

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 29th September 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 5pm-7pm

School Holiday

Friday 3rd October 2025

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 20th October 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 19th September



10,004
AUSTEN



9,360
SEACOLE



8,837
ALI



8,528
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Building Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility

At The Basildon Upper Academy we are committed to creating a calm, safe, and purposeful learning environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive. To support this, we have developed a clear Behaviour Curriculum which outlines the standards and expectations we ask all students to follow.

The Behaviour Curriculum is not just about rules — it is about teaching and modelling the behaviours that help young people succeed in school and beyond. These include respect for others, self-discipline, resilience, and responsibility. By making these expectations explicit, and by reinforcing them consistently, we ensure that every child understands what positive behaviour looks like and how it benefits their learning and relationships.

We know that young people learn best in an environment where they feel secure and supported. Our approach also considers the social and emotional needs of students, helping them to develop confidence and to make positive choices. Working in partnership with parents, we can give students the best possible foundation for both academic achievement and personal growth.

Year 10 & Year 12 Settling Event - Monday 29th September - 3.30pm-4.30pm

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to our upcoming Year 10 and Year 12 Settling Event.

This is a valuable opportunity to hear more about how we support students as they transition into these important year groups and to find out about the pathways, expectations, and opportunities available.



During the event, you will be able to meet staff, ask questions, and explore the different areas of support we provide, including careers, safeguarding, SEND, EAL, and more.

The event will also outline key dates and processes so that families feel fully informed and confident about the year ahead. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to ensure your child makes a strong and successful start.

N. Moore
Assistant Headteacher & Respect Champion

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.

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 15th September 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - Olivia.G (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - Elena-Alexandra.V (R11Y1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Connor.H (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.

Spotlight on: A Level Psychology



Psychology literally translates as ‘the study of the human mind’ – but Psychology is more than this. Psychology is everywhere around us. It is intriguing, it is emotional, it is scientific and above all, it is thought provoking. This course offers you the opportunity to learn about the science behind human behaviour by understanding how research is conducted and used to develop theories and laws about human behaviour.

This course will develop skills highly valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research skills.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Parent Drop In - Friday 26th September

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Friday 26th September between 9am and 10am.

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.



Online Safety Hub: Navigating the Need for Parental Controls

In the digital age, children have easy access to technology, and it's essential for parents to ensure their online experiences are safe, positive, and age-appropriate. Staying informed and using the right tools can make a big difference in protecting children online. [Click here](#) to access helpful information regarding parental controls.

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](#)



Technology Enhances Language Learning in MFL Lessons

Year 10 and Year 11 students have been making the most of classroom tablets to support their Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) studies. The use of technology in language learning has long been recognised as an effective way to boost attainment, and this new initiative is already helping students engage more deeply with French.

Through a partnership with Sanako UK, learners now have access to interactive online resources designed to align with the latest AQA GCSE specification. These tools not only enrich the learning experience but also reduce reliance on printed worksheets, contributing to a more environmentally friendly approach to teaching and learning.

The tablets are proving to be a versatile classroom asset, enabling students to take part in interactive activities, explore independent research, and add creativity to their projects. The combination of language learning and technology is fostering an innovative classroom environment where students can thrive.

"I believe it aids towards the needs of many, as most students find it difficult to take in verbal commands. Incorporating a new approach shows that the collaboration of language and technology has combined to create a new and innovative plan to improve our knowledge." Lilly.Y – Year 11



Youth Voice Day

SAFETY IN ESSEX - You're invited!

HOSTED BY ESSEX BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS & ESSEX COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH SERVICES

Saturday **ARU Chelmsford**
11th October 2025 **9.45am - 3.30pm**

Sign in from 9.15am



If you are a young person aged 11+ living in Essex (including Southend and Thurrock) or an adult working with young people we want to hear from you!

This is a great chance to get involved in fun and interactive workshops, unleash your creativity at our Creation Stations, and share your thoughts with a range of inspiring Essex Leaders whose aim is to implement your ideas. Whether you want to speak up, get creative, or just be part of something exciting – we'd love to see you there! Come along and make your voice heard and impact your community.

Includes...FREE lunch and FREE Youth Voice Goodies!



For more information please contact Rebecca at
rebeccas@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org / 01245 264783



**Scan to
book!**



Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 2nd October, 5-7pm

The Basildon Academies Sixth Form Team wish to invite you to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October 2025, at the Upper Academy.

As we say goodbye to an exceptional cohort of students, we celebrate their achievements — from securing places at top universities to stepping into exciting career opportunities. Their success reflects the dedication, ambition, and support that define our Sixth Form.

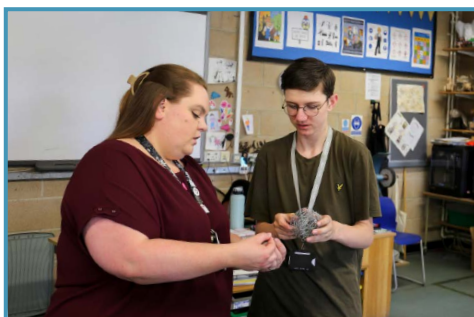
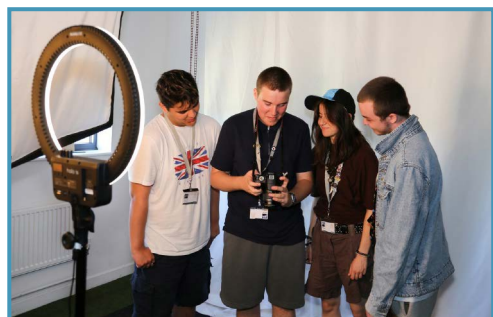
Now, we look ahead with enthusiasm as we prepare to welcome the next generation of students. Our Sixth Form offers two bespoke pathways, designed to help every student reach their full potential, whether their goals lie in higher education, apprenticeships, or employment.

At our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Meet our passionate teaching staff, who will be showcasing their courses and available to answer your questions.
- Explore our fully equipped technology block, with live demonstrations in 3D printing, construction, and more.
- Visit open classrooms, including our E-Sports gaming room, Photography dark room, and Art exhibitions, alongside many other exciting courses.
- Hear from our leadership team — including a presentation from our Deputy Headteacher on our recent results, and insights from our Head of Sixth Form about tailored pathways.
- Speak with current Sixth Form students, who will share their experiences and offer first-hand perspectives.
- Enjoy food tasters prepared by our talented catering students, along with refreshments throughout the evening.
- Discuss the application process in a relaxed setting, with staff on hand to guide you through every step.

We're excited to share our passion, belief, and commitment to student success with you. Whether you're a student considering your next steps or a parent supporting that journey, we look forward to welcoming you.

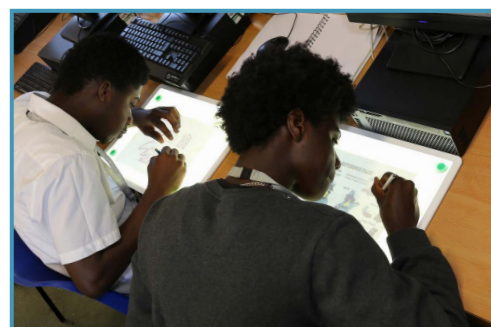
K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5



Sixth Form Applications

Applications to join for the sixth form will open on the 2nd October and, students and parents will have the opportunity to access the study centre during the evening to use the computers to complete an application form. Applications are completed online through our website and staff will be available to assist you with this process.

If you have a query regarding sixth form admissions, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form Admissions.





School Nurse Drop-in

**Basildon Upper Academy Drop-in:
Fridays – Break and Lunchtime, The Medical Room**

Awkward Topics...

**Sexual Health & Sex
Relationships
Drugs & Alcohol
Smoking
Sexuality**

Confidentiality

**You can talk to me in confidence
at drop-in about things you're
worried about, but maybe don't
want to talk about with other
adults**

Support with

- **Emotional & Physical health**
- **Exam Stress**
- **Friendship issues**



Just Drop-in at break or lunchtime



**School nurse door is open
at break and lunchtimes
for pupils to drop in**

School Nurse Info...

**Lauren
Collins**

**NMC
Registered
Nurse**

**Safeguarding
Support**

**Allan
Ersser**

**Child and
Young Person
Practitioner**

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



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!



BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

22nd – 26th September 2025

Monday:	Fortitude (noun) <i>fortezza</i> in Italian – courage in pain or adversity. <i>He showed remarkable fortitude in the face of criticism.</i>	
Tuesday:	Scrupulous (adjective) 慎重な in Japanese – diligent, thorough, and extremely attentive to detail. <i>Her scrupulous research made the essay authoritative.</i>	
Wednesday:	Camaraderie (noun) 동지애(명사) – mutual trust and friendship among people. <i>There was a strong camaraderie among the debate team.</i>	
Thursday:	Astounding (adjective) pārsteidzošs in Latvian – surprisingly impressive or notable. <i>The actor's astounding performance won critical acclaim.</i>	
Friday:	Polyglot (noun) poliglota in Portuguese – a person who knows and is able to use several languages. <i>The polyglot switched effortlessly between French and German.</i>	

Job of the Week: Accountant

What does an Accountant do?

Accountants take charge of the following:

- Oversee the ongoing maintenance of accounts
- Ensure payroll is accurate and records are maintained
- Support management in the accurate production of budgets
- Ensure cashflow is utilised properly and protect reserves
- Audit financial information for inconsistencies
- Provide tax planning strategies in accordance with existing legislation
- Create financial forecasts and analyse risk

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 385,074
- Essex jobs: 11,328
- Growth: +17% 436,252 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

A Level 3 qualification that evidences your numeracy skills, such as A-levels in economics and mathematics, might be advantageous.

Many accountants also hold a degree. However, this is not essential, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a degree in accounting. You could, for example, study a degree in business and management.

To become an accountant, you must complete training with one of the professional accountancy bodies:

AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)

ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£49,244



The school is determined that all pupils can access the curriculum. All pupils in key stage 4 now study French. The school offers pupils a wide range of vocational courses as well as GCSE and A-level qualifications. Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels





WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



On **Friday 26th September** the Basildon Academies will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

During breaktime a selection of cakes & biscuits will be available for students & staff to purchase in the Dining Hall. Each cake or biscuit will be 50p each, with all proceeds going to the cancer support charity.

Purchases will be made through ParentPay in the normal way.

Healthy

NATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK
Monday 1st – Friday 7th October

Nutritious

**To celebrate Vegetarian Week all
vegetarian main meals will be £1**



Important Notice: Smoke and Vape-Free Policy

The Basildon Academies is a smoke and vape free organisation. This prohibits the use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes on, or in, any Basildon Academy property. This is in place to protect staff, students, and visitors from the effects of second-hand smoke in its buildings and grounds.

Please be reminded that parents and visitors are not permitted to use any smoking products on the grounds of the academies, this includes in our carparks.

