

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

24th April 2023

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 Work Experience Monday 24th April - Friday 5th May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 8th May 2023

National Vegetarian Week Monday 15th - Sunday 21st May 2023

Half Term Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 17th April 2023.

Year 1

Year 10 - Keira P (R10Y2)

Year 11 - Bailey B (R11Z2)

Sixth Form - Macy M.F (R1213)

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Congratulations to our District Plate Finalists 2023!

Well done to our Boy's Football Team who beat De La Salle 3-2 to secure a place in the District Plate Final! After a shaky first 20 minutes the boys settled into the game & took the lead with an excellent header from Albert. Quickly after the break De La Salle drew even, Kyan then made the score 2-1 followed by another equaliser from their opponents. Finally, a fantastic shot from outside the box from Kyan secured the win.

Well done boys & good luck in the final.



Student Value of the Term



Spotlight on: A Level Biology



Biology is at the forefront of some of the exciting and controversial issues in the news today. Publicity surrounding genetic engineering, environmental and medical developments have highlighted the need for an understanding of such issues. Biology is a very popular and valuable subject at A-Level; it involves the development of understanding and techniques that are highly sort after by Further Education and employers.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: <u>A Level Biology</u>

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: <u>Apply to join</u>

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 <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

House Points - Week Ending 21st April



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 <u>Contact Us</u> 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 <u>www.escb.co.uk</u> 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

Free Online Counselling Service

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).

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 blazers, 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 schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



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 please visit the <u>Contact Us</u> 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



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 Monday Breaktime, Location: The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre

English Study Area

The English Study Area is open after school every Tuesday from 3.30-4.30pm. Students can access a wide range of revision guides to support their progress!





In addition to strong internal advocacy, students take action locally and globally. Charities such as Children in Need, the Basildon Hospital NICU and the local hospice, are among the beneficiaries of the Academies' charitable fundraising.

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

	Lunch	3.00-4.00pm
Monday	Homework Club	Year 10 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3
	U3GC3	SEN Club – SEN room
Tuesday	Homework Club	English Club – Study Area U3F
	U3GC3	SEN Club – SEN room
Wednesday	Homework Club	Maths Club - U3GC3
	U3GC3	Business Studies Club – U2SC4
		SEN Club – SEN room
Thursday	Homework Club	French Club – U2FC2
	U3GC3	SEN Club – SEN room
Friday	Homework Club	
	U3GC3	

#EveryMinuteCounts

Upper Academy Year 11	Intervention Programme
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	Lunch	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	Homework Club	Year 11 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3
	U3GC3	SEN Club – SEN room
Tuesday	Homework Club	English Club – Study Area U3F
	U3GC3	Health and Childcare Club – U1SC3
		Art and Photography – U1SS2a
		Performing Arts – U1SS2a
		SEN Club – SEN room
Wednesday	Homework Club	Maths Club – U3GC3
	U3GC3	History and Geography Club – U1GS1
		Sports Studies Club – U2FC3
		Business Studies Club – U3SC3
		Health and Childcare Club (coursework catch-up) – U1SC3
		French Club – U2FC2
		DT Club – T8
		Art and Photography – U1SS2a
		SEN Club – SEN room
Thursday	Homework Club	Science Club – U2FS1
	U3GC3	Art and Photography – U1SS2a
		Health and Childcare Club (Express only) – U1SC3
		SEN Club – SEN room
Friday	Homework Club	
	U3GC3	

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