

Dates for the Diary

Staff Inset - Non Student Day
Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holidays
Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

First Day of Summer Term
Monday 17th April 2023

Year 10 Work Experience
Monday 24th April - Friday 5th May 2023

Bank Holiday
Monday 1st May 2023

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 20th March 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Oliver.T (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - Terry.T (R11Y1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Thelma.A (R1213)

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Students enjoy action-packed visit to Wales

Upper Academy students recently enjoyed an action-packed visit to Abernant Lake Activity Centre in Wales. During the four-day residential stay, students participated in a range of outdoor activities and pursuits; whilst learning new skills and building friendships during teambuilding exercises.

Each day started at 7.30am, with students taking part in at least 5 activities per day including; abseiling, archery, canoeing, fencing, paddleboarding, raft building and rock climbing.

Evenings were spent enjoying music, dancing and walks through the grounds of the manor where students raced sticks down the streams and took photos of the grounds and surrounding areas.

"This was a very positive experience. I faced my fear of heights by abseiling & rock climbing." Imogen.F - Year 11

"I really enjoyed the activities on the water & spending time with friends. It was a 10/10 experience! Reece.K - Year 11

Being able to spend 4 days taking part in these activities with both old & new friends is something I will not forget. My favourite activities were abseiling, rifle shooting and playing aeroball with Mr Cooper, not to mention the dance parties every night." Shaunak.G - Year 11

"The trip was a really good experience; the people were nice and I made new friends. I really enjoyed rock climbing and abseiling." Michael.A - Year 10



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Spotlight on: A Level Psychology



Psychology literally translates as 'the study of the human mind' – but Psychology is more than this. Psychology is everywhere around us. It is intriguing, it is emotional, it is scientific and above all, it is thought provoking. This course offers you the opportunity to learn about the science behind human behaviour by understanding how research is conducted and used to develop theories and laws about human behaviour.

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

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.



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



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

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.

Easter Treats

ON THURSDAY 30TH MARCH THE DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING A SELECTION OF EASTER THEMED CAKES & BISCUITS AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME.



Each item will be 50p.

Saturday School Programme

Upper Academy Year 10 Saturday School Programme

- All Saturday Schools are from 9.30-11.30am
 - Students should sign in at reception
- Students can choose which subjects they attend, up to 2 for each Saturday
 - Non-school uniform

Date	Subjects
1 st April	English
6 th May	English
13 th May	English
20 th May	English
27 th May	English
10 th June	English

Upper Academy Year 11 Saturday School Programme

- All Saturday Schools are from 9.30-11.30am
 - Students should sign in at reception
- Students can choose which subjects they attend, up to 2 for each Saturday
 - Non-school uniform

Date	Subjects
1 st April	Maths, Creative Arts, English
22 nd April	Sport, Geography, Maths, History
29 th April	Geography, Science, Maths, History
6 th May	Science, English, Maths, French
13 th May	Geography, English, Maths, History
20 th May	Geography, English, Maths, History
27 th May	Geography, English, Maths, French, History
10 th June	Maths, Geography

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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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