

## **Basildon Upper Academy achieves Ofsted good rating; Pupils say that everyone is valued here and treated with respect.**

We are pleased to announce The Basildon Upper Academy and Sixth Form has been awarded a 'Good' judgement by Ofsted in its latest inspection.

This report is an improvement on our previous 2019 inspection and serves as a testament to the incredible hard work and commitment of our students, staff, parents, governing body, and trustees.

This endorsement from Ofsted is not only a cause for celebration but also a springboard towards achieving an outstanding rating in the future. The inspection praised the exceptional progress made by the Basildon Upper Academy and Sixth Form and highlighted some areas in which we can further improve. We have wasted no time in developing robust action plans to address these areas effectively, ensuring that our commitment to excellence remains unwavering.

### **Highlights of the report**

- Pupils appreciate the guidance and support that the school gives them to be the best they can be.
- Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment.
- Pupils learn about, and understand, the importance of respecting themselves and others. The personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum teaches pupils how to look after their physical and mental well-being.
- Students in the sixth form enjoy studying here. In lessons, teachers use their subject knowledge to provide a curriculum that builds students' knowledge securely.
- Staff are well supported and are proud to work here.



"I am delighted that Ofsted appreciated our unique offer designed to maximize the exceptional talents of our school community. We are on a journey to outstanding that I am sure we will achieve with our never-ending pursuit of the absolute best for our students." **Rebecca Rees – Headteacher**

"I feel proud and glad that this school is being recognised for how good it is. This school is very inclusive, welcoming and creates a great space for learning, so I am very pleased that Ofsted could see that too." **Kayla.O – Year 12**

"The teachers in Sixth Form truly care about your future and make sure that you always know your next steps, which I feel reflected in the school's report." **Amber.H – Year 13**

"In my opinion I am proud that our school is unique and that we have different ways of teaching including Sixth Form." **Eduard.S – Year 10**

"I feel the school has become one of a kind since I first came here." **Mace.B – Year 11**

"What I like about this school is how they are willing to give any student opportunities they might not have been given by other schools, and I think that is reflected in the Ofsted report." **Georgia.S – Year 13**

"When I think about my Sixth Form, I can't help but to feel incredibly proud. We may be different but that's what makes us amazing. Our school celebrates diversity and inclusion and, we believe that being unique is a superpower." **Nelly.E – Year 13**

"I genuinely think that the school has made improvements over the years I have spent here." **Hemanti.S – Year 11**

"The accomplishment of receiving a good Ofsted report truly reflects how the teachers genuinely care about us and helps us thrive, building our strong sense of community. We feel incredibly proud." **Savannah.C – Year 13**

"We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the continued hard work and commitment of our students and staff. The report reflects how our students feel valued, the positive relationships we foster and the pride we all have in our academies." **Gary Smith – Chief Executive Officer, The Basildon Academies Trust**

## Dates for the Diary

### Parent Drop In

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024: 2:30-3:30pm

### Holocaust Memorial Day

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Year 12 AP 1 Assessments

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

### Year 11 & 13 Progress Review

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - 3:45-6:30pm

### Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS  
EVERYTHING**

## House Points - Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> January



11,365  
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9,753  
AUSTEN



9,134  
SEACOLE



8,565  
HAWKING

## Parent Drop In - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, between 2.30pm and 3.30pm.

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.



## Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

## 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.



**Aspire - Believe - Achieve**



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Basketball</li> <li>Boys Fitness</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys Football</li> </ul>		<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boys Basketball</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Fitness</li> </ul>

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Wayne.M (R10X2)
- ★ Year 11 - Erika.E (R11T1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Keanu.D (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](http://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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding)

## Home Learning

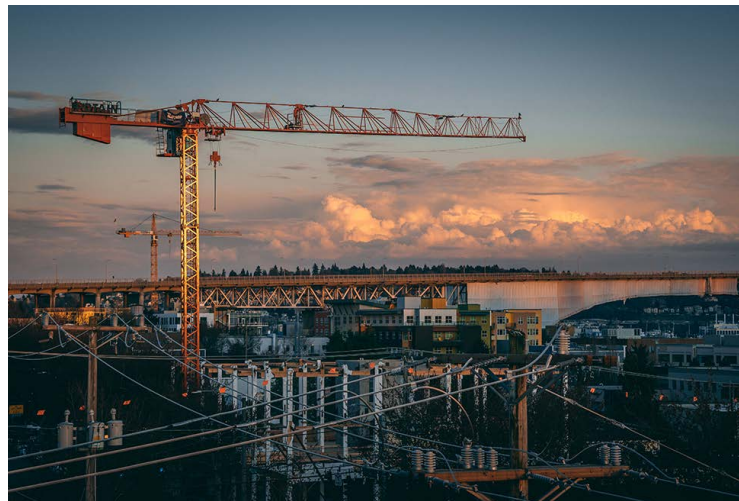
If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

## Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Football Team who recently beat James Hornsby School 6-1. Goalscorers: Kyan.W (2), George.R, Iulius.L, Moukhamed.D & Ciprian.C



## Spotlight on: BTEC Construction



The Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award and Certificate in Construction focus on hands-on abilities and tasks, emphasising learners showcasing their practical skills rather than theoretical knowledge. These qualifications provide learners with a chance to gain and enhance versatile, applicable, and industry-specific skills. This enables them to effectively carry out tasks and demonstrate an accomplishment level that prepares them for further learning opportunities.

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

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](#)

Congratulations to our Basketball Team who recently beat James Hornsby School 34-20 in their first competitive fixture of the season.



The school is determined that all pupils can access the curriculum. All pupils in key stage 4 now study French. The school offers pupils a wide range of vocational courses as well as GCSE and A-level qualifications. Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment.

## 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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)



# GOOD TIMEKEEPING



### What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



**Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time**

## Year 12 AP1 Assessments Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
8.30am	Biology	1hr 30mins
8.30am	Accounting	1hr 30mins
1.30pm	Sociology	2 hours
1.30pm	Hairdressing	1hr 20mins
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
8.30am	A Level Maths P1	2 hours
1.30pm	English Lit	1hr 30mins
1.30pm	Engineering	1hr 30mins
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>		
8.30am	Psychology	2 hours
1.30pm	A Level Maths P2	1 hour
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>		
8.30am	Media Studies	1 hour
8.30am	Chemistry	1hr 30mins
1.30pm	Criminology	1hr 30mins
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		
8.30am	3D Design	ALL DAY
8.30am	Physics	1hr 30mins

### SEND Department Coffee Mornings Every Tuesday 11am - 12pm

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss their child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 11am – 12pm every Tuesday.

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



### 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.

### Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://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).



# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

22 <sup>nd</sup> January - 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (International Holocaust Remembrance Day- 27 <sup>th</sup> January)		EAL VERSION
Monday:	<b>Customs:</b> A habitual practice; the usual way of acting in given circumstances.	les coutumes = French
Tuesday:	<b>Culture:</b> The quality in a person or society that arises from a concern for what is regarded as excellent in arts, letters, manners, scholarly pursuits, etc.	kultúra = Slovak
Wednesday: (International Day of Education)	<b>Philosophy:</b> The rational investigation of the truths and principles of being, knowledge, or conduct.	Φιλοσοφία = Greek
Thursday: (Burns Night)	<b>Civilisation:</b> An advanced state of human society, in which a high level of culture, science, industry, and government has been reached.	文明 (wén míng) = Mandarin (traditional)
Friday:	<b>Traditions:</b> A long-established or inherited way of thinking or acting.	gelenekler = Turkish

## NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY

Tuesday 30th January

To celebrate National Croissant Day on Tuesday 30th January the Dining Hall will be serving the following items at break time for 50p each;

- Plain Croissant
- Pain au Chocolat
- Savoury Croissant (Ham or Cheese)



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