

Dates for the Diary

Year 13 Mock Exams

Monday 4th - Friday 15th December 2023

Parent Forum Meeting - Venue: Upper Academy

Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 4-5pm

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Wednesday 13th December 2023

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 13th December 2023 - 4pm-5pm

Last Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 1st December



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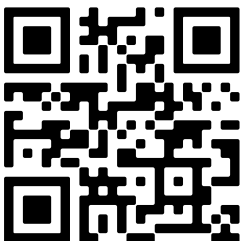
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HAWKING



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched the 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parent across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



[Click here](#) to take the survey or scan the QR code to complete the survey by Friday 15th December and make your voice heard.

UCAS Application Support

UCAS. That word may fill you with excitement, fear, or nothing at all, but if you're in Year 12 and thinking about university it's guaranteed to be an important part of your Sixth Form experience.

The first thing to do is start researching universities and courses, as even though it's only December, your life will be far easier in Year 13 if you do as much as possible now! Start creating a shortlist of universities you like, and courses you might want to take. There's lots of choice at university, so make sure you do your research and not just for the course, but the type of university you want to go to. Look out for their open days and virtual events and try to visit if you can. You will be there for at least 3 years so it needs to work for you, and talk to your teachers they are there to help!

Before you can apply you will need to register on UCAS and link to the school account, details will be released in the summer of 2024 – we will notify you when. However, get ahead of the process and read this handy guide - www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university (please note there are changes happening for 2025 entries).

"The UCAS application process went by smoothly, thanks to the help of the 6th form staff team, there was a lot of support given throughout!"
Igor.P -Year 13.

"My process was very easy and straightforward when talking about going to uni, the staff helped me and made sure everything was sorted."
Cosmina.C Year 13.

If you need any more advice, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 27th November 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Khyla-Ann.D (R10U2)
- ★ Year 11 - Rae.M (R11Y1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Roisin.S (R1213)

Safeguarding

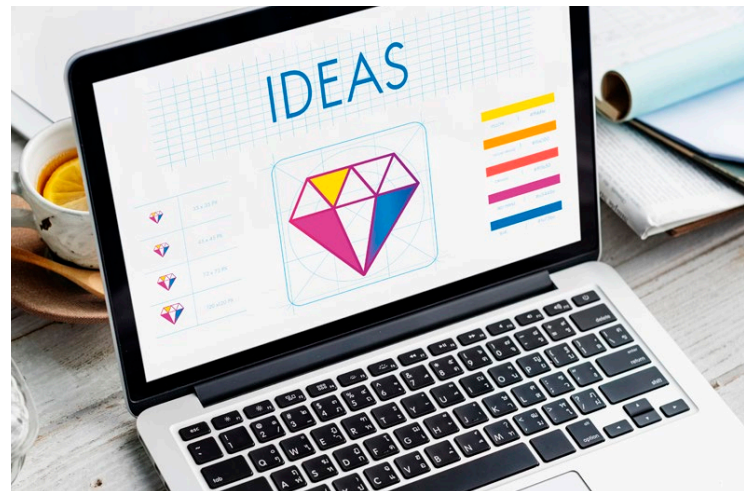
Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link www.escb.co.uk which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your 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.

Spotlight on: A Level Graphic Design



Graphic Communication gives students the opportunity to develop as creative practitioners and to learn about the breadth of creative opportunities in the design sector.

Students develop the necessary practical, professional and personal skills to create a diverse portfolio of work and to flourish as a freelance creative. The creative industries are currently one of the fastest growing in the UK and students can expect to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to continue into a variety of different professions.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

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



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 13th December

Main Meal

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets
or
Cauliflower Pithivier

Served with: Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Brussel Sprouts, Yorkshire Puddings,
Stuffing & Gravy

Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding
Mince Pies
Chocolate Yule Log
Mini Blackforest Gateau
Jelly

Christmas Dinner comes with fresh
fruit juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

4th December- 8th December 2023

International Human Rights Day 75th Anniversary - 10th December

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| Monday: | Integrity: ị̀sòtítọ́ in Yoruba Adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty. |
| Tuesday: | Principles: Grundsätze in German An accepted or professed rule of action or conduct. |
| Wednesday: (St Nicholas' Day) | Honesty: Eziokwu in Igbo Truthfulness, sincerity, or frankness. |
| Thursday: | Purity: Pureté in French Freedom from anything that debases, contaminates, pollutes, etc. |
| Friday: | Sincerity: Uaminifu in Swahili Freedom from deceit or duplicity. |

Year 11 Mock Examinations Week Commencing 4th December

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| 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 |



Wellbeing is prioritised for everyone in the school. As well as extensive curriculum content, the leadership have funded Wellbeing Centres on both sites. This support was spoken of very positively by students. Some have timetabled access but "There are break and lunchtime drop ins... anyone can go for help with any problem...it's very accessible."

Unicef RRS Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

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Year 13 Mock Exams Timetable

| Week 1 Monday 4th December | | | |
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| Day | Session | Subject | Duration |
| Monday 4th Dec | 8.30am | Sociology | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | Engineering 1 | 1hr 30mins |
| | 1.30pm | Biology | 2 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Hairdressing | 80mins |
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| Tuesday 5th Dec | 8.30am | Accounting 1 | 3 hours |
| | 8.30am | Physics 1 | 2 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Psychology 1 | 2 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Engineering 2 | 1hr 45mins |
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| Wednesday 6th Dec | 8.30am | Sociology 2 | 1 hour |
| | 8.30am | Chemistry 1 | 2 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Biology 2 | 2 hours |
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| Thursday 7th Dec | 8.30am | Psychology 2 | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | Physics 2 | 2 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Maths 1 | 2 hours |
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| Friday 8th Dec | 8.30am | Biology 3 | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | Accounting 2 | 3 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Psychology 3 | 1 hour |
| | 1.30pm | Physics 3 | 2 hours |

| Week 2 Monday 11th December | | | |
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| Day | Session | Subject | Duration |
| Monday 11th Dec | 8.30am | Year 13 Criminology | 4 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Maths 2 | 2 hours |
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| Tuesday 12th Dec | 8.30am | Sociology 3 | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | French | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | Chemistry 2 | 2 hours |
| | 1.30pm | Maths 3 | 1 hour |
| | 1.30pm | German | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am/1.30pm | 3D Design | ALL DAY - 5 hours |
| | 8.30am/1.30pm | Drama | ALL DAY - 5 hours |
| | 8.30am/1.30pm | Art/Photography | ALL DAY - 5 hours |
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| Wednesday 13th Dec | 8.30am | Chemistry 3 | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | German Listening | 2 hours |
| | 8.30am | French Listening | 2 hrs 30mins |
| | 8.30am/1.30pm | Art/Photography | ALL DAY - 5 hours |
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| Thursday 14th Dec | 8.30am/1.30pm | Graphics/Textiles | ALL DAY - 5 hours |
| | 8.30am | Year 12 Criminology | 4 hours |
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| Friday 15th Dec | 8.30am/1.30pm | Graphics/Textiles | ALL DAY - 5 hours |