

Dates for the Diary

Year 11 AP2 Assessments

Monday 26th February - Friday 1st March 2024

Parent Drop In

Thursday 29th February 2024 - 2pm-3pm

National Careers Week

Monday 4th - Saturday 9th March 2024

British Science Week

Friday 8th - Sunday 17th March 2024

Year 11 Photos

Monday 11th March 2024

Year 10 & 12 Progress Review

Wednesday 13th March 2024 - 3:45-6:30pm

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

House Points - Week Ending 16th February



14,982
ALI



11,739
AUSTEN



11,239
HAWKING



10,834
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

I hope you have all had a fantastic February break? This half term marks a very important stage as Year 11 and 13 prepare for the summer exams. Interventions and Saturday schools give students the opportunity to gain further support from their teachers to make sure they are fully prepared.

With future aspirations and destinations on everyone's minds, there has been a flurry of applications to join our sixth form. The Upper Academy will be hosting a further post 16 interview evening on the 7th March between 3.45pm and 6pm; students will receive an invitation via email. Furthermore, National Careers Week begins on the 4th March and there will be workshops and online webinars for students to get involved with.



K.McCarthy
Assistant Headteacher

The Social Science Department will be attending the University of Portsmouth for their annual Criminology taster day and students can take advantage of the Unifrog 2024 University Fair happening on the 13th March.

With a jam-packed half term ahead, we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of Year 10 and 12 students to their first progress review day at the Upper Academy. Year 12 and Year 13 University applicants have an opportunity to discuss everything 'university', including finance with our guest speaker, Lucy, from 'Make Happen' between 5.30-6.30pm.

I wish everyone a positive and successful half term with lots of activities for everyone to get involved with.

SEND Department Coffee Mornings

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.



Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

The Basildon Upper Academy hosted the Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge with a series of workshops in February.

The dynamic and engaging hosts worked with groups of Year 10 students to look at the art of communication and how we can influence others. The groups reflected on the need to present themselves positively and with confidence for a range of reasons in their lives and practiced strategies to support them with this.

Throughout the day, the groups built on their abilities to share their views and opinions leading to a short presentation at the end of the day to showcase the skills they had learned. The hosts were really impressed with the supportive nature of the groups towards each other, and the positive atmosphere created in the sessions.

Well done to everyone who took part and represented not just the school but themselves with pride!

"I started off feeling quite nervous, but this faded throughout the day. I loved how our speech could be about anything we were passionate about. I gained confidence and felt that I was heard. The teachers were encouraging without pressuring us." Amira.C

"The experience was wonderful. I found the voice I never knew I had. The workshop gave me freedom to say whatever my heart desired." Kaiya.T

"The experience helped me find my voice and helped me find the confidence I didn't know I had." Alfie.J



Parent Drop In - Thursday 29th February

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 29th February, between 2pm and 3pm.

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.



Year 11 Visit the Golden Hinde

Year 11 History students recently had the opportunity to visit the Golden Hinde, a full-size reconstruction of the famous Elizabethan galleon.

The purpose of this immersive experience was to provide our historians with a first-hand understanding of the motivations behind Sir Francis Drake's historic circumnavigation and its impact on the early modern world.

Led by a knowledgeable tour guide, students were given a tour of the ship, giving them an understanding of the challenges and dangers, that 16th-century mariners faced.

To illustrate the path the ship took during its circumnavigation, the tour guide stood on a giant map of the world talking through key point and facts. In addition to enriching their contextual knowledge, there were opportunities for our students to actively participate in the maritime tasks of the 16th century. Several members of the group volunteered to raise the anchor and even simulate the preparations to fire a cannon.

Students will be answering question about Drake's circumnavigation of the globe for the 'historic environment question' in their GCSE exams and this visit undoubtedly served as a stepping stone towards their success in their upcoming exams.

"The guide told us many interesting facts. I was able to see where 'stuff' happened physically and take part in demonstrations, which made the experience really good." Saleen.A .

"The trip overall was a memorable and eye-opening experience which allowed me to indulge myself in Sir Francis Drake's Circumnavigation and expand my knowledge massively. It was educational and fun." Nayab.H

"It was interesting to learn about the history of the galleon, including where in the world it had travelled." Annabelle.H

"The trip was so entertaining. I learned a lot during my time in the Golden Hinde." Alexandra.G

"The visit to the Golden Hinde has really helped with my contextual knowledge of the 16th Century." Freddie.H



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 12th February 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Alfie.F (R10Z2)
- ★ Year 11 - Ali.H (R11U1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Mercy.A (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.

Prom Donations

As we are approaching Prom 2024, we are looking to see if any of you have any suitable pre-loved suits that you wouldn't mind kindly donating to our in-house Prom Shop!

This is set up to support students who may not have access to a smart suit.

Any donations will be gratefully received into the reception office on either site.



Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

YOUNG MINDS

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 3 Sport



What is the BTEC National Extended Certificate?

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the study of Sport. You will develop an understanding of the sports industry by exploring the different skills required for different career pathways into the industry.

Additionally, you will study Fitness Training as well as the Anatomy and Physiology of the body. The course is designed for students who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the Sports Industries.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 3 Sport](#)

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](#)

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 in The Medical Room](#)



Job of the Week: Market Research Analyst



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need:

- IT skills
- maths skills
- the ability to record information accurately.

There are no set requirements. Customer service experience or a course in customer service could help you get a job.

What does a Market Research Analyst do?

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- Going up to people in the street, phoning them or visiting them at home
- Persuading people to take part in a survey
- Asking people questions and possibly video them
- Recording people's answers
- Organising the results and passing them to your supervisor



Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 408,627
- Essex jobs: 8,322 (4th of 214 UK LEAs)
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (8,798), Kent (8,648), Lancashire (8,334), Essex (8,322), Birmingham (7,776)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £23,056



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

26th February- 1st March 2024

Monday:	Lingual: dil sesi in Turkish Articulated with the aid of the tongue.
Tuesday:	Lexical: foclóireachta in Irish Of or relating to the words or vocabulary of a language, especially as distinguished from its grammatical and syntactical aspects.
Wednesday:	Grammatical: Grammatica in Latina Conforming to standard usage/relating to grammar.
Thursday:	Dialectal: Дialecten in Bulgarian Characteristic of a specific dialect pertaining to a particular area.
Friday: (St David's Day)	Phonological: Yīnyùn xué in Chinese Of or relating to phonology, the study of the distribution and patterning of speech sounds in languages generally.



The school identifies pupils who need support to improve their reading so they can access the curriculum. It provides them, and pupils who are at the early stage of learning English, with high-quality support. This improves pupils' accuracy and fluency of their reading, so they catch up with their peers.

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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

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	

Year 11 AP2, commencing 26th February 2024

		AM (8:30am start)			PM (1:30pm start)
Monday 26 th February	Maths P1	1 hr 30		Physics P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 27 th February	English Language P1	1 hr 45		Physics P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 28 th February	Maths P2	1 hr 30		Biology P1 Statistics H P1	1 hr 30 1 hr 45
Thursday 29 th February	English Language P2	1 hr 45		Maths P3	1 hr 30
Friday 1 st March	NFER Testing			Chemistry P1 Statistics H P2	1 hr 15 1 hr 45

Maths and English – All students in Year 11

Physics 1 and 2 – All students in Year 11

Biology 1, Chemistry 1 – Selected Year 11 students only

Statistics – Selected Year 11 students only



4th - 10th March 2024

To celebrate British Pie Week The Dining Hall will be serving a different choice of pie every day in addition to the normal lunchtime menu.

Monday: **Cheese, Onion & Potato**

Tuesday: **Steak & Kidney**

Wednesday: **Chicken**

Thursday: **Minced Beef**

Friday: **Chicken & Vegetable**

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.