

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

12th January 2026

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 AP1 Assessments

Monday 19th - Friday 30th January 2026

Year 11 & Year 13 Progress Review Event

Thursday 22nd January 2026: 3.30pm-6.30pm

Holocaust Memorial Day

Tuesday 27th January 2026

Year 12 AP1 Assessments

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th February 2026

National Apprenticeship Week

Monday 9th - Sunday 15th February 2026

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

House Points - Week Ending 9th January



65,586
SEACOLE



64,830
AUSTEN



56,767
HAWKING



53,481
ALI

Leadership Message - Strengthening Our Partnership for Student Success

Following our previous message about Enhanced Provisions, I want to take a moment to reaffirm our ongoing commitment to ensuring that students at the Basildon Academies receive the support, encouragement, and opportunities they need to flourish.

Over the past term, we have continued to see the positive impact of our inclusive approach and the dedication of our staff across all areas of the school. Our Enhanced Provisions remain a vital part of this work, offering a safe, structured, and nurturing environment for students with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. The relationships built between students and their key workers or TAs continue to be a cornerstone of this success, providing consistency, trust, and personalised guidance each day.

As we move forward, our focus remains on ensuring that every student's journey is carefully planned and thoughtfully supported. Through ongoing One Planning, regular provisions panels, and close collaboration with families, we are able to respond to each child's evolving needs and prepare them for their next steps—whether that involves reintegration into mainstream lessons, exploring alternative pathways, or deepening their engagement within the Enhanced Provision.

We are also strengthening our links between the Provisions and subject specialists across the school, ensuring that students continue to access high-quality teaching and meaningful learning experiences. This joined up approach helps us maintain both high expectations and a compassionate understanding of each student's individual context.

Your partnership is central to this work. We are grateful for the trust you place in us and for the open communication that allows us to support your child effectively. Together, we will continue to build an environment where every student feels valued, understood, and empowered to achieve their potential.

If you would like to discuss your child's support or have any questions about the Enhanced Provisions, please contact us via the [Contact Us](#) page on the Upper Academy website.



J. Stoddart

Senior Student Development Leader - Enhanced Provision

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 5th January 2026.



Year 10 - Milly.W (R10E1)



Year 11 - Reece.B (R11Z2)



Sixth Form - Rosca.A (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.

NCFE Level 1 Certificate - Care



If you are interested in pursuing a career which involves working with other people, whether this is within a Hospital and Healthcare setting, then this is the course for you!

It develops the knowledge and awareness of the types of provision in the Health, Social Care and Children's and Young People's sectors. It includes the roles played by workers, from principles and values through to health and safety and working with others. The content is also aligned with the knowledge and skills required for the Adult Care Worker and Healthcare Support Worker standards.

This qualification provides you with a starting point for deciding whether a career in this sector is right for you.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [NCFE Level 1 Certificate - Care](#)

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Parent Governor Vacancies

As we are a rapidly growing academy trust we have opportunities for new parent governors to join our team.

Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the academy community and to work together with the academy leadership, staff and other governors.

If this opportunity is of interest then please apply via our website (vacancies section): <https://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/governance-vacancies>

The closing date for applications will be 3pm on Friday 23rd January.

Thank you for your continued support of our academies.

Parent Drop In - Tuesday 13th January

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 13th January between 12pm and 1pm.

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.



A Fantastic Start to the Term!

We're thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent English and Maths GCSE resit results. Our English team has once again outperformed the national average, with a remarkable number of students achieving a grade 4 or above.

Behind these results are stories of determination and hard work, students who gave their all in these exams now have doors wide open to the advanced pathway, apprenticeships, and are one step closer to their future aspirations.

Well done to everyone involved - what an achievement!



Boys' Football Team Secure Home Win

Our Boys' Football Team recorded a fantastic 1–0 home victory against Southchurch High School in a well-contested match. It was a solid all-round performance, with the team showing strong defensive organisation and creating several chances that could have extended the scoreline.

The winning goal was scored by **Ryan.I**, while **Harry.B** was named Man of the Match for an outstanding goalkeeping display.

A great team effort and a well-deserved result. Well done to all involved.



Salon Instagram Channel

The Basildon Upper Academy has a dedicated Salon Instagram channel, where you can keep up to date with everything happening in our salon.

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](https://www.instagram.com/buasa_lon1)

Thank You to Our Community

We would like to say a huge thank you to our school community for their generosity and support. We have received a lovely letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion following our fundraising efforts in the lead-up to Remembrance Day.

Thanks to the cake sale and the purchase of poppies, we raised over £150, helping to support this important cause.

Thank you to everyone who supported and got involved.



Year 10 AP1, commencing 19th January 2026

		AM (9.00am start)	PM (1:30pm start)
Monday 19 th January	Maths P1	1 hr 30	History P1
Tuesday 20 th January	Business	1 hr 45	Biology – Combined Science P1
	Biology – Triple Science P1	1 hr 45	
Wednesday 21 st January	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Maths P2
Thursday 22 nd January	Chemistry – Combined Science P1	1 hr 15	French Reading / Listening
	Chemistry – Triple Science P1	1 hr 45	
Friday 23 rd January	English Literature P1	1 hr 45	
Monday 26 th	Psychology	1 hr 30	Geography P1
	Engineering	1 hr 30	History P2 January
Tuesday 27 th January	Maths P3	1 hr 30	French Writing
Wednesday 28 th January	Physics - Combined Science	1 hr 15	Music
	Physics – Triple Science	1 hr 45	Options
Thursday 29 th January	Statistics	1 hr 45	ICT
			Catering
Friday 30 th January	Music		
	Options		
Monday 2 nd February	Practical Exams		
Tuesday 3 rd February	Practical Exams		
Wednesday 4 th February	Practical Exams		
Thursday 5 th February	Practical Exams		
Friday 6 th February	Practical Exams		

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.

No EXPERIENCE? No PROBLEM.

Find student jobs, events and training near you.

#CreateYourFuture!



- Local and online opportunities
- Work experience
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Graduate schemes
- First jobs
- Careers events
- CV workshops
- Youth Friendly Employers
- AND MORE!

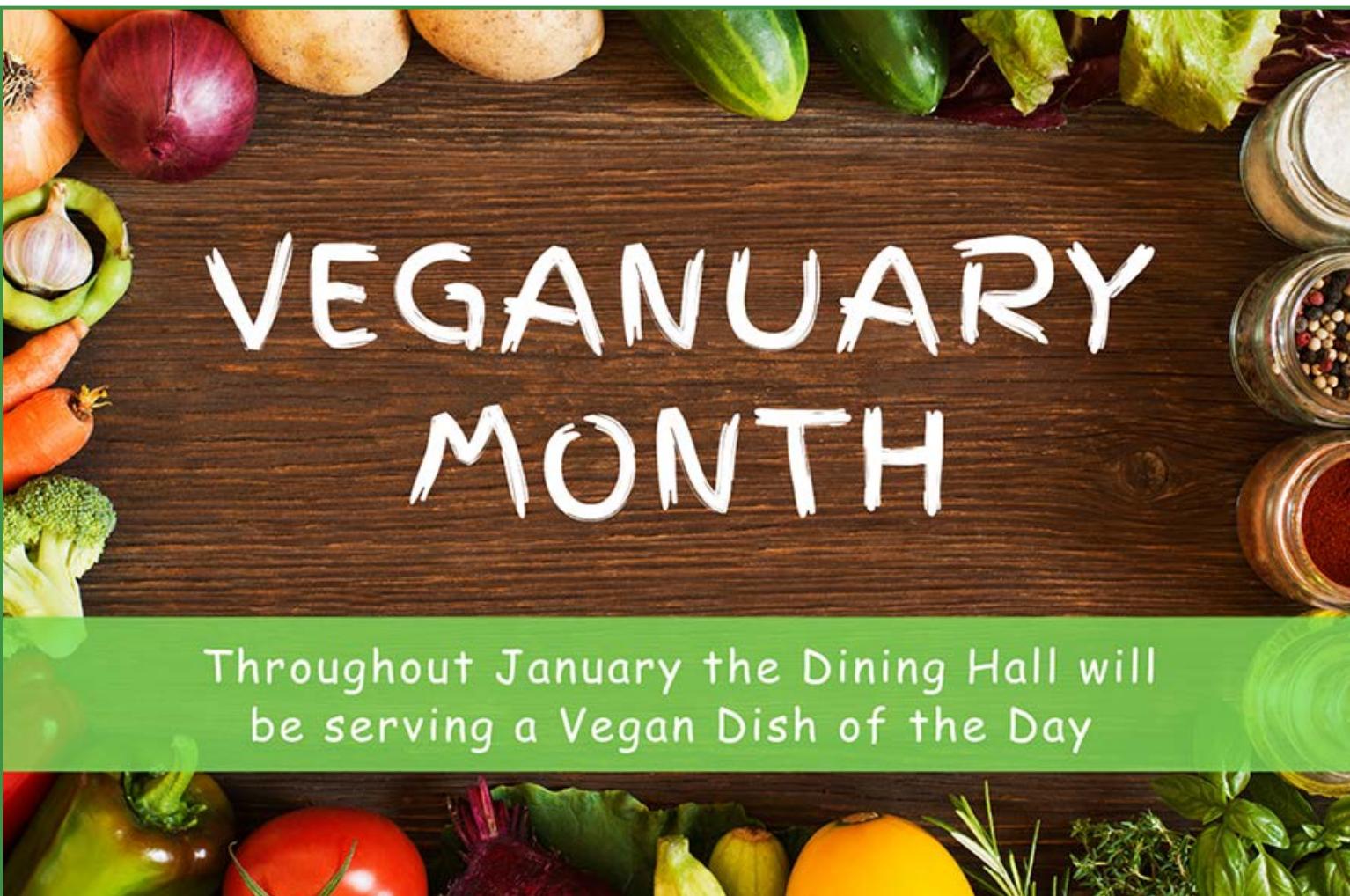


youthemployment.org.uk/createyourfuture



VEGANUARY MONTH

Throughout January the Dining Hall will
be serving a Vegan Dish of the Day



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

12th - 16th January 2026

Monday:	Sagacity (noun) проницателност in Bulgarian – keen mental discernment and good judgement. <i>Her sagacity made her a respected mentor.</i>	
Tuesday:	Judicious (adjective) 明智 in Cantonese – having or showing good sense. <i>The judicious choice was to revise earlier rather than later.</i>	
Wednesday:	Taciturn (adjective) 沉默寡言 in Chinese – reserved or saying little. <i>The taciturn boy spoke rarely, but always wisely.</i>	
Thursday:	Formidable (adjective) strašan in Croatian – inspiring fear or respect through power. <i>The formidable essay question tested every skill she had learned.</i>	
Friday:	Inscrutable (adjective) nevzpytateľný in Czech – impossible to understand or interpret. <i>The teacher's inscrutable expression kept students guessing.</i>	

Job of the Week: Mental Health Therapist



What Qualifications do you need to do this job
You'll usually need:

- A relevant degree or professional qualification in social work, psychology, medicine, or mental health
- A minimum number of placement hours in a mental health setting, or equivalent work experience
- Training at postgraduate level, like a master's degree, PsyD, or PhD

What does a Mental Health Therapist do?

Mental Health Therapists use therapy to support people who have mental health problems.

Your work with clients could involve:

- Encouraging them to talk about emotional or relationship problems
- Analysing past events and behaviours so that changes can be made
- Assessing their way of thinking and their feelings
- Helping them develop new strategies for coping
- You could work with adults or children, individually or in groups. You may also be involved in training non-client groups like social workers.

Labour Market Information

- 169,927
- 3,760 in your local area of Essex
- +7.2% 118,954 jobs
- +11.3% in your region of East of England, an increase of 13,484 jobs

Let's Talk Money
UK annual median: £45,948



Pupils learn about, and understand, the importance of respecting themselves and others. The personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum teaches pupils how to look after their physical and mental well-being. Pupils meet a range of employers and representatives from further education colleges. This helps pupils make well-informed choices about their next steps.

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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

Did you know? **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK

LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184** days a year.

Target 97%+

175

days are **NOT** spent in school each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

143

Days of education

75%

47 days absent

152

Days of education

80%

38 days absent

162

Days of education

85%

28 days absent

171

Days of education

90%

19 days absent

184

Days of education

97%

6 days absent

190

Days of education

100%

0 days absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.