

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 24th April - Friday 5th May 2023

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May 2023

National Vegetarian Week

Monday 15th - Sunday 21st May 2023

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 27th March 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Jacob.F (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - Skye.R (R11E2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Harry.R (R1213)

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Chatham Snowsports Centre Visit

Upper Academy students recently enjoyed a visit to Chatham Snowsports Centre. The trip was a reward for our 'Sports Leaders' who have shown continued dedication and commitment to their studies.

During the fun packed visit, students learned to ski, experienced tobogganing and enjoyed lunch in an alpine lodge.

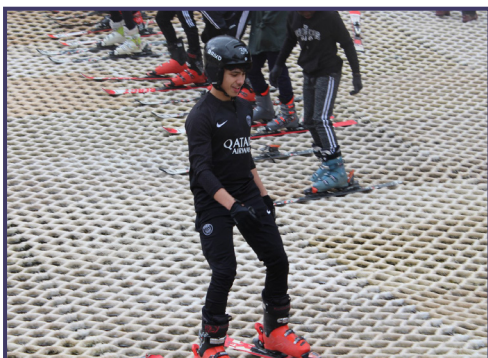
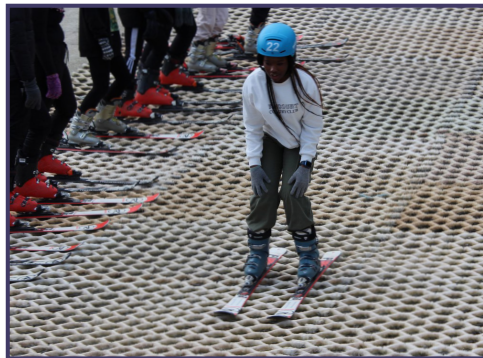
"I had a great time, it was so much fun! The toboggan ride was my favourite." Amal.A - Year 10.

"The skiing was really enjoyable & the instructors were helpful. The challenges we did during the ski lessons were fun." Victoria.J - Year 10

"It was fun and interesting learning to how to Ski." Kayla.O - Year 11

"I didn't know what to expect but I was pleasantly surprised with tobogganing." Shaunak.G - Year 11

"This was such an enjoyable and brilliant experience." Amy.B - Year 11



CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL



35,698
HAWKING



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AUSTEN



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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](#)

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

SEND Department Coffee Mornings

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 website and select the option for General Enquiries.

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.

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

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).

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 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.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

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.

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



Young Carers Club

Mondays



Year 10: 3pm-5pm

Year 11: 3:30pm-5pm

Venue: The Wellbeing Centre

Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

Wellbeing Centre

The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre offers support for our students in times of need. Dealing with your own issues such as anxiety, mental health, wellbeing, self-regulation, or bereavement can be a barrier to success. Our Wellbeing Centre aims to ensure you are not alone.

The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre is a safety net for students who are not currently able to engage with lessons fully, and offers short and long-term interventions that are flexible for all.



If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health please submit your information via the [Contact Us](#) page on the Basildon Upper Academy website, making sure to select the 'Wellbeing Centre' option.

For further information visit: www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/wellbeing-centre

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Intervention Programme

Upper Academy Year 10 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.00-4.00pm
Monday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Year 10 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3 ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Tuesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ English Club – Study Area U3F ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Wednesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Maths Club - U3GC3 ➤ Business Studies Club – U2SC4 ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Thursday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ French Club – U2FC2 ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Friday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	

#EveryMinuteCounts

Upper Academy Year 11 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Year 11 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3 ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Tuesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ English Club – Study Area U3F ➤ Health and Childcare Club – U1SC3 ➤ Art and Photography – U1SS2a ➤ Performing Arts – U1SS2a ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Wednesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Maths Club – U3GC3 ➤ History and Geography Club – U1GS1 ➤ Sports Studies Club – U2FC3 ➤ Business Studies Club – U3SC3 ➤ Health and Childcare Club (coursework catch-up) – U1SC3 ➤ French Club – U2FC2 ➤ DT Club – T8 ➤ Art and Photography – U1SS2a ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Thursday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Science Club – U2FS1 ➤ Art and Photography – U1SS2a ➤ Health and Childcare Club (Express only) – U1SC3 ➤ SEN Club – SEN room
Friday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	

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