

Walton-on-the-Naze Geography Field Trip

Year 11 Geographers recently enjoyed a field trip to Walton-on-the-Naze as part of their GCSE studies. Students conducted fieldwork on the beach to examine coastal erosion, followed by a visit to the town to assess economic activity. Research and evidence gained during the visit will be used towards the student's final examination grade.

"It was a rather fun day out. There is only a certain amount of geography you can learn from the classroom. Being outdoors and doing real fieldwork has given me an insight into what a career using skills in geography would entail." **Shaunak.G**

"I found the geography trip very fun and overall I had a nice day. We measured the beach gradient and size of rocks, and the results were really interesting. In the afternoon we went into the town and surveyed residents about the local area. I gained a lot of fieldwork skills and knowledge which will help me with my GCSE's." **Myleene.D**



Dates for the Diary

Armistice Day

Friday 11th November 2022

Parent-Teacher Onsite Event

Monday 14th November 2022 - 3:30pm-5pm

Parent Forum

Monday 14th November 2022 - 5pm-6pm

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November 2022

UK Parliament Week

Monday 14th - Sunday 20th November 2022

UK Disability History Month

Wednesday 16th November - Friday 16th December 2022

Children in Need

Friday 18th November 2022

Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams

Monday 28th November - Friday 16th December 2022

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 31st October 2022.

- ★ Year 10 - Joy.N (R10Z1)
- ★ Year 11 - Toni-Marie.Q (R11Z1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Kevwe.O (R1213)

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

Students spoke knowledgeably about why some children are unable to access their rights, mentioning challenges resulting from climate change, the impact of war and the consequences of fast fashion. "Some governments don't allow every child to access free education ... or lots of their other rights too." mentioned one student.

Unicef RRS Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

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 Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre

House Points - Week Ending 4th November



8,071

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7,980

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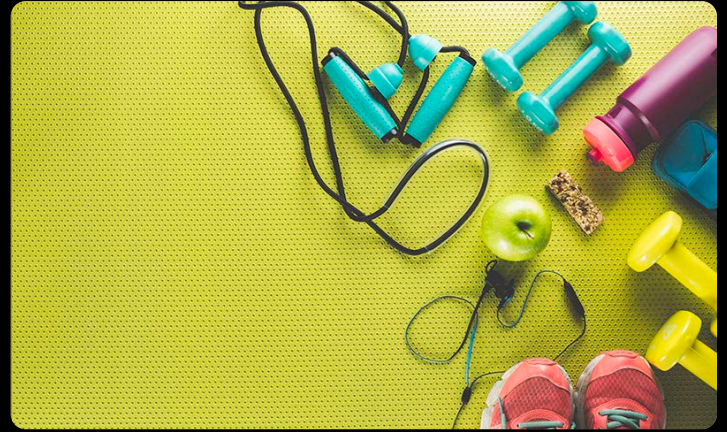
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Spotlight on: Sport BTEC Level 3



This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the study of Sport. You will develop an understanding of the sports industry by exploring the different skills required for different career pathways into the industry.

Additionally, you will study Fitness Training as well as the Anatomy and Physiology of the body. The course is designed for students who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the Sports Industries.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [Sport BTEC Level 3](#)

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: [Apply to join](#)

The range of provision available has been widened for those with greater need both through the SEN department and the wellbeing centre. The school has invested in key staff to run targeted groupings for students who find school difficult and need support to transition into the school or back into a normal timetable after a period of difficulty.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

2022-2025

Make Happen - Parents/Carers Guide on Careers

What help can I get at university if I'm a disabled student?

Going to university is a big decision, and one that comes with lots of considerations. For people with disabilities one of these can be whether they will be able to cope – myself included.

The Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) is designed to help students with disabilities throughout their university experience. You apply for it at the same time as completing your Student Finance application and it's in addition to the main student finance offering, not instead of it.

To read more visit: www.makehappen.org/guide/what-help-can-i-get-at-university-if-im-a-disabled-student//

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HAPPEN

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 email:

remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

Follow us on social media



Attendance Expectations

There is a clear link between academic success and attendance and as such our expectations for attendance are that:

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends regularly.
- Students should have 100% attendance each year.
- Students with attendance below 95% are of concern.

ATTENDANCE

Every Minute Counts!

89% & below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95-99%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

100-96%

Good chance of success and progress

Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please email: attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk

- Parents/carers should 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

Parent-Teacher Onsite Event: Monday 14th November 3:30-5pm

To coincide with the start of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be opening the Upper Academy to parents & carers in Year 10-13 to view student work and discuss how we embed our student values in the curriculum at the Academies. We are immensely proud of our young people achieving [UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold Award](#) and would love to share the work the students are doing every day to promote these values.

This will be an opportunity to come onsite and meet informally with your child's teachers, viewing the great work our students have produced so far this year.

Year 11 Sixth Form Applications

Some of our most popular options already have waiting lists for Sixth Form 2023-2024. Year 11 students need to ensure they have their application form in this half term to guarantee them a space, as we will be starting to allocate groups after the Christmas break.

Please do not hesitate to contact sixthform@basildonacademies.org.uk if you need any advice or guidance on how to apply.

Sixth Form Course Information can be found by visiting: www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/course-information



Year 10 Work Experience

After 3 years of disruption due to the pandemic, we are excited to have Year 10 work experience planning well underway. Year 10 students will be off site from Monday 24th April – Friday 5th May 2023 on work experience placements. Please encourage conversations at home about where students would like to take part in this and let us know if you need advice on how and where to source appropriate placements: upperadmin@basildonacademies.org.uk



Assessment Point Dates

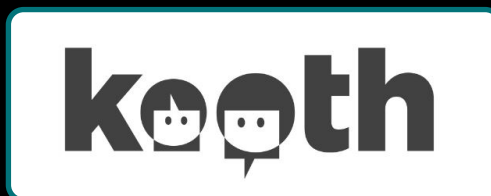
- Year 7 – w/c 21st November 2022
- Year 8 – w/c 28th November 2022
- Year 9 – w/c 23rd January 2023

These assessment points are crucial in helping us to support students in closing any learning gaps, providing stretch and challenge as well as preparing our Upper Academy students for their upcoming public examinations. Please do contact our Quality of Education team if you need any advice on how to support home learning in the lead up to these assessments: remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).



Aspire – Believe – Achieve



Upper Academy Breakfast Menu

Egg on Toast	50p
Egg Roll	50p
Omelette	50p
Porridge	75p
Coffee	30p
Hot Chocolate	30p
Tea	30p

Our Upper Academy Breakfast Menu is available
Monday - Friday from 7:30 - 9:15am.

**To commemorate Armistice Day on Friday 11th November
the Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits for 50p each**



All proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion

National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting students online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends



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Safety®**

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Keep up with the latest apps games and tech your children are using, with the worlds most comprehensive online safety app for parents.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/basildon-academies> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>