

Dates for the Diary

Parent Drop In

Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - 1.30pm-2.30pm

Year 10 AP2 Assessments

Monday 22nd June - Friday 3rd July 2026

Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June 2026

Year 11 Prom

Friday 26th June 2026 - 5.30pm-10pm

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 17th July 2026

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 22nd May



139,010
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133,387
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116,606
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Leadership Message - Safeguarding Information for Parents and Carers

We would like to remind parents and carers about the wide range of helpful information available on our school website, which you can find in the ['Parents'](#) tab.

As well as key information about school life — such as attendance, who to contact if your child is absent, details about food at break and lunchtime, and term dates and events — the website also includes support and guidance for you and your child.

You can find useful information on:

- Online safety: <https://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding>
- Support for young carers: <https://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/young-carers>
- Mental health and wellbeing: <https://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/wellbeing-advice-for-parents-carers>

We have recently added information from CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection). This includes advice and a simple way to report concerns if you are worried about online sexual abuse, or about how someone has been communicating with a child online.

We know that keeping children safe online can sometimes feel challenging. These resources are designed to help you feel more informed and confident in supporting your child.

We encourage you to take some time to look through the website so that you are familiar with the support available. If there is anything you feel would help our school community further, please do let us know.

I am delighted to have been appointed Senior Student Development Leader and Designated Safeguarding Lead, based at Basildon Upper Academy.



While safeguarding is central to my role, I am here to support all families and ensure every child receives the right help, at the right time.

Life can bring unexpected challenges, but support is always available, do not hesitate to get in touch.

I am already inspired by the strong community spirit here at The Basildon Academies and I'm looking forward to getting to know students and families across both sites in the coming weeks.

J.Richards - Senior Student Development Leader & Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Parent Drop In - Tuesday 2nd June

Our next Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 2nd June between 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

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.

Please note, if your matter is of a confidential nature, we kindly ask that you call the school to arrange a separate appointment, as parent drop-in sessions are not intended for one-to-one discussions.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 18th May 2026.

- ★ Year 10 - Archie.S (R10Y2)
- ★ Year 11 - Rowan.M (R11E1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Micah.M (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

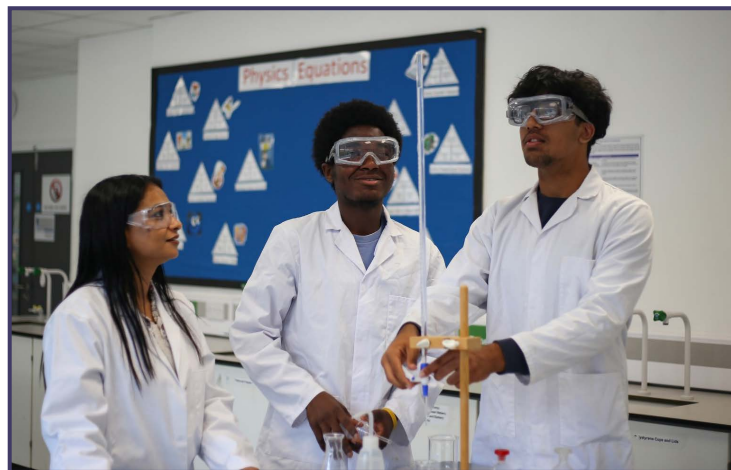
If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

Student Portal

Within the Student Portal, you will find links to a range of resources and learning platforms that students can access to support their studies. The main page, which provides access to all key links, can be found here: [Student Portal](#)

Accessing the Student Portal also enables single sign-on, meaning students do not need any additional passwords for platforms such as SENECA. Students simply log in to the portal in the same way they would when logging in to a school computer.

Spotlight On A Level Chemistry



Chemistry is a rewarding but demanding course, which sets the subject within a relevant and modern-day framework. It suits those of you who like to ask the questions 'why', 'how' and 'what' and are keen to find out the answers.

The key emphasis is on an enjoyable challenge throughout the course, combining topics which stretch even the most able with a healthy dose of traditional investigative Chemistry where students learn the skills of working in a lab hands-on.

Chemistry remains one of the most highly regarded A levels by top universities to study.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve



Free Fruit at Breaktime

Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day

Year 10 Students Take Part in Anne Frank Trust Workshop

During the last week of term, the Upper Academy was delighted to welcome Natasha, Education Delivery Specialist from The Anne Frank Trust UK, who spent the day working with our Year 10 students.

Students took part in workshops centred around xenophobia, exploring important themes through group discussions, case studies, recent news events and current affairs. The sessions encouraged students to reflect on how attitudes, prejudice and discrimination can impact communities and society today.

"I really enjoyed the workshop because it taught me a lot about xenophobia and helped put into perspective how discrimination can affect people's everyday lives. It's something I will remember." Gracie-Mae.M – Year 10

"The workshop really made me think about the experiences some people face every day because of prejudice and discrimination. It helped me understand why it's important to challenge these attitudes." Kaci.C – Year 10



Online Safety Hub: Supporting Parents with The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty is part of the government's safeguarding strategy to help protect young people from the risks of radicalisation and extremism. Parents and carers can access advice and support on recognising potential warning signs, understanding online risks, and helping to keep young people safe both online and within their communities. Read more here: [The Prevent Duty – Advice and Support for Parents](#)

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



Careers Pro: Helping Your Child Explore Future Pathways

Help your child feel confident about their future with Careers Pro, an interactive online platform that matches young people with careers suited to their interests, skills, and personality.

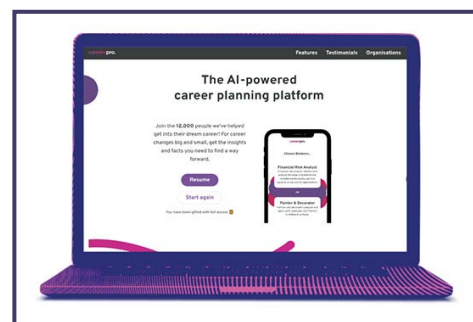
Through a fun quiz, your child will receive personalised career suggestions and learn what each role involves. They can also add their current skills or experiences, and Careers Pro will highlight where these can be transferred into different career paths.

The platform outlines all the possible routes into each career — from GCSEs, A Levels, and university to apprenticeships, short courses, and work experience — helping you and your child understand every option available.

Through a fun quiz, your child will receive personalised career suggestions and learn what each role involves. They can also add their current skills or experiences, and Careers Pro will highlight where these can be transferred into different career paths.

With Careers Pro, your child can explore their potential and make informed decisions about their future.

Please click the link to access: <https://www.careerspro.co.uk/the-basildon-upper-academy>



Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to upperattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling **01268 498882**.

- 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.
- Parent/carers may be asked for medical evidence to support absences after 3 days or reoccurring absence patterns.
- Wherever possible, parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.

Please familiarise yourself with our attendance procedures found on the school website within the Parent Information section, so you know who and when you need to contact us. www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance



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**Attendance percentages as Number of days and lessons missed from school.
Students are required to attend school for 190 days each year.**

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	59 days	12 weeks	300 lessons	1½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2 ½ years

Government (DfE) research suggests that **16 days** absence or 92% attendance in any one year equals a full GCSE drop in attainment
How does your attendance compare with this target?

Daily rewards - Daily text messages for 100% attendance are sent via text message or through the MCAS app.

Weekly Rewards - Weekly Student briefings held on Mondays highlight the students who have received 100% attendance and 0 late marks. These students will receive a raffle entry for a £5 lifestyle voucher

Half Termly rewards - Each Half-term 100% attendance postcards are given to students based on the attendance for that half term.

Termly rewards - Students receive a badge and certificate during a celebration event for their term attendance which can be pinned to their tie.



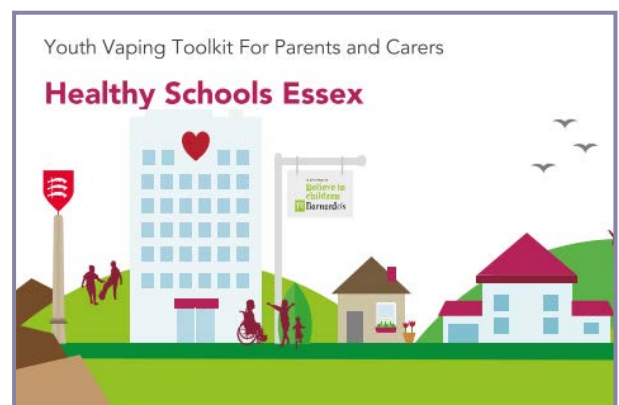
Youth Vaping – Information for Parents & Carers

There is growing national concern around youth vaping, and it is important that parents and carers have access to clear, reliable guidance. The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) has produced helpful information explaining the signs to look out for, the health implications, and ways to talk to young people about vaping.

Further details can be found on the ESCB's youth vaping information page: www.escb.co.uk/safeguarding-topics/youth-vaping/

A dedicated Youth Vaping Toolkit for parents, offering practical advice and conversation prompts, is also available here: www.escb.co.uk/media/3658/youth-vaping-toolkit-for-parents.pdf

Parents and carers are encouraged to review this guidance and use it to support conversations at home.



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

1st - 5th June 2026

Monday:	Inclusivity (noun) <i>inclusivité</i> in French — practice of including all groups fairly. <i>The school celebrated inclusivity during Pride Month.</i>	
Tuesday:	Capricious (adjective) <i>caprichoso</i> in Spanish – sudden and unpredictable in behaviour. <i>The capricious weather ruined the picnic.</i>	
Wednesday:	Affable (adjective) <i>amável</i> in Portuguese – friendly, good-natured, easy to talk to. <i>The affable librarian welcomed new students warmly.</i>	
Thursday:	Assiduity (noun) <i>assiduità</i> in Italian — constant and close attention to work. <i>Her assiduity in revision earned high grades.</i>	
Friday:	Ecological (adjective) <i>ekologiczny</i> in Polish — relating to the relationship of living things. <i>Ecological responsibility is key to tackling climate change</i>	

Job of the Week: Audiologist

What does an Audiologist do?

Audiologists work with people who suffer from hearing loss, tinnitus, or have problems with balance.

Key Responsibilities:

- *Assessing patients who are suitable for cochlear implants or bone anchored hearing aids
- *Producing an impression of the ear for an ear mould
- *Fitting hearing aids and making changes to ear moulds
- *Reviewing progress and making changes to the fitting
- *Teaching patients how to use the prescribed hearing aid
- *Repairing faulty hearing aids

Labour Market Information

- +7.2% 118,954 jobs
- +11.3% in your region of East of England, an increase of 13,484 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Typical Entry Requirements:

Completing an apprenticeship or training programme in audiology, or completing a foundation degree or bachelor's degree in audiology, or completing a bachelor's degree in a related field (such as healthcare science) followed by a postgraduate programme in audiology

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£42,079



There are a wide range of clubs and opportunities for pupils to contribute to the school and local community, for instance as charity ambassadors. This develops pupils' self-confidence. Well-chosen visitors help pupils learn how to keep themselves safe and healthy.



PRIDE MONTH

ON WEDNESDAY 3RD JUNE
THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING CAKES & COOKIES AT
BREAK & LUNCHTIME



RAINBOW CUP CAKES
RAINBOW COOKIES
75P EACH

LOVE IS LOVE



Lemon Drizzle Cake Day



ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE, THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING SLICES OF LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE FOR 75P
AT BREAK AND LUNCHTIME.



School Nurse Drop-in

**Basildon Upper Academy Drop-in:
Monday Breaks & Lunchtimes Medical Room**

Awkward Topics...

Sexual Health & Sex Relationships
Drugs & Alcohol
Smoking
Sexuality

Confidentiality

You can talk to me in confidence at drop-in about things you're worried about, but maybe don't want to talk about with other adults

Support with

- **Emotional & Physical health**
- **Exam Stress**
- **Friendship issues**



Just Drop-in at break or lunchtime



School nurse door is open at break and lunchtimes for pupils to drop in

School Nurse Info...

Lauren Collins

NMC Registered Nurse

Safeguarding Support

Allan Ersser

Child and Young Person Practitioner