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**Dear Families,**

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a great holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

We are excited to share some improvements at Basildon Upper Academy based on feedback from our Student Voices Panel.

Here are the key updates:

- **Extra seating has been added** in the canteen, and staff are on duty to keep things running smoothly. The Christmas dinner was a success, with everyone enjoying the meal together.
- Our “Toe-by-Toe” programme is expanding to include more students as **mentors once they have had the training**, helping everyone build valuable reading and interpersonal skills.
- **We are focusing more on personal health education** so students can take preventive measures to avoid certain illnesses and stay healthy.
- Lessons have become more interactive with more group work and a focus on speaking and listening.
- Lesson starters are now more efficient and clearer, with students recording these in their books to ensure **consistency**.
- The **food queues** have been reorganised to improve speed and efficiency, especially during busy times.
- A **careers event** for Sixth Form students is coming soon, with opportunities to learn more about careers in HR and Finance.
- **Free sanitary products will be available** for students to collect before the holidays to ensure everyone has what they need.

We are proud of these changes and will continue to listen to feedback to keep improving our school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

R Rees  
Headteacher The Basildon Upper Academy