

## Dates for the Diary

### Year 12 AP 1 Assessments

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

### Year 11 & 13 Progress Review

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - 3:45-6:30pm

### Parent Drop In

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 - 2-3pm

### Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### National Apprenticeship Week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS  
EVERYTHING**

## House Points - Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> January



11,909  
ALI



10,167  
AUSTEN



9,387  
SEACOLE



8,977  
HAWKING

## Leadership Message

Since the start of this term, I have had the pleasure of getting to know our Year 12 and 13 Sixth Form students. Our Sixth Form provision has been graded 'Good' by Ofsted and we are on our way to 'Outstanding'. Enrolment to sixth form is growing and already we are seeing increasing numbers of applicants from both our current Year 11 and externally from the wider community.

I am passionate about sixth form and securing the future destinations of our students. We currently have 57 university applicants who have been working tirelessly to make sure their personal statements are ready for submission. In the next few weeks, we will be welcoming external agencies in, to discuss apprenticeships with our students and to support all students to be ready and resilient for the summer exams.

There have also been a number of sixth form trips within the Art and Photography department and, in the coming months some of our Year 12 students will be visiting the University of Portsmouth to experience their Criminology taster day. Tutor2U revision workshops have been scheduled to support Year 13 students also. We continue to network with our wider community and universities to provide the best opportunities for our students; to become responsible and well-rounded individuals within our society.

**K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher**



## Hairdressing Students Learn from Industry Professional

Sixth Form Hairdressing students recently welcomed experienced hairdresser Paula, a rep for Leyton House.

Paula provided students with foundation colour theory and helped them to select, mix and create different effects with colours on swatches of hair. Paula shared her expertise of the Leyton House colouring products that our students were using in the Upper Academy Salon, explaining the benefits and, how they can be used to achieve clients colour requests.

"I learnt a lot and she was very entertaining and made everything simple."  
Madison.D - Year 12

"I enjoyed learning more about Leyton House and knowing more about colours." Abbie.D - Year 13

"I learned a lot about what colours to put with toner. I also enjoyed learning about Leyton House." Jessica.S - Year 12



## Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience will take place from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. Deadline for Work Experience submission is 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Support is available every day from J.Stoddart in the Canteen during Break and Lunchtime.

For more information, including a useful Work Experience Handbook and information video please visit: [www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/year-10-work-experience-2024](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/year-10-work-experience-2024)



## Sixth Form Educational Visits

A Level Textiles students recently visited the Diva exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Diva celebrates the power & creativity of iconic performers & the textiles that enhanced their journey.



Sixth Form A Level Photography recently students visited the National Portrait Gallery in London for the Taylor Wessing Photo Portrait Prize 2023, an exhibition that showcases talented young photographers. Students ended their day in London by visiting the National Gallery.



## Parent Drop In - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February, between 2pm and 3pm.

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.



## SEND Department Coffee Mornings

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss their child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 11am – 12pm every Tuesday.

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



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Luka.D (R10U1)
- ★ Year 11 - Riannah.K (R11X)
- ★ Sixth Form - Georgia.S (R1213)

## Safeguarding

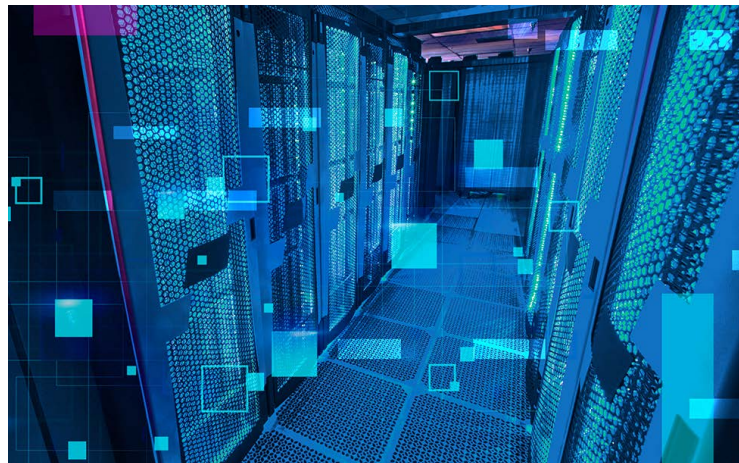
Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link [www.escb.co.uk](http://www.escb.co.uk) which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

[www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding](http://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.

## Spotlight on: BTEC Computing



Are interested in pursuing a career in computing? Are you enthusiastic about the everchanging technological demands of industry? This course aims to blend technical skills with the business, interpersonal and project management skills that are needed not only by the computing sector, but by all sectors using technology in a modern business environment.

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

Applications for September 2024 admissions to our Sixth Form are now open. The online application form can be completed by visiting the following link:

[Sixth Form Apply to Join](#)

## Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Job of the Week: Joiner

### What does a Joiner do?

Depending on where you work, your day-to-day tasks may include:

discussing plans and following instructions, cutting and shaping timber for floorboards, doors, skirting boards and window frames, making and fitting wooden structures like staircases, door frames, roof timbers and partition walls, making and assembling fitted and free-standing furniture, installing kitchens, cupboards and shelving, building temporary wooden supports to hold setting concrete in place (shuttering), making and fitting interiors in shops, bars, restaurants, offices and public buildings, constructing stage sets for theatre, film and TV productions.

### Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 768,193

Essex jobs: 24,297 (1st of 214 UK LEAs)

Top 5 LEAs: Essex (24,297), Kent (23,224), Hampshire (19,929), Hertfordshire (15,732), Lancashire (15,638)

UK growth: -7.7% from 2020 to 2025, losing 69,814 jobs



### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Employers usually look for some on-site experience and qualifications. You could start as a joiner's 'mate' or labourer to get site experience. Once working, your employer may offer you training on the job. You could take a college course in carpentry and joinery to gain some of the knowledge and practical skills needed to improve your chances of finding work in the industry. You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:  
£28,827

## 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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)

## Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
<b>Excellent</b>	100%	190	0	0	<b>Green</b>
	99%	188	2	10	
<b>Good</b>	98%	186	4	20	<b>Green</b>
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
<b>Cause for concern</b>	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	<b>Orange</b>
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	90%	171	19	95	<b>Red</b>
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
<b>Critical</b>	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	<b>Red</b>
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	

## Year 12 AP1 Assessments Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
8.30am	Biology	1hr 30mins
8.30am	Accounting	1hr 30mins
1.30pm	Sociology	2 hours
1.30pm	Hairdressing	1hr 20mins
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>		
8.30am	A Level Maths P1	2 hours
1.30pm	English Lit	1hr 30mins
1.30pm	Engineering	1hr 30mins
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>		
8.30am	Psychology	2 hours
1.30pm	A Level Maths P2	1 hour
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>		
8.30am	Media Studies	1 hour
8.30am	Chemistry	1hr 30mins
1.30pm	Criminology	1hr 30mins
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		
8.30am	3D Design	ALL DAY
8.30am	Physics	1hr 30mins

### 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 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.

### Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://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).



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.

# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

29<sup>th</sup> January - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024  
National Storytelling Week  
LGBTQ+ History Month

EAL VERSION

Monday:	<b>Contentment:</b> Satisfied or happy.	tevredenheid = Dutch
Tuesday:	<b>Satisfaction:</b> Fulfilment and gratification.	elégedettség = Hungarian
Wednesday:	<b>Fulfilment:</b> To feel content or satisfied with an outcome etc.	フルフィルメント = Japanese
Thursday:	<b>Pride:</b> Pleasure or satisfaction taken in something done by or belonging to oneself or believed to reflect credit upon oneself.	hrdost = Czech
Friday:	<b>Gratification:</b> A rewarding feeling; source of pleasure and happiness.	gratyfikacja = Polish

## NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY

Tuesday 30th January

To celebrate National Croissant Day on Tuesday 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)



Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



# Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

No need to book, just drop in!

Parent/carer workshops will also be running. More information to follow soon.

## Join us...

Monday 4 March 2024

The Holiday Inn, Basildon

Thursday 7 March 2024

Hamptons Sports and Leisure,  
Chelmsford

Wednesday 13 March 2024

JobServe Community Stadium,  
Colchester

Tuesday 19 March 2024

The Harlow Hotel, Harlow



Scan the QR code to  
find out more  
information



or go to

[The Essex Local  
Offer Website](#)



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