

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

20th September 2022

Dates for the Diary

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 30th September 2022

Settling Event Monday 3rd October 2022: 4pm - 5pm

First Aid Day Tuesday 4th October 2022

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening Thursday 6th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 6th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Half Term Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022

Uniform Exchange Scheme

We have been overwhelmed with the volume of donations we have been receiving of pre-loved uniform and this has already made a huge difference to the families of many students so, thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed so far.

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 blazers, 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.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 12th September 2022.

🗶 🛛 Year 10 - Brooke.F (R10T1)



Year 11 - Amie.W (R11Z2)

Sixth Form - Riley.B (R1213)

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).



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 email:

remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk



Staff understand and are committed to a child rights-based approach; one adult commented, "It's not 'shoe-horned' in, the rights flow naturally in all that we do." Parents, carers and governors are kept well informed of the school'srights respecting work in a variety of ways including a student led podcast series which links the school values with human rights.

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

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

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

House Points - Week Ending 16th September



OCTOBER 2022 PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Settling Event: Monday 3rd October, 4-5pm

Spotlight on: 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: Esports

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: www.basildonacademies.org.uk/applytojoin

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this Academic Year. We can also provide tours of our facilities.

Please do contact our Academy reception team either via the contact us page (General Enquires) <u>The Basildon Academies</u> - <u>Contact Us</u> or via phone 01268 552536 to make your appointment. If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams please make that clear in your request.

Prospective Year 6 & Year 12 Open Evening: Thursday 6th October, 5-7pm

We are delighted to open both of our Academy sites to parents, carers and students on 6th October. This will be an opportunity for current Year 6 students to tour the Lower Academy and meet with key staff about what transition into Year 7 will look like in September 2023.

Current Year 11 parents, carers and students will be welcomed to the Upper Academy to meet with our Sixth Form teachers and select their Sixth Form options. Some of our courses are quickly filled so we would encourage all students to come and reserve their places on their favourite options! We will also have careers advice and guidance available to discuss Post 16 apprenticeships and college placements.

Year 10 – 13 Academy Progress Information Event: Monday 17th October, 4-5pm

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 parents & carers are invited to the Upper Academy hall to meet with our Senior Leadership team who will give a talk regarding GCSE, BTEC and A Level Assessments. This will include how to support students at home with revision timetables, what to expect regarding examinations both at mock stage and final summer assessments, as well as tips for how students can support their wellbeing during this time.

Student Value of the Term



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.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding

Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please email: attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk

- 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.)



Every School Day Counts

Every Minute Counts

LUNCH MENU WEEK 3				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Free Monday Creamy Pepper Pasta	Build a Burger Tuesday Crispy Chicken Burger	Indian Style Wednesday Chicken Korma	Pie Thursday Chicken Pie	Fake Away Friday Chicken Pitta Kebabs
Cheese & Tomato Panini	Hot Dog & Onions	Chicken Tikka Pizza	Cornish Pasty	Cod Goujons
Roasted Vegetable Quiche	Grilled Halloumi Burger	Naan Pizza	Mushroom, Spinach and Potato Pie	Quorn Goujons
Cheese Quesadillas	Quorn Dog & Onions	Vegetable Balti	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Grilled Halloumi & Sweet Pepper Pitta Kebabs
Garlic Bread Rainbow Coleslaw	New Potato Salad Onion Rings	Pilau Rice Naan Bread	Mash Peas Gravy	Kebab Salad Corn on the Cob
Mediterranean Pizza Zingy Peppers	Piri Piri Chicken Italian Mushroom	Ariabbiata Chicken Korma	Spicy Sausage Italian Mushroom	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tomato & Mascarpone
Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Spicy Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Cheese Beans
Chocolate Pudding with melted centre	Pancakes	Indian Fruit Custard & Jelly	Dipping Doughnuts	Beetroot Brownie
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