

## Dates for the Diary

### Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### Year 10 & Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Year 11 Prom

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 5.30pm-10pm

### Sports Presentation Event

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Venue: Basildon Lower Academy

### Presentation Evening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

## Student Value of the Term

**CLIMATE CHANGE  
IS REAL**

## House Points - Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> May



19,553  
ALI



18,719  
AUSTEN



13,877  
SEACOLE



13,178  
HAWKING

## Leadership Message

As we journey through another academic term, I want to take a moment to highlight the importance of fostering a positive environment within our school. Since coming into post in October, my mission not only lies with academic excellence but also the cultivation of character, empathy and respect.

One of the most powerful tools we have in shaping the culture of our school is our collective behaviour. We have worked to ensure that we have consistency within our school as this is crucial for promoting fairness, accountability and, positive behaviour. Whilst this work continues, I am pleased to report that negative events have reduced significantly and positive events continue to increase.



I am passionate about recognising and celebrating success and, improvement that students have made over time. Promoting positive behaviour will continue again this academic term with our student of the week, 100% weekly attendance winner, issuing silver ties for students, Year 10 rewards trip and finally, our Year 11 Prom at the end of June.

With lots to look forward to, we will continue our drive of consistency so that we can ensure we have an environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed academically and socially.

**K.Boyce-Charman - Assistant Headteacher**

## Parent Drop In - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, between 1.30pm - 2.30pm.

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.



The admin team on both sites are welcoming to visitors and parents and have access to the new EAL translator tools which enable them to speak to each parent or child in their own language when needed.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026

## David & Yoan compete at Junior European Gymnastics Championships

Congratulations to Year 11 students David.I & Yoan.I, who recently represented Bulgaria at the Junior European Gymnastics Championships in Rimini, Italy.

Both of our students performed exceptionally well, competing in the 6 apparatuses; floor exercise, pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar.

David secured the Silver Medal in the individual Pommel Horse event & finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the All-Around competition. Yoan also competed to a very high standard, narrowly missing out on qualifying for the final round. Brothers David and Yoan helped their team finish in 11<sup>th</sup> position overall.

"My experience at the 2024 Junior European Championship was amazing. I had fun and learned so much while I was there. I very much enjoyed being out there competing in a massive arena with a crowd. I am really happy to be the Junior European Pommel Horse Silver Medallist and with my 6<sup>th</sup> place in the All-Around competition." David.I

"This was the first time I had been on the European stage and I was pretty nervous. I ended up being in the top 27 in Europe, but I felt I could've done a lot better. The experience I got from the competition was amazing and it gave me an understanding of what a big competition like this feels like. Even though it didn't go as well as I would have liked, watching my brother and the rest of the team do well was amazing. I am proud of myself and the team. The fact that I didn't do my best motivates me to keep improving for the next big competition." Yoan.I

Well done David & Yoan, to be competing at the highest level of gymnastics is a truly remarkable achievement. We are incredibly proud of you.





## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Teah.D (R10Y1)
- ★ Year 11 - Charlea.G (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Luke.B (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](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)

## 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

## Spotlight on: A Level English Literature



English Literature enhances your knowledge of the world and fosters the habit of critical thinking. It helps you to explore psychology and the human condition. English Literature allows you to explore your thoughts and empathetic side. This is a subject where readers are urged to put themselves in other people's situations and experience other people's emotions.

This subject will encourage you to explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood.

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

# Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Student Insight: My Work Experience

As a part of my Level 3 Childcare course, I have to undergo work placement. So far, I have been at a Primary School with reception class and, been at a Nursery with babies. I have enjoyed both of these placements.

I have helped out at both placements as though I am one of the teachers. I look after the children, take part in 'fun days' such as music and culture week, and at my current placement we have a colour/theme of the week. The placements have really opened my eyes about what it is like working with children and has given me useful experience that will help me for the future.

Sinead.C – Year 12



## 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 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 BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

13<sup>th</sup> May - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Mental Health Awareness Week  
National Smile Month

Monday:	<b>Beam:</b> to smile radiantly or happily. <b>Strahlen</b> in German
Tuesday:	<b>Grin:</b> to smile broadly, especially as an indication of pleasure, amusement, or the like. <b>చిరునవ్వు</b> in Telugu
Wednesday:	<b>Simper:</b> to smile in a silly, self-conscious way. <b>Đun nhỏ lỬa</b> in Vietnamese
Thursday:	<b>Delight:</b> a high degree of pleasure or enjoyment; joy; rapture. <b>hyfrydwch</b> in Welsh
Friday:	<b>Guffaw:</b> a loud, unrestrained burst of laughter. <b>Գաֆֆա</b> in Armenian

## Job of the Week: Warehouse Manager

### What does a Warehouse Manager do?

Your day-to-day activities may include:

working closely with clients, suppliers and transport companies

- planning the delivery and dispatch of goods
- monitoring and setting aside storage space
- tracking stock levels using computer programs
- making sure stock is stored correctly and safely, for example chemicals or food
- planning work rotas for warehouse staff
- organising recruitment and staff training

You'll also be responsible for security arrangements at the warehouse, and scheduling the maintenance, repair and replacement of equipment.

### Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 15,042

Essex Jobs: 522

Growth: -1%

Top 5 LEAs: Essex (522), Kent (507), Surrey (454), Hampshire (405), Leicestershire (375)

### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set requirements, but you may need supervisory experience and qualifications in warehouse or distribution work.

Relevant experience in an area like retail may be useful. It may give you an advantage if you have a forklift licence.

It may help you get onto an employer's management training scheme if you have a foundation degree, HND or degree in a subject, like:

Logistics, supply chain management, transport management

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £72,177

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.



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2022-2025

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# 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.
- 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)

**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.



### **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.



# National DOUGHNUT WEEK

Monday 20th - Friday 24th May

To celebrate National Doughnut Week the Dining Hall will be serving a selection of Jam and Ring Doughnuts.

All Doughnuts are 50p each and will be available throughout the week at break & lunchtime.

50p  
Each







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# BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Children and young people are invited to book onto fun-filled half term holiday clubs and enjoy free activities run by locally trusted club organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

## IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or income-related benefits, also children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation. Clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!

## WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

## WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs offer different engaging activities such as sports and games, crafts, colouring, dance, baking and more! They also provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as food education, helping to engage young people and support parents during the half term holidays. Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will also be available to book onto, offering further support for children.

## HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

You will not receive or book on with your HolidayActivities voucher code for half term holiday clubs. To book onto a local club, head over to the Essex ActivAte website, find the area that you live in and book on with the link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly.

[Find out more about May half term holiday clubs and book on here.](#)





Essex County Council  
Special Educational Needs  
and Disabilities

# The Essex Local Offer website

provides information about help available to children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can also find information on:

- support, groups and activities
- health and wellbeing
- help with learning
- housing and employment
- advice for young people
- financial support

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