

## Important Information Regarding Industrial Strike Action

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

The Lower Academy will be open for Year 9.

The Upper Academy will be open for Years 11,12 & 13.

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

The Lower Academy will be open for Year 8.

The Upper Academy will be open for 11,12 & 13.

All other year groups to access remote learning. Lesson information will be sent to student email account at 8:30am each morning.

For further information, please refer to the full communication sent out Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

## Dates for the Diary

### British Science Week

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Parent Forum Meeting - Venue: Lower Academy

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023: 4.30-5.30pm

### Year 10 & Year 12 Progress Review Event

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023: 3:30-6:30pm

### Staff Inset - Non Student Day

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Easter Holidays

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

★ Year 10 - Anthony.Y (R10X1)

★ Year 11 - Jordan.D (R11X2)

★ Sixth Form - David. A (R1213)

## Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## National Careers Week 2023

During this year's National Careers Week, Upper Academy students participated in a series of activities aimed at raising awareness of the wide range of career and education pathway options available to them.

Throughout the week, students were given the opportunity to engage in a virtual careers fair and career themed events.

A group of students visited Jet Hairdressing Academy, where they enjoyed taking part in an Avant Garde styling workshop as well as learning about career paths within the industry.

Business Studies students visited Rollacity in Southend, where staff provided them with an insight into how the business operates.

Sixth Formers welcomed recruitment professional Farirai, from the University of Essex, who offered advice on UCAS applications, accommodation & unravelling the mystery of student finance.



**WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS**



29,108  
HAWKING



28,895  
AUSTEN

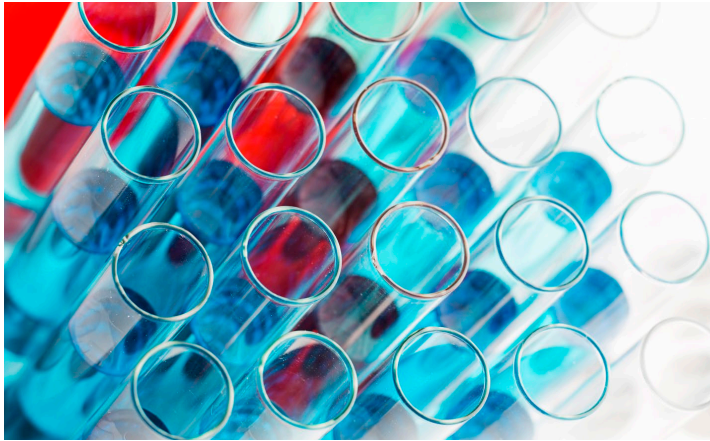


28,584  
ALI



28,386  
SEACOLE

## Spotlight on: A Level Chemistry



Chemistry is a rewarding but demanding course, which sets the subject within a relevant and modern-day framework. It suits those of you who like to ask the questions 'why', 'how' and 'what' and are keen to find out the answers. The key emphasis is on an enjoyable challenge throughout the course, combining topics which stretch even the most able with a healthy dose of traditional investigative Chemistry where pupils learn the skills of working in a lab hands-on.

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

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: [Apply to join](#)

## SEND Department Coffee Mornings

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss your child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 8.45am - 9.45am every Wednesday.



To book an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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).

## School 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 Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre



## Attendance Expectations

There is a clear link between academic success and attendance and as such our expectations for attendance are that:

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends regularly.
- Students should have 100% attendance each year.
- Students with attendance below 95% are of concern.

## 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)



## International Women's Day - 8<sup>th</sup> March

This year's International Women's Day provided an opportunity for our students to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women throughout history and in contemporary society.



## Red Nose Day Cake & Biscuit Sale Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March



The Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Each item will be priced at 50p with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.