

Dates for the Diary

Armistice Day

Monday 11th November 2024

Anti- Bullying Week

Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2024

Year 13 AP1 Assessments

Monday 18th November - Friday 22nd November 2024

Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 18th November - Friday 29th November 2024

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20th December 2024

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 25th October



15,032
AUSTEN



9,679
ALI



8,802
HAWKING



8,192
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - Year 11 & 13 Mock Exam Information

Welcome back, I hope that you all had a good half term break. This half term will see the Year 11 and 13 students sitting their mock examinations, starting the week beginning 18th November. These pre-public examinations are important to give the students, and us, an understanding of their progress from the end of last academic year, as well as identifying which gaps still need to be closed before the public exams in the summer. Students will also be using these results to support them with the next stage of their journey, the Year 11 students for sixth form and college applications and Year 13 for UCAS, apprenticeships or work applications.

In order to support students with their upcoming exams there are a number of strategies that we have put in place:

Revision guides - These are available to purchase through ParentPay for all year groups in a variety of subjects for GCSE and A Level; an example of each is on display in reception for students or parents/carers to look through.

Tassomai - This is our online homework platform for GCSE English, Maths and Science. All students in Year 10 and 11 can log in using their academy email, it also provides a weekly report to parents.

Pomodoro - This is private study using techniques that encourage students to work in short bursts of 25 minutes, avoiding any distractions with a focus on getting the set task completed. Sessions run on Tuesday afternoons for both Year 10 and 11, all the students need to do is turn up with 2 pieces of work to complete.

Half-term topics - During the parent drop-in sessions, it has been requested that we share the half termly topics that students are completing, in all subjects and year groups, on the website to enable you to have an overview of what your child has been learning in school. This can now be found in the Key Stage 4 Learning section of the website; www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/half-term-subject-topics



A copy of both the Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations timetables can be found in this newsletter.

Thank you for all your support during this important time for our students.

S.Szuszkiewicz
Deputy Headteacher

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 21st October 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Elizabeth.C (R10Y1)
- ★ Year 11 - Teddy.K (R11Y2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Jan.S (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.

Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

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.

Spotlight on: A Level Photography



If you are interested in the world around you and your place within it, enjoy picture taking and would like to learn how to take better photographs that translate into creative and meaningful imagery then you would be very suited to the Photography course.

Studying Photography will give you a greater understanding of the world we live in, and your place within it. You will be encouraged to explore subject themes with a personal interest to ensure that you are always on a meaningful creative journey.

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

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 Wednesday
Breaktime

Location:
The Medical Room



Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.

Year 11 Mock Examinations, commencing 18th November 2024					
	AM (8:30am start)			PM (1:30pm start)	
Monday 18 November	English Language P1	1 hr 45		Biology P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 19 November	History P2	2 hrs		Chemistry P1	1hr 15
	Geography P1	1 hr 30			
Wednesday 20 November	Maths P1	1 hr 30		Geography P2	1 hr 30
Thursday 21 November	English Language P2	1 hr 45		Physics P1	1 hr 15
Friday 22 November	Maths P2	1 hr 30		History P1	1 hr
				Geography P3	1 hr 30
Monday 25 November	English Literature P2	2 hr 15		Biology 2	1 hr 15
Tuesday 26 November	Maths P3	1 hr 30		Chemistry P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 27 November	English Literature P1	1 hr 45		Physics P2	1 hr 15
Thursday 28 November	Catering	1hr 20		Statistics	1 hr 45
	ICT	1hr 20			
	Engineering	1 hr 30			
Friday 29 November	French Listening	35 (f) 45 (h) mins		Enterprise	2hrs
	French Reading	45 (f) mins 1 hr (h)		Hair & Beauty	1hr 40
Monday 02 December	French Writing	1 hr (f) 1hr 15 (h)		Option clashes	Various
Tuesday 03 December	Art Practical 11A-ART (All day) 8:30am start				
	Photography Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start				
	Engineering Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start				
	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given				
Wednesday 04 December	Art Practical 11B and D-AR (All day) 8:30am start				
	Engineering Practical 11B (All day) 8:30am start				
	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given				
Thursday 05 December	Performing Arts 11C (All day) 8:30am start				
	Art Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start				
	Photography Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start				
	Engineering Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start				
	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given				
Friday 06 December	Engineering Practical 11D 1 and 2 (All day) 8:30am start				
	Photography Practical 11B and D (All day) 8:30am start				
	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given				
Monday 09 December	Home language Listening and Reading	Various		Home language Writing	Various

Year 13 Mock Examinations Commencing 18th November

WRITTEN EXAMS - 18th November

Monday	Subject	Length
AM	English Lit Paper 1	3 hours
AM	Accounting	3 hours
AM	Chemistry - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours
PM	Sociology - Paper 1	2 hours
PM	Sport	2 hours
PM	Physics - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours

Tuesday	Subject	Length
AM	Psychology- Paper 1	2 hours
AM	Business	2 hours
AM	Chemistry - Paper 2	1 1/2 hours
PM	English Lit Paper 2	1 hour
PM	Biology - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours

Wednesday	Subject	Length
AM	IT	2 hours
AM	Biology - Paper 2	1 1/2 hours
PM	Sociology - Paper 2	1 hour
PM	A Level Maths - Paper 1	2 hours
PM	Engineering - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours

Thursday	Subject	Length	
AM	Psychology - Paper 2	2 hours	
AM	Computing	2 hours	
PM	Finance	1 hour	ONLINE
PM	Physics - Paper 2	1 1/2 hours	

Friday	Subject	Length	
AM	Sociology - Paper 3	2 hours	
AM	Finance	2 hours	WRITTEN
AM	Criminology	4 hours	ONLINE
PM	A Level Maths - Paper 2	1 hour	
PM	Engineering - Paper 2	1 3/4 hours	
PM	Hairdressing	1 1/2 hours	

PRACTICAL - 25th November

Monday	Length
3D	5 hours
Textiles	5 hours
Drama	6 hours

Tuesday	Length
3D	5 hours
Textiles	5 hours

Wednesday	Length
Art	5 Hours
Graphics	5 Hours

Thursday	Length
Art	5 Hours
Graphics	5 Hours
Photography	5 Hours
Creative Media	5 hours

Friday	Length
Photography	5 Hours
Creative Media	5 hours

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.



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

4th-8th November 2024

Monday:	Conspiracy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful. <i>Example:</i> The Gunpowder Plot was a failed conspiracy to blow up the Houses of Parliament.
Tuesday: <i>Guy Fawkes Night</i>	Rebellion (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> An act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler. <i>Example:</i> Guy Fawkes Night commemorates the rebellion against the English monarchy.
Wednesday:	Detonator (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A device used to trigger an explosive. <i>Example:</i> The plot involved a detonator intended to set off the gunpowde
Thursday:	Insurrection (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A violent uprising against an authority or government. <i>Example:</i> The insurrection led by Guy Fawkes was aimed at overthrowing the government.
Friday:	Fervent (Adjective) <i>Definition:</i> Having or displaying a passionate intensity. <i>Example:</i> The fervent speeches of the conspirators were aimed at rallying support.

Job of the Week: Radio Producer

What does a Radio Producer do?

A radio producer works behind the scenes at a radio station ensuring everything runs smoothly.

They have to be creative thinkers who remain calm under pressure.

They work with presenters, DJs, broadcasting engineers ensuring shows run as planned and tailored for the target audience

Labour Market Information

- Essex 6251 jobs
- Kent 8466 jobs
- Hackney 8587 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Anybody can become a radio producer but a degree in media and or radio production will increase desirability. Experience in the industry is the most desirable quality.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £34,000

There has been a heavy emphasis on the training and development of staff to support them in supporting students. Examples of this include extensive whole staff training in Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) and ensuring all key pastoral staff are mental health first aid trained to enable them to triage student need effectively.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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.



TO CELEBRATE GUY FAWKES NIGHT THE
DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING FIREWORKS
THEMED FOOD AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME
ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



TO COMMEMORATE ARMISTICE DAY
THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING A SELECTION
OF CAKES & BISCUITS FOR 50P EACH
ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lest We Forget

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