

Dates for the Diary

Holocaust Memorial Day

Friday 27th January 2023

LGBT+ History Month

February 2023

Year 11 & 13 Progress Review Event

Wednesday 1st February 2023 - 3:30-6:30pm

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 6th - Sunday 12th February 2023

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Half Term

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023

Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday 27th February - Sunday 12th March 2023

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 16th January 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - M.Bates (R10Y2)
- ★ Year 11 - Shabat.D (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Ellie.A (R1213)

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

Sports Leaders Achieve Level 1 Qualification

Congratulations to all students that have completed their Level 1 Sport Leaders qualification. Our students have worked really hard to develop their leadership skills through the use of sports. Some have decided to continue their studies with the Community Sports Leaders Award and want to help the next generation of leader. We wish them luck in their continued studies of Sports Leadership.



**WHY NOT TRY
VEGAN THIS MONTH**



For more information about Veganuary visit: www.veganuary.com

Wall Art

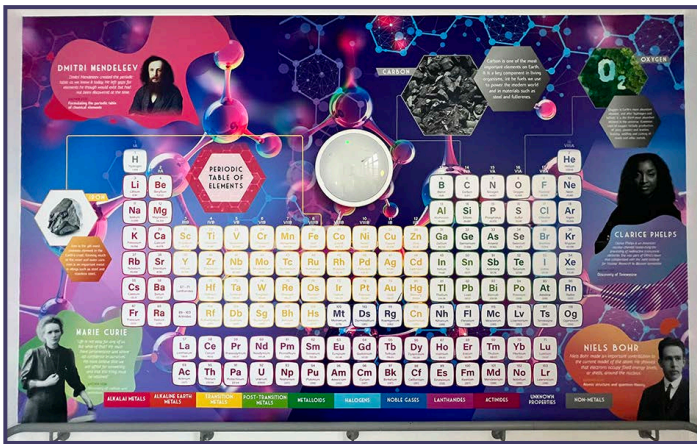
To further improve and enhance our learning environment, we have recently added more colourful wall art throughout the Upper Academy.



Sixth Form Common Room



Balcony overlooking Canteen area



Upper Academy Stairwell - Cluster 2



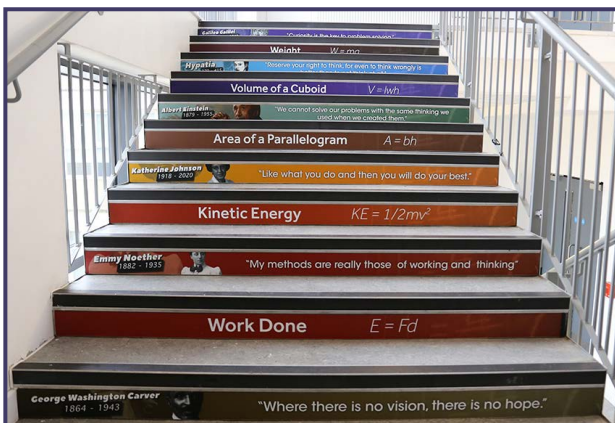
Upper Academy - Canteen area



Stairwell Cluster 2



Library



Stairwell Cluster 2



Ground Floor Cluster 1

Cost of Living Information

The Cost of Living Parent Factsheet recently sent to our parents & carers is available to download on our website:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/cost-of-living-information

The factsheet details information of what support is available to help parents/carers & their families get through the cost-of-living crisis.

Important Announcement Regarding Social Media

Following the Basildon Academies Trust move to separate The Upper and Lower Academy websites, we are delighted to announce our new social media platforms for the Upper Academy.



Facebook: www.facebook.com/basildonupperacademy/



Instagram: www.instagram.com/the_basildon_upper_academy/



Twitter: https://twitter.com/Basildon_UA

This change has been made to further enhance communication and visibility for all stakeholders. Please note our existing Basildon Academies Facebook, Instagram and Twitter platforms will cease to operate 31st January 2023.

School 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 Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre

Spotlight on: Drama & Theatre



The Performing Arts industry contributes approximately Four Billion to the UK economy? Do you enjoy performing and would like to pursue a career in the Arts? Do you have a passion for the theatre? This course is designed to create industry professionals for stage and screen and develop essential academic skills and knowledge needed for a future in performance related careers. You will develop performance skills including acting, voice and movement in a highly practical environment and develop essential research and written skills as you learn about different theatre companies and practitioner work.

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

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

House Points - Week Ending 20th January



20,293
HAWKING



19,754
AUSTEN



19,655
ALI



19,322
SEACOLE

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Leaders across the academies and across both sites are on board with and recognise the importance of a strong focus on mental health and wellbeing for students, staff, and families.



Year 10 Work Experience

After 3 years of disruption due to the pandemic, we are excited to have Year 10 work experience planning well underway. Year 10 students will be off site from Monday 24th April – Friday 5th May 2023 on work experience placements. Please encourage conversations at home about where students would like to do their work placements. If you need advice on how and where to source appropriate placements, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.



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.

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).



Multiply in Essex

As you may be aware, this month a new campaign has been launched to promote [Multiply in Essex](#). This is a programme managed by the DfE to increase adult numeracy skills, providing learning opportunities for adults aged 19+ who do not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in maths. The programme will offer free and flexible courses, which can be used in everyday life, such as managing finances, helping children with their schoolwork, accessing employment and progressing at work.

If you are a Parent or carer and wish to find out more and sign up to a course, please visit www.essexopportunities.co.uk/multiply/



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.

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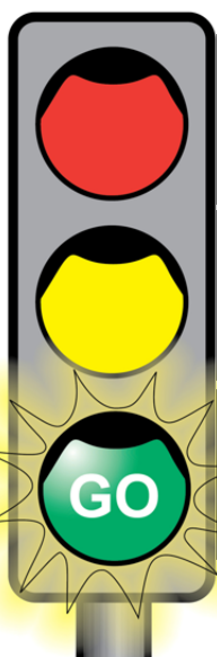
Attendance Expectations

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.

ATTENDANCE

Every Minute Counts!



89% & below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95-90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

100-96%

Good chance of success and progress

Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

Absence Procedures

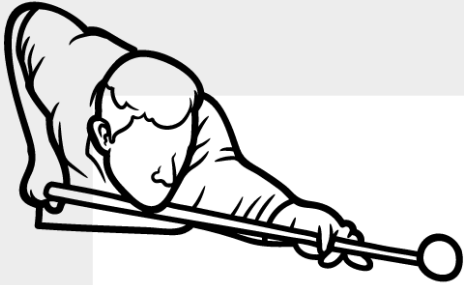
To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- 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

TIMBERLOG YOUTH CLUB



WHAT

Free weekly youth session get involved! Warm space, food and fun. 12 - 17 year olds

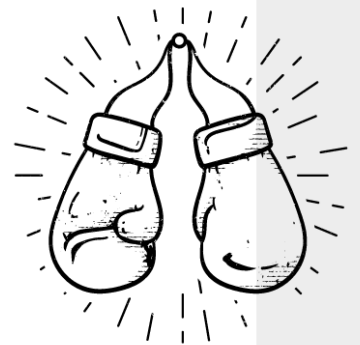
WHERE

Timberlog Close, Timberlog Lane, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1UX (Stacey's Corner)



WHEN

Monday's (term-time)
3:30 - 5:00 pm



Achieve Thrive Flourish

Join us & try vegan food this January



Throughout January the Dining Hall will be serving a vegan dish everyday.

Free school lunch for all students

**We are delighted to announce that a free lunch
will be available to all students every Monday & Friday
between now & February Half Term 2023**

A free school lunch is a hot meal or sandwich/baguette/roll and a dessert

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HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

YEAR OF THE RABBIT

To celebrate Chinese New Year there will be Chinese themed lunches available in The Dining Hall on Monday 23rd January



NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY

JANUARY 30TH ◀

To celebrate National Croissant Day a **free** plain croissant with jam is available during breakfast time on Monday 30th January

The Dining Hall will be serving the following items at Break time for 50p each;

- Plain Croissant
- Pain au Chocolat
- Savoury Croissant (Ham or Cheese)

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