

Dates for the Diary

Black History Month
October 2023

Settling Event
Monday 2nd October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

Progress Information Event
Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Student Value of the Term

**BLACK LIVES
MATTER**

House Points - Week Ending 29th September



2636
AUSTEN



2580
HAWKING



2528
ALI



2398
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

I am delighted to be taking on the role as Respect Champion for the Upper Academy this academic year and I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you some key points about my role.

The Basildon Upper Academy is a safe place for all students and I have a zero tolerance approach to any instances of disrespect. We have very clear processes in place to ensure that if there are instances of disrespect, that these are fully investigated and appropriate actions are taken. One of my key priorities for this year is to continue to work with the students to identify and address any concerns that they have. This is being done through our Respect Ambassadors who meet fortnightly.

Another key priority this year is to ensure that all students are using the available channels to report any concerns so that myself and the pastoral team can investigate. Students and parents can report concerns in many different ways, but it is important that this is done immediately:

- Directly to myself, their Head of Year or one of the Respect Ambassadors
- Completing a respect form at the reception desk
- Email respect@basildonacademies.org.uk
- Visit the '[Contact us](#)' page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Respect.

If you have any further questions regarding our respect processes, or any other concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact.



Mrs Z.Spencer
Assistant Headteacher

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

On Thursday 5th October we will be welcoming prospective students looking to join our Sixth Form. There will be opportunities to see our A Level, BTEC and Traineeship courses that are available.

If you would like an opportunity to visit The Basildon Upper Academy during a school day, and to meet with our Headteacher Ms Rees, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page and select the option for General Enquiries.



Full course information can be found by visiting: www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/sixthform

National Teaching Assistant Day - 29th September 2023

"Teaching Assistants are invaluable members of our school community. The support they provide, not just to our young people with SEND, but to all students, is appreciated and valued by all. They work alongside colleagues to help students realise their aspirations and this collaborative work is at the heart of all that we do to maximise the life opportunities for the young people we have the privilege to work with. The kindness, compassion and professionalism of the SEND team is a key part of our offer as an Academy as the comments evidence." Ms R.Rees – Headteacher

"Our Teaching Assistants play a key role in helping to educate our students. They are tasked with the responsibility of imparting knowledge and ensuring that students learn various subjects in a secure teaching environment." Mrs D.Williams – Deputy SENCO.

"My TA's always support me to get my work done and encourage me to do the right thing. They always support me whenever I need them." Fred.C – Year 11

"The TA's in S.E.N are amazing! They are kind and help me with anything I need." Mitchell.K – Year 11

I think the TA's are really helpful as they help me with my blood sugar levels and make sure I am okay to go to lessons." Lexi.C – Year 11



Behaviour curriculum

This week sees the launch of our Behaviour Curriculum, The BA Way. This has been comprised through staff collaboration to identify the behaviours that we want to see and will be working hard to ensure that all students have the skills and support to meet these expectations.



THE BA WAY

READY (ASPIRE)	RESPONSIBLE (BELIEVE)	RESILIENT (ACHIEVE)
I arrive on time	I take pride and care in my work	I attempt all learning episodes to the best of my ability
I arrive in full uniform	I walk calmly in the corridors	I repair relationships when they break down through restorative conversations
I line up ready for class	I treat everyone with respect	I attend a range of enrichment activities during and after school

If you any questions regarding our Behaviour Curriculum please contact Mrs Z.Spencer, Assistant Headteacher; zspencer@basildonacademies.org.uk

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



The schools support for mental health and wellbeing is well led and the school have invested significantly in training and additional staff within their wellbeing centres and wider pastoral teams over recent years to build capacity and expand what they can offer.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025



**To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October
we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall**

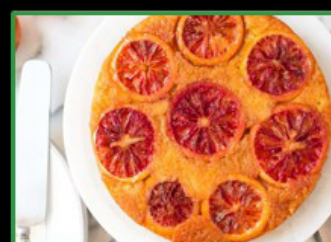
Dishes for Wednesday 4th October:



Jerk Chicken



Cheeseburger Pasta



*Orange Cornmeal
Cake & Cream*

Progress Information Event

Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 parents & carers are invited to the Upper Academy to meet with our Senior Leadership Team, as they provide information on 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, collect resources to support revision for the first assessment point, and as tips for how students can support their wellbeing during this time.

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 Wellbeing Centre



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).

Year 11 Saturday School

Dates for Year 11 Saturday School have now been confirmed.

- 7th October
- 14th October
- 21st October
- 4th November
- 11th November
- 19th November

All sessions run at the **Lower Academy** from 9.30am – 11.30am.

Year 10 Saturday School dates and timetable of subjects will be announced in the coming weeks.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 25th September 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Holly.K (R10Z2)
- ★ Year 11 - Daniel.K (R11U1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Megan.M (R1213)

Spotlight on: Engineering - A Level



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.

Equivalent to one A Level, and as part of our Esports pathway, this qualification can only be studied alongside two other qualifications worth 1.5 A Levels each, such IT or Computing.

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

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

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