

Dates for the Diary

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2024

Year 10 & Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24th - Friday 28th June 2024

Year 11 Prom

Friday 28th June 2024 - 5.30pm-10pm

Sports Presentation Event

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Venue: Basildon Lower Academy

Presentation Evening

Friday 10th July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

House Points - Week Ending 3rd May



17,655
ALI



17,488
AUSTEN



12,616
SEACOLE



11,900
HAWKING

Leadership Message

It has been another exciting term for our Sixth Formers; Students have successfully completed work placements and participated in workshops to help them to apply for universities and apprenticeships. Our aspiring medical students have also been invited to attend medical conferences and virtual work experiences. Our UCAS online application portal will open for aspiring university applicants on 17th May.

Last week, our Key Stage 5 students were invited to collect their exam timetables, new student exam cards and lanyards. It can be an anxious time for Year 11 and Sixth Form students as they approach their summer exams. To help prepare and support students, intervention sessions and Saturday schools will continue, along with teacher supported sessions before the morning exams. On behalf of all the staff at the Academies we wish students all the luck in their exams.

I am delighted to announce that all students who have had their offers accepted to join our Sixth Form, will be invited to a Year 12 Transition Programme which will run from Monday 8th until Friday 19th July. This will give students a great opportunity to explore their chosen courses and delve into the life of a sixth form student.

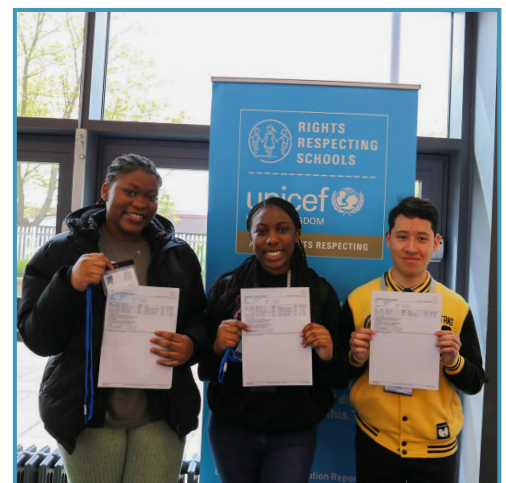
Interviews to join our Sixth Form continue and it is really important that students understand the courses on offer and the pathways they choose, as they continue their journey at the Upper Academy.

On A Level Results Day, Thursday 22nd August, all Year 11 students who have accepted their offers will be invited to come in, collect their results and, enrol into our Sixth Form. Students will have one last chance to apply for our Sixth Form on that day before the September start.



A final message for all our Year 13 students; Good luck in your exams, the growth you have shown during your time with us really makes me proud to be a part of your journey.

K McCarthy
Assistant Headteacher - Key Stage 5

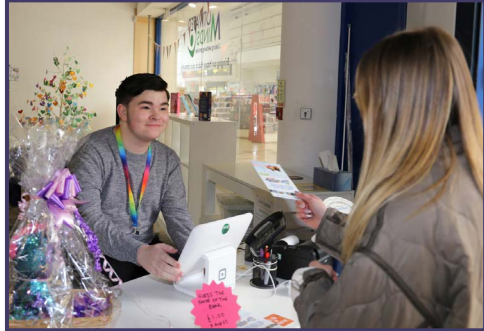


Year 10 Excel at Work Experience

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have successfully completed their recent work experience placements.

Over the course of two weeks, students immersed themselves in the professional world, gaining invaluable insights and hands-on experience across a diverse array of industries. Placement providers included Belson Opticians, Brentwood Karting, David Lloyd Leisure, Gateway FM, Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, Marsh Farm, Morgan Sindell, Richmond Boat Hire, Transport for London and many local Primary & Nursery Schools.

Students have really benefited from the experience, received lots of praise from their placement providers and have left with a huge sense of achievement.



"The work I have been doing has been so useful for me. I have learned lots of new things about the broadcasting industry and also Engineering." Ashraf.W (Gateway FM)

"I really like working with the animals here, I have managed to be part of both the Cattery and Kennels. All staff have been really supportive and informative - especially as there's a lot to know about different breeds." Riley.C (Isadene Kennels)

"I have enjoyed it a lot and, seen the reality of work." Gabriele.G (H.R Department at Ford Dunton Technical Centre)

"Working at The Happy Hub has been quite an interesting experience. It helps to develop social skills and teamworking." John.T (The Happy Hub)

"It was enjoyable and I have gained experience within the retail industry." Yani.F (Tune-Up Seafood)

"It has been good and enjoyable. I would love to work here sometime in the future." Victory.I (Miolad Foods)

"John has been of great help and assistance to us and embedded well into the team. He is a polite, competent young man who has helped us operate the Happy Hub and serve the community." Happy Hub employee

"Chanel was given an overview of each area including the Metropolitan Police; she even got to sit with a traffic engineer and control the traffic herself. Chanel pushed the button to close the Blackwall Tunnel, and watched the barriers come down and the traffic stop, and then reopened the tunnel to give her some live real life experience." Transport for London employee

"Megan and Charlie exceeded our expectations and continue to do so. Both have been given the offer of working with us in paid employment in the future". Marsh Farm employee

Well Done Sixth Form

Well done to our Sixth Form students, who were recently rewarded for demonstrating resilience, dedication and maturity towards their recent exams. Each student received a free hot chocolate and cookie. This reward was provided as part of our 'We Asked, You Said, We Did' initiative.

"I'm really proud to see our student's growing in confidence to have their voice heard, and for approaching their exams with focus and commitment to success". K.McCarthy – Assistant Headteacher - Key Stage 5



Parent Drop In - Thursday 9th May

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 9th May, between 10am - 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.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Basketball Year 11 Sports Science/ Studies Catch up 		After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics Badminton Year 10 Sports Studies Catch up 	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Basketball 	

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Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 29th April 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Michael.B (R10X2)
- ★ Year 11 - Violet.F (R11E2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Maribel.O (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

Spotlight on: Early Years Practitioner



If you wish to pursue a career in caring for babies and young children, then this is the course for you. This course will provide you with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to seven years of age with applied knowledge in the early years 0-5 years. Work experience is a compulsory element of this qualification.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [NCFE Level 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner](#)

Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

YOUNG MINDS

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.

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 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.



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

7th May - 10th May 2024
Sun Awareness Week

Tuesday: (World Asthma Day)	Fruitarian: a person whose diet consists chiefly of fruit. mkpuru osisi in Igbo
Wednesday:	Herbivorous: feeding on plants only. സസ്യഭുക്കുകൾ in Malayalam
Thursday:	Staples: essential, fundamental. de bază in Romanian
Friday:	Perishables: subject to decay or ruin. Kvarljivi in Bosnian

Job of the Week: VFX Artist

What does a VFX Artist do?

Depending on the project, you could be working in 2D or 3D design to create anything from mythological creatures, to dystopian landscapes, to entire planets or solar systems.

Though your day-to-day duties might change, you'll be:
creating and designing concepts and special effects
creating high quality visuals to a budget and deadline

using cutting edge software and technology to create the most effective images

working from a brief, collaborating with supervisors, producers, directors, and other artists to achieve the best possible results

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 70,300

Essex Jobs: 1,573

Growth: +.2%

Top 5 LEAs: Hackney (1,855), Surrey (1,830), Hertfordshire (1,827), Kent (1,733), Essex (1,573)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £33,274

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

While you can become a visual effects artist without a degree, it's advisable that you have a degree as the current market is flooded with graduates who are more likely to be chosen from a pool of candidates.

Helpful subjects to study include fine art, graphic design, film and photography, animation, or visual effects. Try to choose a course with lots of practical elements to help you build your skills.

You could enter the industry without a degree but be prepared to start as a runner and work your way up, or to be asked to complete qualifications as you work.

The most important entry requirement is a portfolio or showreel. This can be built from work you have completed while studying, or in your own time. It should show a range of skills, but should focus on quality over quantity, and must be available to view digitally.

Volunteers for Educational Visit Chaperones

In order to support our ambition to get every learner onto an offsite visit this academic year, we are looking to create a team of parent and carer volunteers to be chaperones for our trips.

Each volunteer would be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS) completed through the school and, would undergo onsite safeguarding training with a view to being called upon when we need additional support with ratios of parents to students for school trips.

If you would be interested in registering for this support service and have availability during school time, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

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



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!



Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

Who is the programme for?

Clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte, however these can be limited.

What do the clubs offer?

Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary provision across the county, also dedicated mental wellbeing and SEND clubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.

How can I book my child onto a club?

To book onto a club during February, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.

To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.

What is considered 'low income'?




We understand that all families circumstances are different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support – you can book on.



HALF-TERM & HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED...





EASTER, SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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 The HAF programme runs in the easter, summer and winter holidays and is funded by the Department for Education. This is aimed solely at school children who receive benefits based free school meals during term time.
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 Limited spaces are available for low income working families and other vulnerable groups who would otherwise not be able to afford holiday clubs. You can book onto our programme self-certifying.
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 WONDE e-Voucher codes are sent by schools to all families eligible for benefits based free school meals. This code allows you to book onto local clubs and verify you are eligible for our programme.



SPRING & AUTUMN HALF TERMS

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 Funded by Essex County Council, Essex ActivAte run clubs during February, May/June and October half term for children on benefit based free school meals or from 'low income' working families.
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 The half term programme is funded to provide spaces to those areas most in need across Essex.





 You will not receive a WONDE e-Voucher code to book onto our clubs during half term.


 You will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the Essex ActivAte website – simply find what clubs are available in your area then book onto a club using the link provided or by contacting the club directly.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!

BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!



Children and young people are invited to book onto fun-filled half term holiday clubs and enjoy free activities run by locally trusted club organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or income-related benefits, also children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation. Clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!


WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs offer different engaging activities such as sports and games, crafts, colouring, dance, baking and more! They also provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as food education, helping to engage young people and support parents during the half term holidays. Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will also be available to book onto, offering further support for children.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?



You will not receive or book on with your HolidayActivities voucher code for half term holiday clubs. To book onto a local club, head over to the Essex ActivAte website, find the area that you live in and book on with the link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly.



[Find out more about May half term holiday clubs and book on here.](#)

