

Sixth Form Open Evening

On Thursday 6th October the Upper Academy be hosting it's annual Open Evening and welcoming prospective students looking to join our Sixth Form. There will be opportunities to see our A Level, BTEC, Vocational & Traineeship courses that are available.

If you would like an opportunity to visit the Upper Academy during a school day, and to meet with our Head of School, then please call our reception team on **01268 552536** to book an Open Morning appointment.

[Click here](#) to view the available courses our Sixth Form provide.



Dates for the Diary

Settling Event

Monday 3rd October 2022: 4pm - 5pm

First Aid Day

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Half Term

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 26th September 2022.

★ Year 10 - Logan.B (R10X2)

★ Year 11 - Aaliyah.Y (R11U1)

★ Sixth Form - Ellie.T (R1213)



Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre

The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre offers support for our students in times of need. Dealing with your own issues such as anxiety, mental health, wellbeing, self-regulation, or bereavement can be a barrier to success. Our Wellbeing Centre aims to ensure you are not alone.

The Upper Academy Wellbeing Centre is a safety net for students who are not currently able to engage with lessons fully, and offers short and long-term interventions that are flexible for all.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health please submit your information via the [contact us](#) page on the Basilon Upper Academy website, making sure to select the 'Wellbeing' option.

For further information visit: www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/wellbeing-centre

Further information regarding wellbeing advice for parents and carers visit: <https://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/wellbeing-advice-for-parents-carers>



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DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

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 30th September



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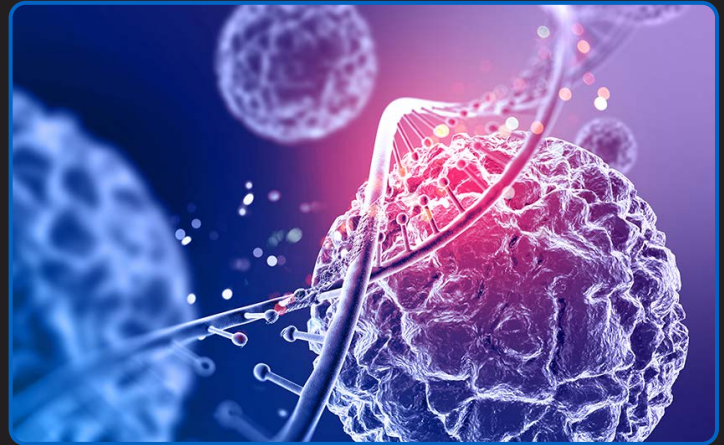
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Spotlight on: A Level Biology



Biology is at the forefront of some of the exciting and controversial issues in the news today. Publicity surrounding genetic engineering, environmental and medical developments have highlighted the need for an understanding of such issues. Biology is a very popular and valuable subject at A-Level; it involves the development of understanding and techniques that are highly sort after by Further Education and employers.

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

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/apply-to-join

PARENT & CARER EVENTS - OCTOBER 2022

Settling Event: Monday 3rd October, 4-5pm

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this Academic Year. We can also provide tours of our facilities.

Please do contact our Academy reception team either via the contact us page (General Enquires) [The Basildon Academies - Contact Us](#) or via phone [01268 552536](tel:01268552536) to make your appointment. If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams please make that clear in your request.

Year 10 – 13 Academy Progress Information Event: Monday 17th October, 4-5pm

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 parents & carers are invited to the Upper Academy hall to meet with our Senior Leadership Team who will give a talk regarding GCSE, BTEC and A Level Assessments. This will include how to support students at home with revision timetables, what to expect regarding examinations both at mock stage and final summer assessments, as well as tips for how students can support their wellbeing during this time.

Netball Tournament

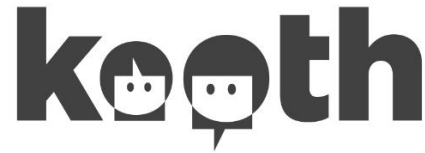
Congratulations to our Upper Academy Netball team who recently competed in a district netball rally tournament at The Billericay School.



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).



Every Monday the weekly student briefing has content based on UNICEF UK's Article of the Week. 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."

Unicef RRSB Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

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.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

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.)

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.basildonacademies.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:

remoteteaching@basildonacademies.org.uk



To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall

Dishes for Wednesday 5th October:



Jerk Chicken



Southern Style Mac & Cheese



Key Lime Pie

Students receive Jack Petcey achievement awards

Congratulations to academy students who have been honoured by the Jack Petcey Foundation during a recent awards ceremony at the Towngate Theatre. The prestigious awards were presented to students from Basildon schools who had been nominated in recognition of either a major achievement, notable progress or by overcoming difficulty.

Our Lower and Upper Academy students were presented with individual Outstanding Achiever award medallions and framed certificates.

During the event, our Lower Academy Choir performed 'A Million Dreams' from the Greatest Showman.



Young Future Careers Event

Young people aged 14-18 & their parents/carers are invited to attend the Your Future Careers Fair at the Towngate Theatre on Tuesday 18th October.

Students & parents/carers can book their free place here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/your-future-careers-fair-2022-tickets-407927240357



LEARN ABOUT THE CAREERS AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOU

- Open to everyone aged 14 to 18, plus parents, guardians and carers
- Meet employers, colleges, sixth forms, universities and more
- Secure a personalised appointment with a careers advisor
- Hear talks on apprenticeships, university, technology in careers and more

TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022 | 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Towngate Theatre, St Martin's Square, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1DL

For more information call 01268 208087 or email skills@basildon.gov.uk

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