

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 28th April - Friday 9th May 2025

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May 2025

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May 2025

Year 10 AP2 Assessments

Monday 23rd June - Friday 4th July 2025

Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 30th June - Friday 4th July 2025

Student Value of the Term

**CLIMATE CHANGE
IS REAL**

House Points - Week Ending 25th April



36,822
AUSTEN



34,552
ALI



22,826
HAWKING



22,175
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - Supporting Our EAL Students

At The Basildon Academies, we take great pride in celebrating the rich cultural and linguistic diversity that defines our school community. As the EAL (English as an Additional Language) Lead, I am dedicated to ensuring that all multilingual learners are supported, valued, and empowered to succeed both academically and socially. Did you know at the Upper Academy alone we have 31 distinct languages?

Our EAL provision is not just about language support—it's about inclusion, identity, and opportunity. We work closely with staff, students, and families to create an environment where every student can access the curriculum and feel confident in their voice, no matter their first language.

EAL Club - Every Wednesday

To further support our learners, I'm excited to promote our EAL Club, which runs every Wednesday from 3–4pm. This is a safe and fun space where students can improve their English, build friendships, and share their cultures. Whether you're new to English or just want to connect with others, everyone is welcome!

EAL Ambassadors

We're also looking for EAL Ambassadors—students who are passionate about supporting others, celebrating diversity, and leading by example. Ambassadors will help run the club, welcome new students, and represent EAL across the school. If you or someone you know would like to get involved—either by joining the club or becoming an ambassador—please come and speak to me.



For further information or questions please contact me at EAL@basildonacademies.org.uk

I wish all our students every success in their upcoming exam series and look forward to a exciting term ahead.

B.Head
EAL Coordinator

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 21st April 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - Jamie.B (R10T1)
- ★ Year 11 - Bailey.R (R11EPAM)
- ★ Sixth Form - Madison.O (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 General Enquiries.

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 1 Construction



The Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award and Certificate in Construction focus on hands-on abilities and tasks, emphasising learners showcasing their practical skills rather than theoretical knowledge.

These qualifications provide learners with a chance to gain and enhance versatile, applicable, and industry-specific skills. This enables them to effectively carry out tasks and demonstrate an accomplishment level that prepares them for further learning opportunities.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 1 Construction](#)

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Online Safety Advice: Navigating Social Media and Gaming Apps Safely

With so many social media and gaming apps available, it's important for parents to understand potential risks and how to keep children safe online. This guide provides practical tips on privacy settings, screen time, online interactions, and age-appropriate content to help you support your child's digital wellbeing.

For more information please visit: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/navigating-social-media-and-gaming-apps-safely>

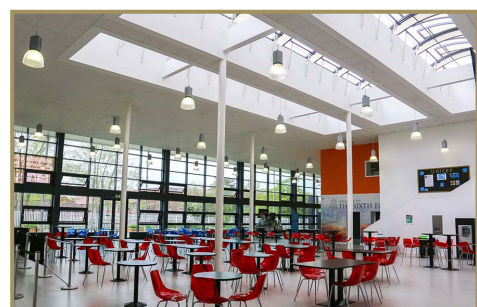


The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 30th April

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 30th April between 1.30pm and 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.



Year 12 Students Inspired by PwC Career Visit

Our Year 12 students recently had the exciting opportunity to hear from representatives from PwC; one of the UK's leading professional services firms, as part of a special careers event linked to Essex County Council's Essex Year of Opportunity.

Caroline McMenamin, PwC's Technology Consulting Manager, visited alongside a current apprentice to share the many pathways available to school and university leavers—including apprenticeships, internships, and fully funded university courses with work placements at PwC, meaning no student debt.

PwC, with over 25,000 employees in the UK, is a client-focused company offering real-world experience in diverse areas such as finance, tax, tech, HR, business solutions, and consultancy. Apprentices get involved in live client projects and are supported to reach their full potential.

Apprentice Afridi shared his personal career journey, including his application experience, how he balances work, study, and personal life, and the many responsibilities and benefits that come with being part of such a prestigious organisation. He also gave practical interview tips, helping students better prepare for their own next steps.

The event was organised by Association of Secondary Headteachers (ASHE) and attended by Essex County Council dignitaries including Cllr Tony Ball, Anita Kemp, and Robin Harbord; highlighting the importance of showcasing high-quality career opportunities for young people in our region.

"I found the presentation very useful, as more companies are giving opportunities to young people." Rebecca.A

"The talk was very inspiring as I have been looking to do apprenticeships and when they spoke about their experiences it filled me with a lot of confidence." Ayla.R



New Outdoor Food Pod Now Open!

We're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new outdoor catering facility – the Food Pod – which officially opened last week.

This latest investment has been specially designed to provide students with quick and convenient access to hot food, drinks, and tasty 'grab and go' snacks. The Food Pod will be serving items from our breaktime menu, as well as the addition of pasta pots and jacket potatoes, during both break and lunch.

The addition of the Food Pod is part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the student experience and reducing queues in the main dining areas.

We look forward to seeing students make the most of this fantastic new facility!



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.



Outstanding Performance Sees Upper Academy Football Team Lift the District Plate

Congratulations to our Upper Academy Boys Football Team, who were crowned District Plate champions last week with a fantastic 3-0 victory over James Hornsby School.

It was a disciplined and impressive performance from the boys, who worked together brilliantly to overcome a strong James Hornsby side. They created countless attacking chances and, thanks to a solid back line, managed to keep a well-earned clean sheet. A dominant and thoroughly deserved win.

A special mention goes to Alfie.P, who was named Man of the Match for his outstanding leadership, intensity, and professionalism. Alfie instructed his teammates superbly and covered every inch of the pitch, setting the standard throughout the game.



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



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

28th April – 2nd May 2025

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| Monday: | Choreography (Noun) chorégraphie in French Definition: The composition of dance sequences or movements. Example: International Dance Day celebrates the art of choreography and the creativity of dance. |  |
| Tuesday: <i>International Dance Day</i> | Rhythm (Noun) Rhythmus in German Definition: A strong, regular, repeated pattern of movement or sound. Example: Rhythm is a key component of the dances performed on International Dance Day. |  |
| Wednesday: | Kinetics(Noun) kinetik in Swedish Definition: The study of the effects of forces on the motion of bodies. Example: Understanding kinetics helps dancers enhance their movements on International Dance Day. |  |
| Thursday: <i>May Day</i> | Solidarity (Noun) dayanışma in Turkish Definition: Unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest. Example: May Day represents solidarity among workers around the world. |  |
| Friday: | Labour (Noun) 노고, 수고 in Korean Definition: Work, especially physical work done for wages. Example: May Day is a celebration of the labour movement and the rights of workers. |  |

Job of the Week: Naval Architect

What does a Naval Architect do?

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- coordinating the work of engineering design teams
- making sure that designs are safe, seaworthy and cost-effective
- preparing design plans using computer software

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 383,043
 - Essex Jobs: 8,415
 - Growth: +41.4%
- Top 5 LEAs: 1. Hampshire (11,941) 2. Lancashire (9,111) 3. Essex (8,415) 4. Surrey (8,334) 5. Hertfordshire (8,186)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £46,761

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need a degree or postgraduate qualification in naval architecture, ocean, offshore or marine engineering, or ship science that's recognised by The Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA).

You'll need: engineering skills, excellent IT and computer-aided design (CAD) skills, sound judgement and leadership and management skills.

The schools RSHE programme is fully compliant but is also adapted to meet the specific needs of the school community. It is taught in discrete weekly timetabled lessons by teachers with an active interest and the skills and expertise to manage open discussions supported by the lead who develops the lesson material and provides training and support for staff.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



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 UPPER ACADEMY PRESENTS

Prom 2025

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE
5:30 - 10PM

WELCOME DRINKS ON ARRIVAL

PARTY DJ

FOOD & DRINKS

AND MUCH MORE

ATTENDANCE MUST BE ABOVE 90% TO
RECEIVE AN INVITATION

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH
PARENTPAY

DRESS TO IMPRESS

PLEASE LET MISS ALLEN KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART
OF THE PROM COMMITTEE 2025