

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

30th June 2025

Dates for the Diary

Year 12 AP2 AssessmentsMonday 30th June - Friday 4th July 2025

Sports Presentation Event - Venue: Lower Academy Wednesday 9th July 2025 - 4pm-5.30pm

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 18th July 2025 - Students finish at 12:30pmm

A Level Results Day Thursday 14th August 2025

GCSE Results Day Thursday 21st August 2025

Student Value of the Term



House Points - Week Ending 27th June



Leadership Message

Dear future Year 10 Students and Families,

I'm excited to introduce myself as your new Year Leader. It's a real privilege to be joining you at the beginning of such an important and exciting chapter in your school journey. Year 10 is the start of your GCSE courses—a time to lay strong foundations, set high aspirations, and begin shaping your future.



My role is to support every student in making the most of the opportunities ahead—academically, personally, and socially. I believe in high expectations, mutual respect, and creating a positive year group culture where everyone is encouraged to do their best and feel proud of who they are.

To parents and carers, I look forward to working with you in partnership to ensure your child thrives. I'll aim to keep you informed, involved, and supported as we navigate this key stage together.

Most of all, I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you and celebrating the progress and achievements we'll make as a year group. Let's make it a brilliant Year 10 together.

V.Allen - Year 10 Leader

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 2nd July

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 2nd July between 10.15am and 11.15am.

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.



Leadership and management of TAs is well organised and they play a very important role within Basildon Academy. Teaching and non-teaching staff work closely together on a day-to-day basis, "It is teamwork, we do it together" a teacher commented.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 23rd June 2025.



Year 10 - Jasmine.R (R10E2)



Sixth Form - Gracie.D (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 <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Spotlight on: Esports BTEC Level 3



Do you enjoy gaming? Do you love the idea of competitive gaming and the challenge of difficult games? Would you like an understanding of how the professional Esports industry works? Perhaps you'd like a career as a professional gamer or to study Esports at university?

Endorsed by The British Esports Association, the Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Esports will give you a solid foundation in understanding how the Esports industry works.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: Esports BTEC Level 3

Aspire - Believe - Achieve



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7.30-8.20am Basketball Fitness Suite	Before School: 7.30-8.20am • Middle/Long Distance Running		Before School: 7.30-8.20am • Middle/Long Distance Running	Before School: 7.30-8.20am • Football • Cricket
	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm • Sprints/Hurdles	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm • Throws	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm Badminton	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm • Jumps*

^{*}Friday's Jumps training will take place @ The Lower Academy 4.00pm-5.00pm

Year 10/11 District Track & Field Championships 2025

The morning of the big day - the calm before the storm. Whilst a tone of trepidation was detectable, it was dominated by a distinctive sense of optimism, excitement, and pride for the call up to represent the Academies at the 2025 Basildon, Billericay & Wickford District Athletics Championships.

Kitted out and ready, we arrived at Basildon Sporting Village bright and early, affording our athletes a moment to settle and breathe ahead of the trials and tribulations the day promised. From the first 'bang' of the starter's gun right through to the last dip over the line, our students were a credit to themselves, their families and the Academies. Only selected as a reward for consistent commitment to our Extracurricular Training Programme, our athletes put on a resounding display of resilience, teamwork and character. Their loud cheers for one another could be heard from all corners of the track.





We are immensely proud not only of the students that represented the Academies on the day, but also everyone that showed commitment to training but didn't quite make the cut this year. With that being said, special congratulations are in order for:

Kyra.G: Gold Girls 200m Stephanie.E: Silver, Girls 300m Toal.A: Silver, Boys 800m Cristian.G: Silver, Boys Discus Kaili.R: Silver, Girls Hammer

Franchesca.B, Kyra.G, Stephanie.E and Victoria.S: Silver Girls 4x100m Relay Team

Leon.S: Bronze, Boys Hammer Victoria.S: Bronze, Girls 200m Franchesca.B: Bronze, Girls 100m

Finally, in terms of the team results, we are proud to have finished in 2nd place at this year's Year 10/11 Districts Track & Field Championships.

1st - Woodlands - 325pts

2nd - Basildon Upper Academy - 128pts

3rd - James Hornsby - 124pts

4th - Beauchamps - 112pts

5th - De La Salle - 101pts

6th - Bromfords - 98pts

6th - Mayflower - 98pts

8th - Billericay - 91pts

Extracurricular Athletics Training

If you are interested in getting involved in athletics and would like to be considered for selection for next year's team, our extracurricular athletics training will continue to run for the remainder of the academic year. Why not come along and get involved?

J.Prentice Head of Sporting Excellence



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.

Fantasy-Themed Hair Competition Showcases Year 12 Talent

Last week, three talented Year 12 students participated in a creative hairdressing competition hosted at Hair Pro 1 Beauty Training Academy in Canvey Island. The event, organised in partnership with Debut Academy, brought together students from three different academies, all challenged to style hair to the imaginative theme of 'Fantasy'.

In preparation for the competition, each student designed a mood board to visualise and plan their unique creation. Their final looks included inventive use of added hair and striking decorative elements that truly embraced the fantasy brief.

The competition featured learners across Levels 1, 2, and 3, with prizes awarded to the top stylist in each category. Although our students didn't take home the top prizes, they impressed the judges with their creativity, technique, and flair. The standard was exceptionally high, and our stylists certainly held their own among strong competition.

A huge well done to **Chloe H., Hazel C., and Olivia C.** for their hard work, professionalism, and for representing the Basildon Academies with such pride. Each of them created incredible looks and showcased the exciting future of creative hairdressing.













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. <u>Click here</u> to access information regarding online 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



Year 11 Prom - A Night to Remember

On Friday evening, our Year 11 students celebrated the end of an era with a prom to remember. The evening brought students and staff together for a night of music, food and fun.

There was a great atmosphere throughout, with plenty of dancing and a live DJ providing the soundtrack for the night. The photobooth – complete with props – was a big hit, giving students a chance to snap some fun group shots and keepsake moments.

Guests tucked into delicious wood-fired pizza from a catering van, along with sweet treats from an ice cream van and candy floss stall.

A highlight of the evening was the crowning of this year's Prom King and Queen – Khalid and Bianca – both met with huge cheers from students and staff alike.

Although it was a goodbye for some, we look forward to welcoming many of our Year 11 students back into the Sixth Form in September. A big thank you to all the staff who helped make the evening such a success!













Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the <u>Contact Us</u> 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

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.



Year 10 Story Writing Competition

Think you've got a story to tell?

Love creating worlds, characters, or dramatic twists?

Now's your chance to show off your writing skills in our Year 10 Story Writing Competition!

Theme: Any genre, any style — your imagination is the limit!

Judging Criteria: We're looking for the most interesting, original, and engaging stories.

Deadline: Monday 14th July

How to Enter:

Hand your story in to the librarians at break or lunch

OR give it directly to Ms Harris in B9.

Prizes will be awarded to the top entries!

Whether it's horror, fantasy, romance, comedy, or something totally unique — we want to read it!



Year 12 AP2 - Commencing 30th June 2025

	8.30am start		1pm start		
	Maths Paper 1	2 hours	Biology Paper 1	2 hours	
Monday 30 th June			Psychology Paper 1	2 hours	
			GCSE Science Higher – Biology 1	1 hour 15 mins	
Tuesday 1 st July	Engineering Paper 1	1 hours 30 mins	Chemistry Paper 1	2 hours	
	Sociology Paper 1	2 hours			
Wednesday 2 nd July	Accounting	3 hours	Physics paper 1	2 hours	
wednesday 2 July	3D Design	All day	3D Design	All day	
	Maths Paper 2	1 hour 15 mins	Engineering Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	
Thursday 3 rd July	Biology Paper 2	1 hours 30 mins	GCSE Science Higher – Chemistry 1	1 hour 15 mins	
			Sociology Paper 2	1 hour	
	Chemistry Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Physics Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	
Friday 4 th July	Psychology Paper 2	2 hours	GCSE Science Higher – Physics 1	1 hour 15 mins	

BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

30 th June – 4 th July 2025
Achievement

Achievement					
Monday:	Accomplishment (Noun) kubudirira in Shona Definition: Something that has been achieved successfully. Example: Recognition of accomplishments can inspire others to pursue their goals with determination.				
Tuesday:	Proficiency (Noun) thông thạo in Vietnamese Definition: A high degree of competence or skill. Example: Mastering new skills is a sign of proficiency and contributes to overall achievement.				
Wednesday:	Excellence (Noun) доброта in Bulgarian Definition: The quality of being outstanding or extremely good. Example: Striving for excellence is essential for personal and professional achievement.				
Thursday:	Triumph (Noun) triumphe in Estonian Definition: A great victory or success. Example: The team's triumph in the championship was celebrated by the entire community.				
Friday:	Fulfilment (Noun) पूरा गर्ने in Nepali Definition: The achievement of something desired, promised, or predicted. Example: Completing the marathon gave him a sense of fulfilment after months of training.				

Job of the Week: **Beautician**

What does a Beautician do?

Answering calls, greeting clients, and booking appointments

Checking and ordering supplies

Providing services and treatments for skin, hair, nails, and body such as

facials, hair removal, or manicures Doing clients' eyebrows or eyelashes

Providing hair removal through waxing, laser, or threading

Consulting and advising clients about different treatment options or make-

Giving electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape

Offering UV (ultraviolet) and spray tanning

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 245,863
- Essex: 7,471
- Kent: 6,607
- Growth -4.2% 30,919 jobs



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need to complete your high school studies.

To become a fully qualified beautician, you will need to enrol on a program at a beauty school or vocational training institute.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £19,026



Pupils learn about, and understand, the importance of respecting themselves and others. The personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum teaches pupils how to look after their physical and mental well-being. Pupils meet a range of employers and representatives from further education colleges. This helps pupils make well-informed choices about their next steps.

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