

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

25th March 2024

Dates for the Diary

Parent Drop In

Wednesday 27th March 2024 - 8:30am-9:30am

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 27th March 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Students finish at 12:30pm

Easter Holidays

Monday 1st - Friday 12th April 2024

Year 11 & 13 Easter School

Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th April 2024 - 10am-2pm

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 22nd April - Friday 3rd May 2024

Student Value of the Term



House Points - Week Ending 22nd March



Leadership Message

As we approach the end of another term of this academic year, it is crucial for us, as a school community, to reflect on the vital role that behaviour plays in creating a conducive learning environment.

We believe that fostering positive behaviour is not just about rules and regulations, but it is about instilling core values that will guide our students throughout their lives. We aim to create an atmosphere where respect, kindness, and responsibility are not just taught, but practiced daily.

Open lines of communication between the school and home are essential. If you have any concerns regarding your child's behaviour, then please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Likewise, we'll always aim to keep you updated on your child's progress and behaviour within the school environment.

We believe also, in acknowledging and celebrating positive behaviour and attendance to school. Our rewards system recognises students who consistently demonstrate respect, kindness, and responsibility. We are planning our next rewards trip, with information to be shared with students after the Easter break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a enjoyable 2-week break.

K.Charman Assistant Headteacher



Parent Drop In - Wednesday 27th March

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 27th March between 8:30am-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.



Year 12 Egg Project

This year as part of their attachment module in psychology, Year 12 students were tasked with looking after an egg for 6 weeks as they worked their way through the different theories.

They thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their egg which ended with students completing a presentation on how they felt the time with their egg went, and the highs and lows of parenting.

The winners were: Paige.J & Sam. W.

"I thought it was very fun and interesting compared to other practicals we do in other subjects and it gave me an insight into what parents should do with their children." Paige.J



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

25 th March- 28 th March 2024	
Monday:	Salvation: Usindiso in Hoosa The act of saving or protecting from harm, risk, loss, destruction, etc.
Tuesday:	Fulfilment: Cyflawniad in Welsh The state or quality of being fulfilled; completion; realisation.
Wednesday:	Commemorate: Herdenk in Afrikaans To honour the memory of by some observance.
Thursday:	Resurrection: Du'aa ka'uu in Oromo The act of rising from the dead.



Year 11 & 13 Easter School 10th - 12th April 10am - 2pm



Easter School will take place at the Upper Academy to support students with their upcoming exams

- Wednesday 10th April: Maths, French, Science, Statistics & Creative Arts
- Thursday 11th April: English, French, Science, Statistics & Creative Arts
 - Friday 12th April: Sports, French, Science & Performing Arts

Sixth Form Application Deadline - 28th March

Applications to join our Sixth Form close on Thursday 28th March. All students must have submitted their application by then.

Students are reminded to accept their offers to secure a place at our Sixth form, rated 'Good' by Ofsted.

Interviews continue for internal applicants during Year 11 lunch and will continue after Easter.

The online application form can be completed by visiting the following link: Sixth Form Apply to Join



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 18th March 2024.



Year 10 - Frankie.C (R10Y1)



Year 11 - Charlie.H (R11Y2)



Sixth Form - Lucy.W (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 <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 3 Esports



Do you enjoy gaming? Do you love the idea of competitive gaming and the challenge of difficult games? Would you like an understanding of how the professional Esports industry works? Perhaps you'd like a career as a professional gamer or to study Esports at university?

Endorsed by The British Esports Association, the Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Esports will give you a solid foundation in understanding how the Esports industry works.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: BTEC Level 3 Esports

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

Student 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 Medical Room



Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

Job of the Week: Risk Manager

What does a Risk Manager do?

Analyse and manage risk management issues by identifying, measuring, and making decisions on operational or enterprise risks for an organisation.

Some of your day-to-day will include:

- Track, measure, or report on aspects of market risk for traded issues.
- Produce reports or presentations that outline findings, explain risk positions, or recommend changes.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 343,154
- Essex jobs: 7,050 (7th of 214 UK LEAs)
- Top 5 LEAs: Surrey (11,449), Hertfordshire (9,590), Wandsworth (8,315), Hampshire (8,221), Lambeth (7,896)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Although this area of work is open to all graduates, a degree in one of the following subjects may increase your chances: engineering, finance or economics Law and management or business studies.

Graduates of risk management courses and courses with risk management content are sought after and targeted by recruiters of risk managers.



Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £43,888





EASTER TREATS

On Thursday 28th March The Dining Hall will be serving a selection of Easter themed cakes & biscuits at breaktime.

Each item will be 50p.







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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

Did you 90% of young people with 85% fail to get good grades.

MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK



LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least 97% of the time, that's at least 184 days a year.

Target

days are **NOT** spent in school each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

Days of education

162

Days of education 184 Days of education

190 Days of education

143 Days of education

> 75% 47 days absent

Days of education

80% 38 davs absent **85%**

90%

97% 6 days absent 100% O davs absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.