

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 22nd April - Friday 3rd May 2024

Stephen Lawrence Day

Monday 22nd April 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2024

Year 10 & Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24th - Friday 28th June 2024

Student Value of the Term

**CLIMATE CHANGE
IS REAL**

House Points - Week Ending 19th April



18,667
ALI



18,119
AUSTEN



13,131
SEACOLE



12,316
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Year 11 Final Exam Support and Preparation

Over the next two weeks, we are running a series of specialist and targeted sessions for all Year 11 students, to support them before the summer exams series begins.

This week the students' normal timetables will be suspended whilst they complete revision lessons in English, Maths and Science, including some innovative sessions on 'Maths in Science'. These revision sessions are specifically targeted for each group to ensure that students are focusing on the correct key topics and grade levels to help them secure their target grade. Alongside core lessons, students will still be completing their options subjects, PE and French. Some students will also be participating in drop down days in Engineering and ICT in order to support them with meeting the component deadlines in these Vocational subjects.

Week beginning 29th April, all Year 11 students will be sitting their French Speaking exam. The students will be given a time slot where they will attend the exam preparation room where they will be under exam conditions; they will have an allocated room to prepare for their exam, before entering the exam room. The process will take approximately 30 minutes per student, and counts for 25% of the final exam grade.

We are extremely confident that these bespoke revision lessons will support the students with exam confidence and skills as well as revisiting key topics that will make a positive difference to their final grades.



Vocational and home language exams start on Tuesday 7th May. The first exam for the whole year group is on Friday 10th May; Biology Paper 1.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support during this time and wish all students the best of luck in the forthcoming weeks.

S Szuszkiewicz
Deputy Headteacher

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 24th April

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 24th April, between 8:30am - 9:30am.

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.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 15th April 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Blake.W (R10U2)
- ★ Year 11 - Tamia.S (R11Z2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Chanelle.H (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.

Congratulations Hemanti

Congratulations to Year 11 student Hemanti for successfully becoming a fully qualified lifeguard. Hemanti participated in an intense weeklong training course with the Royal Life Saving Society UK, where she was required to demonstrate first aid and emergency rescue skills.



Spotlight on: A Level Geography



Geography is unique in that it helps students to see the world as a whole instead of split up into subject boxes. Geography examines the complex interaction of people and their natural environment and helps understand that decisions and actions will have an impact on the world. Geographers study the world at a local level and at an international level and bring together global political decisions, natural events and changes in lifestyles.

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

Inspiring Performance from Girls Football Team

Well done to our Girls Football Team for an outstanding performance in their recent away fixture at James Hornsby School.

In an entertaining game James Hornsby took an early lead but, the girls came together to play as a team and Victoria scored an equaliser just before half time. Our opponents responded by scoring at the beginning of the second half before a spectacular goal from Nayab, who dribbled past 3 players to fire home, securing a well-deserved 2-2 draw.

The support that the players showed each other was inspirational, thank you to Year 12 student Shanoya for coaching the team, and well done to all the players!



The team: Ailana.D, Amal.A, Amirah.A, Bo-Starr.O, Charley.H, Cherish.O, Edera.G, Gloria.M, Ijeoma.C, Laura.K, Nayab.H, Shanoya. W (Coach) & Victoria.J.

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

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

22nd April - 26th April 2024
MS Awareness Week

Monday:	Infection: An infecting with germs of disease, as through the medium of infected insects, air, water, or clothing. Infección in Spanish
Tuesday: St. George's Day	Malady: Any disorder or disease of the body, especially one that is chronic or deep-seated. علة، داء، مرض in Arabic
Wednesday: (Stop Food Waste Day)	Contagion: The communication of disease by direct or indirect contact. infekce in Czech
Thursday:	Endemic: (of a disease) persisting in a population or region, generally having settled to a relatively constant rate of occurrence. স্থানীয় in Bengali
Friday:	Infirmity: A physical weakness or ailment. தளர்ச்சி in Tamil

Job of the Week: Textile Designer

What does a Textile Designer do?

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- producing initial sketches by hand, or on a computer using design software
- reworking designs until they meet the customer's needs
- making up samples or having them made by technicians
- researching design trends to decide what will sell
- working with clients, technical staff, marketing and buying staff
- keeping up-to-date with developments in manufacturing technology

If you're self-employed, you'll also need to manage your own business activities like marketing, finances and your website.

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 70,300

Essex Jobs: 1,573

Top 5 LEAs:

Hackney (1,855), Surrey (1,830), Hertfordshire (1,827), Kent (1,733), Essex (1,573)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £40,503

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set requirements, but most textile designers have a relevant degree in:

- fashion
- art and design
- textiles
- surface design

You may be able to start in a textile operative role and then work your way up.

You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.



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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