

Dates for the Diary

Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 29th September 2023

Settling Event
Monday 2nd October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

Progress Information Event
Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 15th September



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Sixth Form Leadership Message

As we embark on a new academic year, it is with great enthusiasm and anticipation that I welcome you all back to our Sixth Form. It has been fantastic to see our Sixth Form busy with lots of activity and students settling into their new courses.

Year 12 and Year 13 are pivotal years in a student's academic journey, filled with challenges, growth, and opportunities. I want to assure you that our commitment to your education, well-being, and success remains unwavering. Whether you are a returning student or new to our Sixth Form, we are excited to start or continue this journey with you.

In the Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to excel academically and our aim is that you leave the Sixth Form having met your potential so that you are in the best possible position to move on to the next stage of your life, be it higher education, an apprenticeship or a job.

We look forward to a year of growth, achievement, and success. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you every step of the way.



Mrs K. Boyce-Charman
Assistant Headteacher

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



Settling Event

Monday 2nd October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this Academic Year. Tours of our facilities are also available.

To make an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams, please make that clear in your request.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

On Thursday 5th October we will be welcoming prospective students looking to join our Sixth Form. There will be opportunities to see our A Level, BTEC and Traineeship courses that are available.



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Progress Information Event

Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 parents & carers are invited to the Upper Academy to meet with our Senior Leadership Team, as they provide information on GCSE, BTEC and A Level Assessments. This will include how to support students at home with revision timetables, what to expect regarding examinations, both at mock stage and final summer assessments, collect resources to support revision for the first assessment point, and as tips for how students can support their wellbeing during this time.

Students of the Week

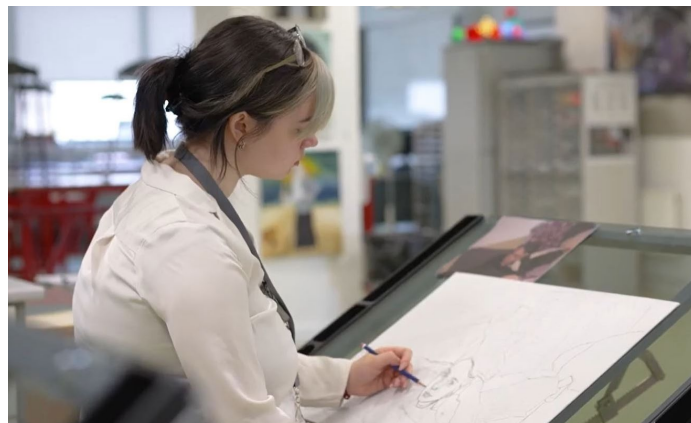
Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 11th September 2023.

★ Year 10 - Ellie-May.M (R10Z2)

★ Year 11 - Mace.B (R11T1)

★ Sixth Form - Toyosi.B (R1213)

Spotlight on: A Level Art & Design



Art is a form of communication and expression - a visual language, which deals with the construction and interpretation, of both personal and cultural meanings and regulators.

This course is designed to give learners an engaging and innovative creative learning experience, where art and design practices are integrated with contextual knowledge and understanding. The aim of this course is to build a broad foundation of critical, practical and theoretical skills which encourages creativity, analytical thinking and technical skills.

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

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

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

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



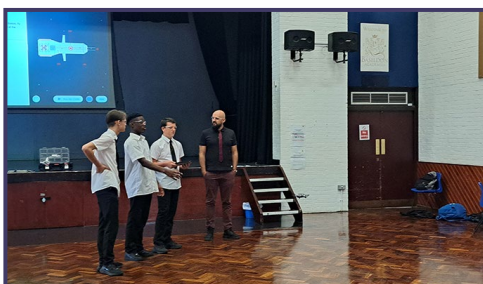
Engineering Students Enjoy Drone Coding Workshop

The Upper Academy recently welcomed Jake from Hyett Education, who delivered an engaging drone coding STEM workshop to our Year 10 Engineering students.

Our budding engineers worked in teams using their programming skills to code the flight patterns of their drones. Students set specific algorithms using Swift coding language, enabling them to navigate drones to different altitudes and distances, whilst avoiding obstacle such as ceiling heights and furniture.

"I really enjoyed learning to program the drones today. The instructions given by Jake were straightforward and the challenge of programming the drone to follow a pathway really forced me to use my maths skills." Nojus K

"I enjoyed using the coding software to program the drone to rotate, hover, take off, land and rotate at different angles - a very fun lesson!" Ace W



**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



On **Friday 29th September** the Basildon Academies will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

During breaktime a selection of cakes & biscuits will be available for students & staff to purchase in the Dining Hall. Each cake or biscuit will be 50p each, with all proceeds going to the cancer support charity.

Purchases will be made through ParentPay in the normal way.