set topic for the drop in sessions, if we are not able to answer any specific questions, we will follow up and then feedback to you.



Business Studies Students Visit RollaCity

On Friday 9th February, Year 10 Business Studies students embarked on an educational visit to RollaCity skating rink in Southend.

The visit provided students with a real-life business to base their controlled assessment exam on. The main objective for our students was to explore a successful enterprise, understand the contributions of entrepreneurs and how businesses cope with external factors and challenges.

Students took the opportunity to tour the venue and experience the activities and services that RollaCity provide to consumers; as well as the operational management required to run the enterprise. Students also participated in a Q&A session with the manager before taking to the rink to skate. In order to make a full judgement about the success of the enterprise, the day ended with students sampling the food and drink on offer.

"Listening to the owner really made me understand how an enterprise grows. I really enjoyed the skating too!" Kamile.S

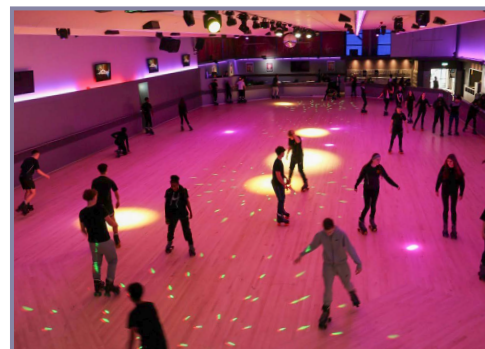
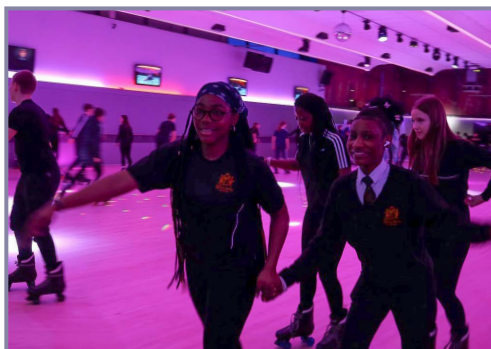
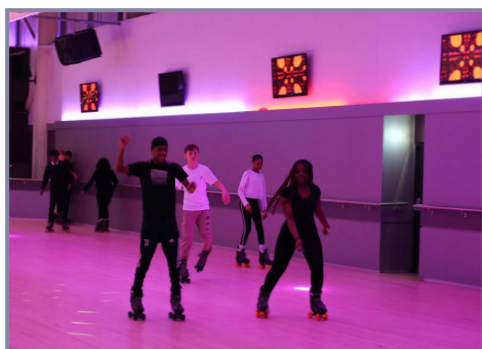
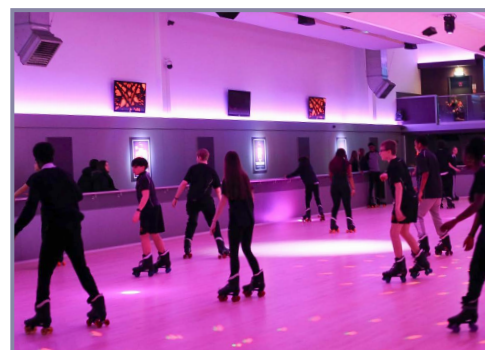
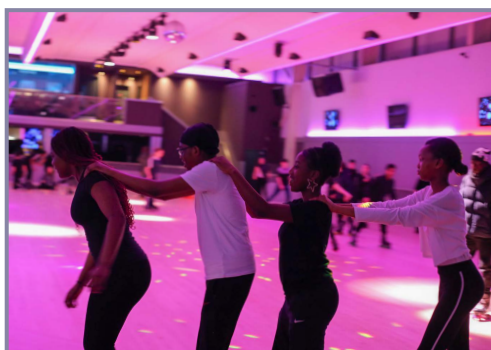
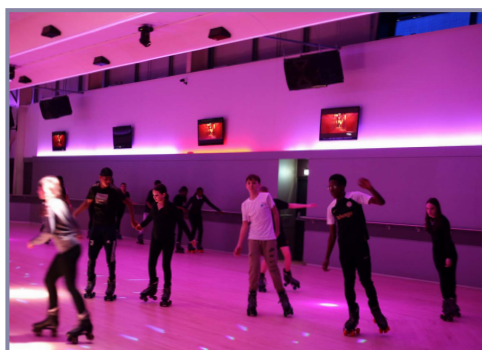
"I learned about entrepreneurs, which was helpful." Freya.C

"The visit was extremely interesting and gave me an insight into the skills and mindset of an entrepreneur." Michael.R.H

"I learned that Rollacity is a private limited company and, how the business operates." Adama.J

"Overall this was a really good experience. Everything was amazing and all of the employees were really helpful." Kaili.R

"I learned about the risks businesses face and costs of how much you need to put into a business to make it successful." Coleby.J



The academies have built very strong links with external partners which enhances the wellbeing provision they have available to students. Much of this provision is delivered for them on site by external partners through the wellbeing centre.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 5th February 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Taylor.C (R10U2)
- ★ Year 11 - Linzi.M (R11T1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Faiza.H (R1213)

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

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.

Spotlight on: A Level History



History A Level gives an opportunity to learn about the world we are a part of and how its political, social, religious and economic structures were created. It will enable students to learn about the significance of various events, people, issues and societies in the Modern World.

Students will learn about how and why our society has changed and analyse the theories of historians. Students get a chance to understand the language used to discuss ideas, to develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted and, importantly, to express their own ideas confidently and effectively as budding historians.

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

Applications for September 2024 admissions to our Sixth Form are now open. The online application form can be completed by visiting the following link:

[Sixth Form Apply to Join](#)

Uniform Exchange Scheme

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.

Prom Donations

As we are approaching Prom 2024, we are looking to see if any of you have any suitable pre-loved suits that you wouldn't mind kindly donating to our in-house Prom Shop!

This is set up to support students who may not have access to a smart suit.

Any donations will be gratefully received into the reception office on either site.



The curriculum at Basildon Upper Academy is well thought out. It is carefully planned with staff from the Basildon Lower Academy. These plans identify what pupils need to know. It breaks down this knowledge into manageable chunks so that pupils can build on previous knowledge securely. There are frequent checks on what pupils have learned.

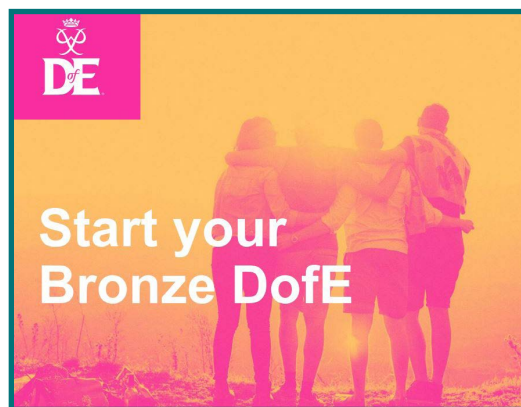
Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

Thank you to Matt from Essex Youth Service for visiting our Year 10's last week to talk through the DofE Bronze Award.

Students with Parents/Carers consent will need to complete an initial interest form, these can be collected from N.Winterflood or Reception. All interest forms will need to be handed back to Reception by 16th February. In due time, an official sign-up letter will be sent where students will be allocated their DofE account and can begin their DofE journey!

For more information please visit:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/the-duke-of-edinburghs-award



Year 11 AP2, commencing 26th February 2024

	AM (8:30am start)		PM (1:30pm start)	
Monday 26 th February	Maths P1	1 hr 30	Physics P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 27 th February	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Physics P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 28 th February	Maths P2	1 hr 30	Biology P1	1 hr 30
Thursday 29 th February	English Language P2	1 hr 45	Statistics H P1	1 hr 45
Friday 1 st March	NFER Testing		Maths P3	1 hr 30
			Chemistry P1	1 hr 15
			Statistics H P2	1 hr 45

Maths and English – All students in Year 11

Physics 1 and 2 – All students in Year 11

Biology 1, Chemistry 1 – Selected Year 11 students only

Statistics – Selected Year 11 students only

Essex Activate - Half Term Activities

Essex County Council are funding holiday activity clubs for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals and, low-income working families.

For more information, to check eligibility and, to register your child into a club for the upcoming half term, please visit: [Essex Activate](#) | [Active Essex](#)

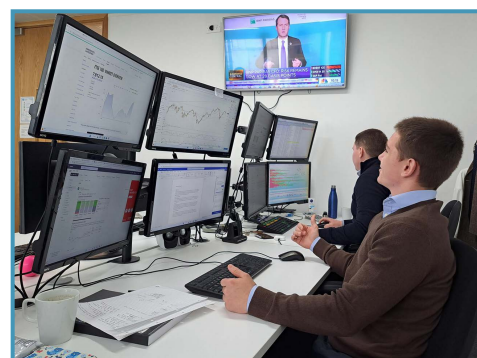


Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience will take place from Monday 22nd April until Friday 3rd May 2024. Deadline for Work Experience submission is 8th March 2024.

Support is available every day from J.Stoddart in the Canteen during Break and Lunchtime.

For more information, including a useful Work Experience Handbook and information video please visit: www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/year-10-work-experience-2024



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 must 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

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	



HAPPY
LUNAR
NEW YEAR
2024



TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW
YEAR & CHINESE NEW YEAR
THERE WILL BE CHINESE
THEMED LUNCHESES AVAILABLE
IN THE DINING HALL ON
MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

PANCAKE DAY TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY



To celebrate Pancake Day on Tuesday 13th February The Dining Hall will be serving pancakes in addition to the regular dessert menu options.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

12th February - 16th February 2024

EAL VERSION

Monday:	Admission: confession of a charge, an error, or a crime; an acknowledgment.	pengakuan = Malay
Tuesday: (Shrove Tuesday)	Proclamation: a public and official announcement.	선언 = Korean
Wednesday: (Valentine's Day)	Assertion: a positive statement or declaration, often without support or reason.	aseveración = Spanish
Thursday: (International Childhood Cancer Day)	Confession: acknowledgment or disclosure of sin or sinfulness.	tilståelse = Norwegian
Friday:	Revelation: the act of revealing or disclosing; disclosure.	اظہار = Urdu

Job of the Week: Locksmith

What does a Locksmith do?

Your day-to-day duties could include:

- Fitting locks to doors and windows
- Selling, servicing and repairing locks and other security devices
- Cutting copies of keys and making new keys
- Repairing locks on motor vehicles
- Providing a call-out service to people locked out of their home or business or after break-ins

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 205,159
- Essex jobs: 5,416 (2nd of 214 UK LEAs)
- Top 5 LEAs: Kent (5,464), Essex (5,416), Lancashire (5,050), Hampshire (4,995), St Helens (4,782)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You could: contact local locksmithing companies to see if they'll take you on and train you on the job, train as a locksmith by taking courses through the British Locksmiths Institute (BLI), part of the Master Locksmiths Association (MLA) or get into this job through an apprenticeship. Some experience in carpentry or engineering might be useful but isn't essential.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £30,284



Young Carers Club

Mondays

Year 10, 12 & 13: 3pm-5pm

Year 11: 3:30pm-5pm

Venue: Enhanced Provision

Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.



Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.