

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & Year 12 Assessments

Monday 16th - Friday 20th January 2023

Veganuary

January 2023

World Religion Day

Sunday 15th January 2023

Martin Luther King Day

Monday 16th January 2023

Chinese New Year

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 30th January 2023

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 6th Sunday - 13th February 2023

Students of the Week

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

- ★ Year 10 - Sabaun.A (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - Jack.K (R11E1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Debra.W (R1213)

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

A Level Maths Students Inspired by University of Cambridge

Sixth Form A Level Maths students recently enjoyed an inspirational and educational visit to the Centre of Mathematical Sciences at The University of Cambridge.

Our Sixth Formers were given the fantastic opportunity to take part in a Maths problem solving conference, organised by AMSP (Advanced Maths Support Program). Information was provided to students and teachers regarding examination requirements for entrance to university and, they were equipped with problem solving skills that could be beneficial when taking part in future exams.

"The conference really helped to broaden our problem-solving skills, a unique approach on how to start solving a question, as well as how to stay organised with the methods of working out, giving us an opportunity to think logically with reason. This was a great place to understand maths at a deeper integrated level!"
Dhruvika.P – Year 12



SEND Department Coffee Mornings Every Wednesday 8.45am – 9.45am

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



The curriculum, student briefings and assemblies, the website, and the displays and messaging throughout the school all give mental health and wellbeing a high profile and promote its importance to all members of the school community as well as providing guidance to those seeking support.



Year 11 Sixth Form Applications

Some of our most popular options already have waiting lists for Sixth Form 2023-2024. Year 11 students need to ensure they have their application form in this half term to guarantee them a space, as we will be starting to allocate groups in January.

Please do not hesitate to visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form if you need any advice or guidance on how to apply.

Sixth Form Course Information can be found by visiting: www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/course-information

To apply to join our Sixth Form visit: basixthform.applicaa.com/year12



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.



Assessment Point Dates

- Year 10 & 12 – w/c 16th January 2023

These assessment points are crucial in helping us to support students in closing any learning gaps, providing stretch and challenge as well as preparing our Upper Academy students for their upcoming public examinations. Please contact our Quality of Education team if you need any advice on how to support home learning in the lead up to these assessments, via the [Contact Us](#) page found on the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

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).



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: Core Maths



Core Maths is a one-year Level 3 qualification, studied in addition to three A-Level equivalent programme. This extra qualification can be taken in Year 12 or Year 13 and is suitable for students not studying A-Level Maths. Core Maths provides a sound basis for the mathematical demands that students will face at university and within employment across a broad range of academic, professional and technical fields. Core Maths is looked upon favourably by employers and universities and it has been endorsed by the Russell Group universities.

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

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

House Points - Week Ending 6th January



Essex Youth Summit – Help Shape the Manifesto

Essex Book Festival is hosting its second Manifesto for the Essex Youth Summit as part of EA Sustain, a new festival connecting the Environment, Culture and Entrepreneurship at Firstsite on Saturday 14th January 2023 and Sunday 15th January 2023. Young people aged 14 to 25 who are passionate about culture and the environment are invited to help shape the manifesto. Join the zoom event from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesday 16 November 2022 to discuss ideas and shape the way forward.

Book a place via the [Essex Book Festival website](#)

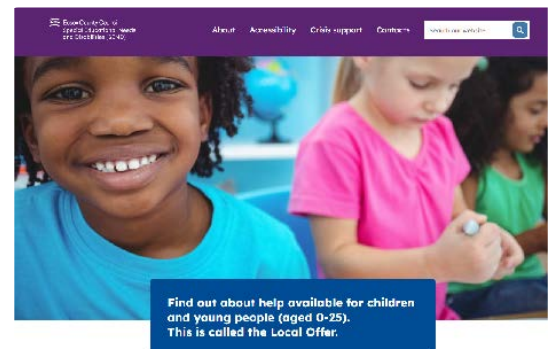


SEND Information Website Launched

The new look Essex Local Offer website has recently been launched. This has been developed following research with families and practitioners.

The website includes information about SEND services & how to access them. The aim is to help families and professionals understand the breadth of support and early help on offer.

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/> Essex County Council



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.

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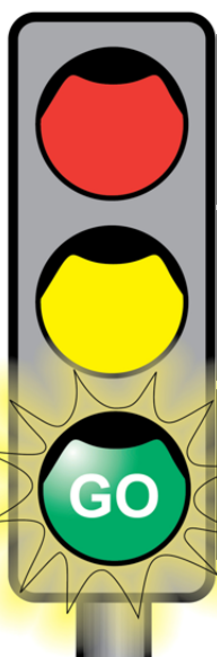
Attendance Expectations

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!



89% & below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95-90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

100-96%

Good chance of success and progress

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

National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting students online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends



National
Online
Safety®

Download your Free Online Safety App for Parents & Carers

The image shows a collection of colorful safety guides and two smartphones. The guides cover topics like Xbox Series X/S, PlayStation 5, Fortnite, and Trolling & Online Abuse. The smartphones display the National Online Safety app interface, which includes a search bar, a grid of course cards for different age groups (e.g., 'Parenting Course AGES 4-7'), and a featured video for '#OnlineSafetyKlass' hosted by Myleene Klass. The NOS logo is also visible in the top right corner of the app interface.

Be #OnlineSafetySavvy

Keep up with the latest apps
games and tech your children
are using, with the worlds
most comprehensive online
safety app for parents.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/basildon-academies> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Join us & try vegan food this January



Throughout January the Dining Hall will be serving a vegan dish everyday.

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 & February Half Term 2023**

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

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