

Dates for the Diary

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November 2023

UK Disability History Month

Thursday 16th November - Saturday 16th December 2023

Children in Need

Friday 17th November 2023

Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 20th November - Friday 8th December 2023

Year 13 Mock Exams

Monday 4th - Friday 15th December 2023

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 10th November



6,229
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5,872
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5,191
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4,727
HAWKING

Leadership Message

The Upper Academy will be supporting the Anti-Bullying Week campaign from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance who are a group of organisations and individuals whose vision is to 'stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn'. The theme this year is 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and is focused on empowering young people to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Throughout the week in Enrichment lessons, students will be encouraged to recognise when bullying is being dismissed as 'just banter' and to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. We will also be sharing a pack of resources for parents, encouraging students to have their photographs taken, pledging their support to respect and selling 'kindness cakes' in the restaurant.

As always we have many ways in which students can open up about bullying, they can speak to any member of staff to discuss a concern they, or someone they know might be experiencing or email respect@basildonacademies.org.uk where a member of the Respect team will be able to pick up the concern.

Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying.



S. Szuszkiewicz
Deputy Headteacher

Could you be a Parent Governor?

As we are a rapidly growing academy trust we have opportunities for new parent governors to join our team.

Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the academy community and to work together with the academy leadership, staff and other governors.

If this opportunity is of interest then please apply via our website: www.basildonacademies.org.uk/governance-vacancies

The closing date for applications will be 3pm on Friday 24th November.

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.

UK Parliament Week

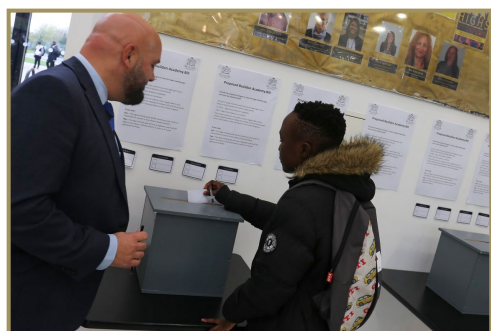
Upper Academy students enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to learn about parliamentary processes during this year's UK Parliament Week. Students delved into the world of parliament related careers in their Enrichment time and learned about the UK Government in RSHE lessons.

A proposed bill to raise the legal age of smoking each year was put to a whole school vote and the topic enabled our students to demonstrate their excellent debating skills. Results of the ballot will be published in next week's newsletter.

"People under the age of 18 should have a chance to vote so their voice is heard. I agree that the legal age of smoking should be made higher so there will be less people dying from smoking related diseases. I have learned quite a lot about Parliament during Enrichment time." Mercy.F - Year 10

"Personally, I think Parliament is important because its sets rules so that the country isn't a mess, but there are some laws I do not agree with. I do not think that the voting age should be lowered as younger people may not understand as much about politics than adults." Gabriele.G - Year 10

"I think Parliament stabilises society by creating rules which we have follow. Although crime is inevitable, I believe more crimes would be committed if it wasn't for the laws the government put in place. Some laws could be disagreed by many throughout society, but I believe that laws can help to keep us safe, and there are consequences for those who commit offences." Cristian.C - Year 11



Skills London Careers Event

Skills London, supported by the Mayor of London, is the UK's largest jobs & careers event for 14 – 24-year-olds & their families.

This year it will be held on 24th & 25th November at ExCeL London, offering up to 35,000 live jobs, training & apprenticeships opportunities under one roof. The fair is free to attend & connects young people with over 100 potential employers, education and skills providers to give practical advice and information, helping them discover a future that works.

Booking is free and tickets can be obtained by clicking on the following link: [Skills London Careers Event](#)

If you are a Sixth Form student and receive bursary funding, the academies can pay for your transport costs. For further information please contact Z Spencer; zspencer@basildonacademies.org.uk



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Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 6th November 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Folasewa.A (R10Y2)
- ★ Year 11 - Ritanna.M (R11X1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Alexandru.A (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 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

Spotlight on: A Level Criminology



Are you interested in what different types of crime take place in our society and what kinds of crime exist, about which we know very little? How do we decide what behaviour is criminal? What are the roles of personnel involved when a crime is detected? Perhaps you are interested to know more about this exciting subject?

This course is designed to offer you a chance to learn about crime in the real world by exploring case studies of different types of crime and criminals. You will cover a range of exciting topics where you will gain the required understanding and skills relevant for your chosen career path.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

BBC
Children in Need

ON FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING A SELECTION OF CAKES & BISCUITS FOR 50P EACH. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CHILDREN IN NEED.

The poster features a background of colorful polka dots. On the left, there are three circular images: the top one shows several donuts with white icing and colorful sprinkles; the middle one shows several cupcakes with white frosting and colorful sprinkles; the bottom one shows several teddy bear-shaped biscuits with white icing and colorful sprinkles. On the right, there is a large, stylized yellow cartoon bear with a black outline, waving its right paw. The bear has a white belly with colorful polka dots. The text 'BBC Children in Need' is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text 'ON FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING A SELECTION OF CAKES & BISCUITS FOR 50P EACH. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO CHILDREN IN NEED.'

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



GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

Year 11 Mock Examinations, commencing 20th November 2023

AM (8:30am start)

PM (1:30pm start)

Monday 20 November	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Biology P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 21 November	History P1	2 hrs	Chemistry P1	1hr 15
	Geography P1	1 hr 30		
Wednesday 22 November	Geography P2	1 hr 30	Maths P1	1 hr 30
Thursday 23 November	English Language P2	1 hr 45	Physics P1	1 hr 15
Friday 24 November	Maths P2	1 hr 30	History P2	1 hr
			Geography P3	1 hr 30

Monday 27 November	English Literature P2	2 hr 15	Biology 2	1 hr 15
Tuesday 28 November	Maths P3	1 hr 30	Chemistry P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 29 November	English Literature P1	1 hr 45	Physics P2	1 hr 15
Thursday 30 November	Statistics	1 hr 45	Catering	1hr 20
			ICT	1hr 20
			Engineering	1 hr 30
Friday 01 December	French Listening	35 mins	Enterprise	2hrs
	French Reading	45 mins	Hair & Beauty	1hr 40

Monday 04 December	French Writing	1 hr	Option clashes	Various
Tuesday 05 December	Art Practical 11A-ART (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start			
Wednesday 06 December	Art Practical 11B-AR (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11B (All day) 8:30am start			
Thursday 07 December	Sport Studies Practical (All day) 8:30am start			
	Art Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
Friday 08 December	Art Practical 11D (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11D (All day) 8:30am start			
	Performing Arts 11C and D (All day) 8:30am start			

Monday 11 December	Home language Listening and Reading	Various	Home language Writing	Various
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The school repeatedly demonstrate they are prepared to go the “extra mile” to find the right solutions for their students. Creative examples include developing an eGaming suite, opening the school facilities on a Saturday to enable students to study (including the art facilities), and providing catering sessions for parent and child providing the opportunity to cook cost effective healthy meals together.



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Development Award

2023-2026