

## Dates for the Diary

### Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023: 4.30-5.30pm

### UK Parliament Week

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Armistice Day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN  
IS ILLEGAL**

## House Points - Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> October



4,274  
AUSTEN



4,262  
ALI



4,145  
HAWKING



3,966  
SEACOLE

## Leadership Message

Welcome back to school. This is an exciting and extremely busy half term as we build to the Christmas break. My colleagues have regularly updated you throughout the past half term on aspects that they lead on therefore it is timely to outline a few further developments:

### Leadership Role Changes

K.Boyce-Charman will now be our SLT Pastoral Lead and Z.Spencer our Head of Sixth Form. I thank them both for the excellent work to date and look forward to continuing to work with them in their new roles. These changes bring lots of possibilities that we have already started to share with the issuing of the BA Way Charter.

### Wellbeing Centre

Due to the success of our current Wellbeing Centre, we are opening a second centre that will be based near our main reception with the same dedicated spaces for therapeutic interventions. It is operational today and we need the students to help decide how they wish it to be decorated. We value their input into this process and look forward to them sharing their ideas with us. The centre, Mr Knowles highlighted to you earlier this month, will now serve the needs of our students on the enhanced provision pathway though both centres will provide the same benefits to our students.

### Essex Youth Service (EYS)



EYS will be holding a drop in the canteen on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November during the students' lunchtime.

Students are encouraged to see what the EYS has to offer and to explore services to engage with outside of school. The EYS works closely with many different organisations so are able to signpost our students to numerous other services that the students may not be aware of.

R.Rees - Headteacher

Partnership and engagement with parents and the wider community is now seen as a strength of the school and has enhanced the school's reputation. Clear evidence of this is in the rising roll, migration into the school & the enhanced reputation of the school within the local community & wider education community.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026

## 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.

## Young Carers Club

**Mondays**

Year 10, 12 & 13: 3pm-5pm

Year 11: 3:30pm-5pm

Venue: The Wellbeing Centre



Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

## 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).



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## 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 should 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)

## Spotlight on: A Level Textiles



A level Textiles is not just about generating clothing, it's a versatile subject that entails the formation and manipulation of a range of materials. This practical design course in Fashion and Textiles takes a broad experimental approach to a range of textiles practices including dye, print, digital, stitch and embellishment.

Through a series of creative projects you will learn how to develop ideas by engaging with drawing and research, how to create textiles samples and realise your ideas into final outcomes.

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

## 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)



## Hate Crime Awareness Week

During this year's Hate Crime Awareness Week, students learned about the severity and consequences of showing prejudice and hostility to others.

As part of Enrichment lessons, students discussed the importance of the 5 protected characteristics and looked into police statistics, including how many people have been convicted of a Hate Crime.

Students wrote messages of support on giant posters that will be displayed prominently around the school.

"Everyone should be free to live and love without being judged by others." Eluney.B.F - Year 11

"It is wrong for people to judge others, especially when they do not know about their background." Mihai.P - Year 11



## Student Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Wednesday  
Breaktime

Location:  
The Wellbeing Centre



## Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

The academies have built very strong links with external partners which enhances the wellbeing provision they have available to students. Much of this provision is delivered for them on site by external partners through the wellbeing centre.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025

## 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 blazers, 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.



# SPOOKTACULAR FOOD

TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING 'FANG-TASTIC' CAKES & BISCUITS AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER



ALL CAKES & BISCUITS WILL BE 50P EACH

To celebrate Guy Fawkes Night the Dining Hall will be serving fireworks themed food at break & lunchtime on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November



★ Catherine Wheel Cookies 50p each



Firework Cookie Pops 50p each



Bonfire Cupcakes 50p each

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