

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 29th September 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 5pm-7pm

School Holiday

Friday 3rd October 2025

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 20th October 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 26th September



14,378
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14,258
SEACOLE



12,861
ALI



12,381
HAWKING

Leadership Message - A Strong Start for Our Sixth Form Students

We are delighted to share that our Sixth Form students have made a mature and positive start to the academic year. Their enthusiasm, focus, and commitment have been evident from day one, setting the tone for what promises to be a successful year ahead.

As we welcome back our Year 13 students for their final year, it's a bittersweet moment. It's a joy to see how much they've grown into thoughtful, talented, and kind individuals—but also a reminder that their next exciting steps are just around the corner. Whether they're preparing for university applications, apprenticeships, or entering the world of work, our team is here to support them every step of the way.



New Tutoring Program

To help guide students through these important transitions, we've launched a new tutoring program at the start of the school day at 8.30am. This initiative is designed to demystify the university application process and provide practical advice for navigating the job market. Our tutors are also actively sharing opportunities from employers as they come in, ensuring students don't miss out on valuable experiences.

Our first Sixth Form trip of the year is the annual visit to the Basildon Skills Show on Wednesday 1st October—a fantastic event featuring over 50 employers and universities. It offers students a wealth of inspiration and insight into potential career paths. Students who have been selected have received their letters home. Coming up in November, we'll be heading to the University and Apprenticeship Fair, with more details to follow soon.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Looking ahead, we're excited to host our Sixth Form Open Evening on 2nd October from 5–7pm. This action-packed event is a chance for families to see what makes our Sixth Form such a vibrant and successful community. Highlights will include:

- Delicious takeaway snacks prepared by our catering students
- Live demonstrations from our 3D Design team
- Photography dark room tours
- E-Sports gaming room open for exploration
- 5.30pm a talk with the Deputy Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher - discussing our results, progress and our two bespoke pathways

We look forward to welcoming you!

K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 22nd September 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - Ellie.A (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - May.G (R11E1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Ayla.R (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 Home Learning/Homework.

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. They 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

Parent Drop In - Tuesday 30th September

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 30th September between 10am and 11am.

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.



Online Safety Advice: Unlocking the Lid on Loot Boxes

With gaming now a big part of many young people's lives, it's important for parents to understand the risks that can come with it—especially when it comes to loot boxes. These in-game purchases can have both financial and emotional impacts. This helpful article explains what loot boxes are, how they work, and how you can support your child's safe gaming habits: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/unlocking-the-lid-on-loot-boxes-1>

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: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>



SEN Intervention Room

We are pleased to announce the opening of our SEN (Special Educational Needs) Intervention Room, a dedicated space designed to support the individual needs of our students.

This room provides a calm, inclusive, and well-equipped environment where tailored interventions can take place, allowing students to receive the focused support they need to thrive both academically and emotionally, whether through one-to-one sessions, small group work, or other targeted support.

The SEN Intervention Room plays a vital role in helping each student reach their full potential. We look forward to using this space to make a positive impact on our learners' educational journeys.



Introducing Our New Salon Instagram Channel

The Basildon Upper Academy is proud to launch a dedicated Salon Instagram channel.

Follow the channel for:

- Exclusive deals
- Appointment updates
- A behind-the-scenes look at our salon in action

We look forward to connecting with you and showcasing the exciting opportunities within our Salon. Access our new Instagram channel here: [buasa_lon1](#)



Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

Essex County Council are pleased to announce the launch of their new support offer for families.

The EP Parent Helpline offers advice, support, and signposting for parents and carers. It is a confidential, safe, and private service, and no referral is needed — just book an appointment in advance.



Easy to Access: The booking is designed to provide an easier and more convenient experience.

- Available on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays
- 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- 25-minute appointments bookable via MS Teams
- No more waiting – instant booking confirmation

For booking details and further information, please visit: [EP-Parent-Helpline](#)

Further information is available on the Essex County Council Local Offer pages: <https://schools.essex.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/send-services-and-support/essex-local-offer-website>

Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 2nd October, 5-7pm

The Basildon Academies Sixth Form Team wish to invite you to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October 2025, at the Upper Academy.

As we say goodbye to an exceptional cohort of students, we celebrate their achievements — from securing places at top universities to stepping into exciting career opportunities. Their success reflects the dedication, ambition, and support that define our Sixth Form.

Now, we look ahead with enthusiasm as we prepare to welcome the next generation of students. Our Sixth Form offers two bespoke pathways, designed to help every student reach their full potential, whether their goals lie in higher education, apprenticeships, or employment.

At our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Meet our passionate teaching staff, who will be showcasing their courses and available to answer your questions.
- Explore our fully equipped technology block, with live demonstrations in 3D printing, construction, and more.
- Visit open classrooms, including our E-Sports gaming room, Photography dark room, and Art exhibitions, alongside many other exciting courses.
- Hear from our leadership team — including a presentation from our Deputy Headteacher on our recent results, and insights from our Head of Sixth Form about tailored pathways.
- Speak with current Sixth Form students, who will share their experiences and offer first-hand perspectives.
- Enjoy food tasters prepared by our talented catering students, along with refreshments throughout the evening.
- Discuss the application process in a relaxed setting, with staff on hand to guide you through every step.

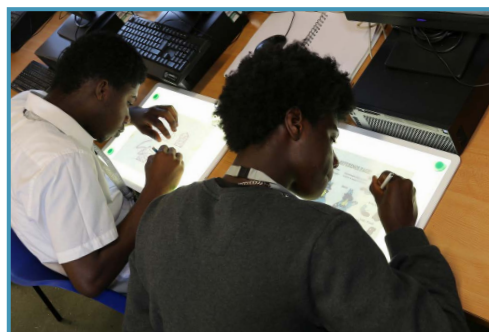
We're excited to share our passion, belief, and commitment to student success with you. Whether you're a student considering your next steps or a parent supporting that journey, we look forward to welcoming you.



Sixth Form Applications

Applications to join for the sixth form will open on the 2nd October and, students and parents will have the opportunity to access the study centre during the evening to use the computers to complete an application form. Applications are completed online through our website and staff will be available to assist you with this process.

If you have a query regarding sixth form admissions, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form Admissions.



NATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK

Monday 29th September – Friday 3rd October

Healthy

To celebrate Vegetarian Week all vegetarian main meals will be £1

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CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, EACH WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER WE WILL BE SERVING AUTHENTIC DISHES IN THE DINING HALL

DISHES FOR WEDNESDAY 1ST OCTOBER



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JOLLOF RICE & CHICKEN



SWEET POTATO BUNDT CAKE

Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-18, 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).

Aged 11-18?

Need someone to talk to?

kooth

How are you feeling today?

I'm feeling stressed...

Free, safe and anonymous online chat, advice and support for young people.

kooth.com



School Nurse Drop-in

**Basildon Upper Academy Drop-in:
Friday Breaks & Lunchtimes Medical Room Next to A7**

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**

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



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!



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

29th September - 3rd October

Monday:	Circumspect (adjective) осмотрительный in Russian – wary and unwilling to take risks. <i>The circumspect manager considered every option before deciding.</i>	
Tuesday:	Magnanimous (adjective) veľkodušný in Slovak – generous or forgiving, especially to a rival. <i>She was magnanimous in victory, congratulating her opponent warmly.</i>	
Wednesday:	Commemorate (verb) spomin in Slovenian – to honour and remember publicly. <i>The school held an assembly to commemorate historic Black figures.</i>	
Thursday:	Exemplary (adjective) ejemplar in Spanish – serving as a desirable model. <i>His exemplary behaviour set a standard for the younger students.</i>	
Friday:	Amicable (adjective) vänskaplig in Swedish – having a spirit of friendliness. <i>They reached an amicable agreement after the discussion.</i>	

Job of the Week: Estate agent

What does an Estate agent do?

Your day-to-day tasks can include:

- valuing properties for sellers and landlords
- managing sales and lettings
- booking property viewings for clients looking to buy or rent
- showing clients properties, asking for their feedback, and using this feedback to recommend different properties or get the process started for buying/renting
- facilitating negotiation between buyers and sellers
- administrative tasks like updating records, sending emails, and making calls

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 727,788
- Essex jobs: 18,404
- Growth: +7.6% 171,912 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no formal entry requirements, but experience in customer service and a good knowledge of the local property market is beneficial.

You may be able to start as an administrator in an estate or lettings agency.

You could also get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£28,813



The school is determined that all pupils can access the curriculum. All pupils in key stage 4 now study French. The school offers pupils a wide range of vocational courses as well as GCSE and A-level qualifications. Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment.

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