

Dates for the Diary

Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 20th November - Friday 8th December 2023

Year 13 Mock Exams

Monday 4th - Friday 15th December 2023

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - 4pm-5pm

Last Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 24th November



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6,603
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6,153
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5,560
HAWKING

Sixth Form Leadership Message

Here at the Basildon Upper Academy Sixth Form we offer a wide range of pathways and subject options. This is what some of our students had to say about their Sixth Form experience;

Students were asked - What do you like about our Sixth Form?

- We have a variety of choice in subjects.
- We have privileges that were not given in KS4, such as the Common Room.
- We are encouraged to work more independently and are supported to do so.
- We get support from the teachers to enable us to make progress.
- There is more focus within the subjects due to smaller groups.

Students were asked - What do you enjoy about your courses?

- **Media:** Provides insight into creativity, different subjects and marketing.
- **Esports:** Understanding of a popular and current genre.
- **Catering:** Theories behind hospitality industry.
- **Criminology:** Interesting insight into crime and why crime happens.
- **Hairdressing:** Experience of both theory and practical skills that encourages a strong career path.

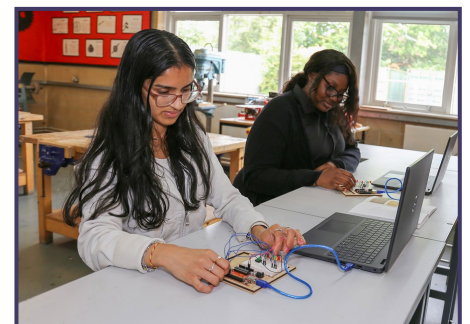
Students were asked - What are the positive aspects of your Sixth Form experience?

- Having 'subject days' so that there is a focus.
- Supports with being able to have outside commitments like work and be able to study too.
- We are treated like young adults and have many opportunities for personal development.

Applications for September 2024 admissions to our Sixth Form are now open.

The online application form can be completed by using the link below:

[Sixth Form Apply to Join](#)



The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



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 20th November 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Chubi.N (R10E2)
- ★ Year 11 - Mable.H (R11E2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Georgia.S (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: BTEC Hospitality



The hospitality industry contributes billions of pounds each year to the UK economy and is one of its fastest growing sectors. The industry employs more than 3 million people and is the fourth largest sector in the UK in terms of employment. It offers various career paths in a range of areas, including management, operations and self-employment.

The hospitality sector is made up of a variety of different sub-sectors such as hotels, restaurants, event management and catering. BTEC Level 3 qualifications in hospitality give learners the opportunity to make progress in the sector, whether their chosen route is employment, an apprenticeship or university.

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

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 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.

The range of opportunities for parents to be involved and/or get involved is constantly growing and at all levels the school are actively seeking to develop the opportunities they provide for families to be involved in the life of the school.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

Focus on Enrichment

Enrichment at the Upper Academy is based on 6 career competencies (Teamwork, Communication, Listening, Problem Solving, Creative Thinking and Emotional Wellbeing). Each half-term explores these competencies, with Teamwork being the current direction. Students have been engaged with different career based board games, encouraging the use of teamwork skills. Possessing these skills are the qualities and abilities that allow you to work well with others during conversations, projects, meetings or other collaborations and, are a result of your ability to be a good communicator, to actively listen and be responsible and honest; all of which help our students to develop.

Teamwork skills are important for students to learn as they will be required to work alongside others in every industry at every level in their career. Doing so in an empathetic, efficient and responsible manner can help them accomplish career goals, enhance their CV and contribute positively to their organisation. It can also help them build rapport with others, leading to deeper working relationships, new connections and possibly new opportunities.

"Enrichment time opens up more opportunities for me to work as part of a team and communicate with my classmates." Thomas.E – Year 10

"I find Enrichment a time to relax and unwind from the regular timetable. It's a good way to have fun and learn. Playing board games is a great way to interact with my peers." Cristian.G – Year 10

"Enrichment is fun, and it allows the class more time to get to know one another." Ruby.G – Year 10



Strong, supportive, and mutually respectful relationships were evident throughout the visit and young people said that the increased emphasis on rights, respect and dignity has added to this, "If you respect people's rights, you respect them as a person."

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022



English Breakfast Day Friday 1st December

**To celebrate English Breakfast Day
the Dining Hall will be serving
All Day Breakfasts as the main meal
option on Friday 1st December**



Vegetarian option

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



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



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December

Main Meal

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets
or
Cauliflower Pithivier

Served with: Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Brussel Sprouts, Yorkshire Puddings,
Stuffing & Gravy

Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding
Mince Pies
Chocolate Yule Log
Mini Blackforest Gateau
Jelly

Christmas Dinner comes with fresh
fruit juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

Year 11 Mock Examinations, commencing 20th November 2023

AM (8:30am start)

PM (1:30pm start)

Monday 20 November	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Biology P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 21 November	History P1	2 hrs	Chemistry P1	1hr 15
	Geography P1	1 hr 30		
Wednesday 22 November	Geography P2	1 hr 30	Maths P1	1 hr 30
Thursday 23 November	English Language P2	1 hr 45	Physics P1	1 hr 15
Friday 24 November	Maths P2	1 hr 30	History P2	1 hr
			Geography P3	1 hr 30

Monday 27 November	English Literature P2	2 hr 15	Biology 2	1 hr 15
Tuesday 28 November	Maths P3	1 hr 30	Chemistry P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 29 November	English Literature P1	1 hr 45	Physics P2	1 hr 15
Thursday 30 November	Statistics	1 hr 45	Catering	1hr 20
			ICT	1hr 20
			Engineering	1 hr 30
Friday 01 December	French Listening	35 mins	Enterprise	2hrs
	French Reading	45 mins	Hair & Beauty	1hr 40

Monday 04 December	French Writing	1 hr	Option clashes	Various
Tuesday 05 December	Art Practical 11A-ART (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start			
Wednesday 06 December	Art Practical 11B-AR (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11B (All day) 8:30am start			
Thursday 07 December	Sport Studies Practical (All day) 8:30am start			
	Art Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
Friday 08 December	Art Practical 11D (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11D (All day) 8:30am start			
	Performing Arts 11C and D (All day) 8:30am start			

Monday 11 December	Home language Listening and Reading	Various	Home language Writing	Various
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Year 13 Mock Exams Timetable

Week 1 Monday 4th December			
Day	Session	Subject	Duration
Monday 4th Dec	8.30am	Sociology	2 hours
	8.30am	Engineering 1	1hr 30mins
	1.30pm	Biology	2 hours
	1.30pm	Hairdressing	80mins
Tuesday 5th Dec	8.30am	Accounting 1	3 hours
	8.30am	Physics 1	2 hours
	1.30pm	Psychology 1	2 hours
	1.30pm	Engineering 2	1hr 45mins
Wednesday 6th Dec	8.30am	Sociology 2	1 hour
	8.30am	Chemistry 1	2 hours
	1.30pm	Biology 2	2 hours
Thursday 7th Dec	8.30am	Psychology 2	2 hours
	8.30am	Physics 2	2 hours
	1.30pm	Maths 1	2 hours
Friday 8th Dec	8.30am	Biology 3	2 hours
	8.30am	Accounting 2	3 hours
	1.30pm	Psychology 3	1 hour
	1.30pm	Physics 3	2 hours

Week 2 Monday 11th December			
Day	Session	Subject	Duration
Monday 11th Dec	8.30am	Year 13 Criminology	4 hours
	1.30pm	Maths 2	2 hours
Tuesday 12th Dec	8.30am	Sociology 3	2 hours
	8.30am	French	2 hours
	8.30am	Chemistry 2	2 hours
	1.30pm	Maths 3	1 hour
	1.30pm	German	2 hours
	8.30am/1.30pm	3D Design	ALL DAY - 5 hours
	8.30am/1.30pm	Drama	ALL DAY - 5 hours
	8.30am/1.30pm	Art/Photography	ALL DAY - 5 hours
Wednesday 13th Dec	8.30am	Chemistry 3	2 hours
	8.30am	German Listening	2 hours
	8.30am	French Listening	2 hrs 30mins
	8.30am/1.30pm	Art/Photography	ALL DAY - 5 hours
Thursday 14th Dec	8.30am/1.30pm	Graphics/Textiles	ALL DAY - 5 hours
	8.30am	Year 12 Criminology	4 hours
Friday 15th Dec	8.30am/1.30pm	Graphics/Textiles	ALL DAY - 5 hours