

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 AP2 Assessments

Monday 23rd June - Friday 4th July 2025

Year 11 Prom

Friday 27th June - 5:30-10pm

Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July 2025

Beginning of Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Monday 7th July 2025

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 16th July 2025 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 13th June



40,708
AUSTEN



38,570
ALI



25,830
HAWKING



25,583
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and resilience shown by our students. Firstly, congratulations to our Year 11 students as they approach the completion of the exam series! This is a huge milestone, and we are incredibly proud of how you've navigated the challenges of this year.



As we look towards the new academic year, and upcoming assessment points, remember that consistent attendance not only ensures you make the most of your learning but also sets you up for success in the future.

Let's finish this year strong—take pride in what you've achieved and continue the positive habits that will carry you forward. We are excited for what the next school year will bring and look forward to seeing even more great things from each of you.

S. Killick

Assistant Headteacher & Senior Attendance Champion

Thank a Teacher Day – Wednesday 18th June

This week, the Basildon Academies will be celebrating National Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday 18th June – a chance for our school community to reflect on the hard work, dedication and support our teachers provide every day.

To mark the occasion, some of our students have recorded special video messages to share their personal thanks. These will be posted across our social media channels on the day – and we'd love for you to watch and join us in celebrating our amazing staff.

Look out for the videos on Wednesday 18th June.

Check out our social media channels below to watch and share the messages.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 9th June 2025.

★ Year 10 - Rowan.M (R10E2)

★ Year 11 - Alfie.S (R11U2)

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 General Enquiries.

Spotlight on: A Level Mathematics & Further Mathematics



Mathematics at AS and Advanced GCE is a course worth studying not only as a supporting subject for the physical and social sciences, but in its own right. It is challenging but interesting. It builds on work students will have met at GCSE, but also involves new ideas that some of the greatest minds of the millennium have produced.

It serves as a very useful support for many other qualifications as well as being a sought after qualification for the workplace and courses in higher education. A Level Mathematics can be taken without Further Mathematics the need for fee-paying clients.

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

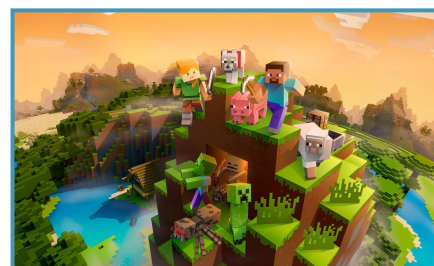
Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Online Safety Advice: A Parent's Guide to Minecraft

Minecraft is one of the most popular games among children and young people, encouraging creativity, collaboration, and exploration. However, it's important for parents to understand the potential risks involved, including in-game communication, inappropriate content, and screen time.

For more information, including tips on safety settings, setting boundaries, and talking to your child about Minecraft, please visit:

<https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/reviews/minecraft>



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](#)

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 jumpers, 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 Upper Academy Library is Now Open!

We are thrilled to announce that our Upper Academy Library is officially open for student use at break and lunch times; offering a calm and welcoming space for reading, research, and relaxation. While still modest in size, this is a small but growing library, and we're incredibly proud of the progress it's making — thanks in no small part to our team of passionate and dedicated Year 10 Student Librarians.

These wonderful volunteers are not only helping to keep the library organised and accessible, but they are also champions of reading themselves. Here's what some of our librarians have to say about the importance of the library in our school community:

"I want people to find books that resonate deeply with their soul — stories that reflect their personality and love for reading."
Veronika.L - Year 10

"I feel that a library helps students to find more creative paths."
Arlo.H - Year 10

"Having a library helps people to express themselves through books."
Lexi.T - Year 10

"The library development within the school encourages creativity within the students at the school in order to express themselves artistically and freely." May.G - Year 10



The library offers a broadening selection of fiction and non-fiction, with new books being added regularly. All students are welcome to sign out books for up to two weeks and may renew titles if they'd like more time to enjoy them. Whether you're a confident reader or just beginning your reading journey, there is something here for everyone.

We warmly encourage parents and carers to remind students to make use of this wonderful space, where reading for pleasure and academic success go hand in hand.

If you would like more information or wish to donate books in good condition, please contact the English Department.

Miss Harris and the Upper Academy Library Team - *Inspiring imagination, one book at a time.*

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.

YOUNGmINDS

PRIDE MONTH

ON FRIDAY 20TH JUNE
THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING CAKES & COOKIES
AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME



RAINBOW CUP CAKES
RAINBOW COOKIES
50P EACH

**LOVE IS
LOVE**



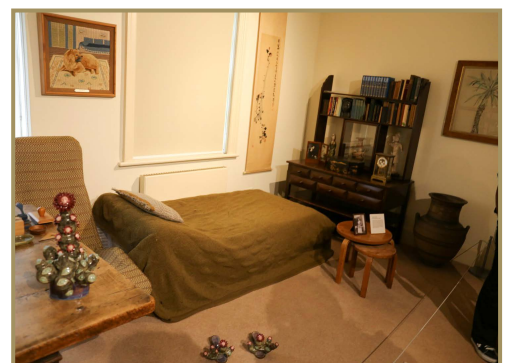
Social Science Students Explore the Mind in London

Psychology and Criminology students from the Social Sciences department recently took part in an engaging and insightful educational trip to London, visiting two major centres of psychological and neurological learning.

The day began at the Francis Crick Institute, where students explored the interactive Hello Brain exhibition. The display offered a closer look at how human and animal brains function, featuring a wide range of information on neurons, brain structure, and cognitive processing. A particularly intriguing case study was that of Phineas Gage — the 19th-century railway worker who famously survived a traumatic brain injury when a metal rod pierced his skull. His resulting personality changes sparked significant discussion among Criminology students, especially around the links between brain trauma and behaviour.

Following a break for lunch, the group continued to the Freud Museum, once home to Sigmund and Anna Freud. Students had the opportunity to explore the historic residence, viewing original artefacts — including Freud's iconic psychoanalytic couch. The visit concluded with a lecture on the lasting impact of psychoanalytic theory in contemporary psychological research and clinical practice. This experience proved especially timely for Psychology students, who are about to begin studying Freud's theories in their upcoming lessons.

"The Freud lecture gave us an insight into his life and how he became involved in his respected field." Joy.N – Year 12



Year 10 Story Writing Competition

Think you've got a story to tell?

Love creating worlds, characters, or dramatic twists?

Now's your chance to show off your writing skills in our Year 10 Story Writing Competition!

Theme: Any genre, any style — your imagination is the limit!

Judging Criteria: We're looking for the most interesting, original, and engaging stories.

Deadline: Monday 14th July

How to Enter:

Hand your story in to the librarians at break or lunch

OR give it directly to Ms Harris in B9.

Prizes will be awarded to the top entries!

Whether it's horror, fantasy, romance, comedy, or something totally unique — we want to read it!



Parent Drop In - Wednesday 18th June

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 18th June 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.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7.30-8.20am <ul style="list-style-type: none">BasketballFitness Suite	Before School: 7.30-8.20am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Middle/Long Distance Running After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sprints/Hurdles	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Throws	Before School: 7.30-8.20am <ul style="list-style-type: none">Middle/Long Distance Running After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Badminton	Before School: 7.30-8.20am <ul style="list-style-type: none">FootballCricket After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jumps*

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.

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.
- 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.

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

16th – 20th June 2025
Cultural Heritage

Monday:	Preservation (Noun) preservación in Spanish Definition: The act of maintaining something in its original or existing state. Example: Cultural heritage preservation is crucial for protecting historical landmarks and traditions.	
Tuesday:	Tradition (Noun) omume in Igbo Definition: The transmission of customs or beliefs from generation to generation. Example: Many events focus on maintaining tradition to honour cultural heritage.	
Wednesday:	Monument (Noun) piemineklis in Latvian Definition: A structure erected to commemorate persons or events of historical significance. Example: Preserving national monuments is essential for safeguarding cultural heritage.	
Thursday:	Folklore (Noun) ਲੋਕਕਥਾ in Punjabi Definition: The traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth. Example: Folklore plays a significant role in understanding and appreciating cultural heritage.	
Friday: Cultural Fayre - Lower Academy	Restoration (Noun) whakahaere in Maori Definition: The action of returning something to its former condition. Example: Restoration projects often aim to revive buildings or artefacts that represent cultural heritage.	

Job of the Week: Animator

What does a Animator do?

You'll work in animated films, TV, adverts, games, websites, or music videos, using hand-drawn, traditional, computer-generated imagery (CGI), stop-frame, stop-motion or model animation techniques.

Your day-to-day duties could include working with others like:

production designers

storyboard artists

layout artists to draw how each shot will look

digital painters to touch up colours

texture artists to 'paint' colour and texture onto digital models to make them lifelike

compositors to join together different layers of animation

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 70,300
- Essex jobs: 1,573
- Growth: +.2% 1,593 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need skills in drawing, modelling or using computer animation packages.

An animation or art-related HND, foundation degree, degree or postgraduate course could be helpful.

You could start as a studio runner and progress to assistant animator.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£35,202



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.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



Year 10 AP2, commencing 23rd June 2025

	AM (8:30am start)			PM (1:00pm start)	
Monday 23 rd June	Biology	1 hr 15		English Language P1	1 hr 45
Tuesday 24 th June	Maths P1	1 hr 30		French Writing	1 hr 10
Wednesday 25 th June	Geography P1	1 hr 30		Chemistry	1 hr 15
	History	2 hrs			
Thursday 26 th June	English Literature 2	2 hr 15		Maths P2	1 hr 30
Friday 27 th June	ICT	1 hr 20		GCSE Business	1 Hr 45
	Art			5 hrs	
	Photography			5 hrs	
Monday 30 th June	English Language P2	1 hr 45		Geography P2	1 hr 30
Tuesday 1 st July	Maths P3	1 hr 30		French Listening	35 mins
				French Reading	45 mins
Wednesday 2 nd July	English Literature 1	1 hr 45		Physics	1 hr 15
Thursday 3 rd July	Statistics	1 hr 45		Psychology	1 hr 45
	Psychology	1 hr 30		Music Listening	1 hr
Friday 4 th July	Catering	1hr 20		Engineering	1hr 30
	Art			5 hrs	
	Photography			5 hrs	
	Music - Composing		5 hrs		
Monday 7 th July	Art			5 hrs	
	Photography			5 hrs	
Tuesday 8 th July	Art			5 hrs	
	Photography			5 hrs	

The Generation Juice Drinks Hub - Available Now!



Small drink – 50p
Large drink – 90p
Reusable bottle – £1.25

Sustainable Hydration

97% reduced plastic

Multiple Flavours!
No Added Sugar

Immune Boosting



Find Your Healthcare

CAREER PATH >>>

Thinking about your next steps after college
and interested in exploring opportunities in
the NHS or Social Care?

Join us at our Mid and South Essex Health
& Care Academy Recruitment Event!

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ✓ Meet recruitment teams from the NHS and Social Care.
- ✓ Learn about diverse roles and career pathways.
- ✓ Interview on the day for available roles.
- ✓ Explore apprenticeship opportunities.



Register to attend using the QR Codes Below



25
JUN
2025



10AM
4PM



**Brentwood
Community Hospital**
CM15 8DR



Be the future of
health and care
in Essex

NHS

CARE