

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 29th September 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 5pm-7pm

School Holiday

Friday 3rd October 2025

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 20th October 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 12th September



6,574
AUSTEN



5,330
SEACOLE



4,468
ALI



4,114
HAWKING

Leadership Message

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher working cross site at both the Lower and Upper Academy. My areas of responsibility are Pastoral, Personal Development and Safeguarding and I am really excited to work alongside you to ensure that every student feels safe, supported and inspired to achieve their very best. I have already been really impressed with the dedication of staff and the strong start to the new academic year that has been shown by the majority of students across both schools.

My role is centred on creating a positive, respectful and inclusive environment where all students can thrive. Excellent behaviour, strong attendance and a culture of safeguarding are the foundations of success in school and beyond and I am committed to working in partnership with families, students and staff to uphold these values. A main aim this year is to ensure that there is complete alignment between the Lower and Upper Academy, so that the identity of both schools shares the same culture and ethos.



I believe that the best outcomes for young people are achieved when schools and families work closely together. I will always welcome open and respectful communication and I encourage you to share any concerns, ideas or feedback so that together we can provide the very best for the young people in our school community.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know both you and your children in the coming weeks and celebrating lots of successes as we move forward.

Thank you for your continued support.

E. Huet - Deputy Headteacher

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.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 8th September 2025.

★ Year 10 - Ryan.B (R10Y2)

★ Year 11 - Archie.C (R11Y2)

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.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Food Science & Nutrition



The hospitality industry contributes billions of pounds each year to the UK economy and is one of its fastest growing sectors. The industry employs more than 3 million people and is the fourth largest sector in the UK in terms of employment. It offers various career paths in a range of areas, including management, operations and self-employment.

The hospitality sector is made up of a variety of different sub-sectors such as hotels, restaurants, event management and catering. BTEC Level 3 qualifications in food, science and nutrition give learners the opportunity to make progress in the sector, whether their chosen route is employment, an apprenticeship or university.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma Food Science & Nutrition](#)

Parent Drop In - Thursday 18th September

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 18th September between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

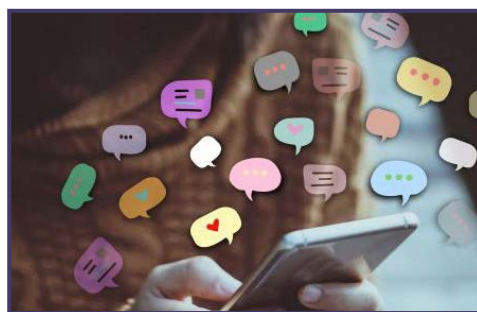
There will be no need to book an appointment, just sign in at reception and staff will be happy to show you to the venue. There is no set topic for the drop in sessions, if we are not able to answer any specific questions, we will follow up and then feedback to you. Please note, if your matter is of a confidential nature, we kindly ask that you call the school to arrange a separate appointment, as parent drop-in sessions are not intended for one-to-one discussions.



Online Safety Hub: The Risks of Social Media Therapy

While social media can offer comfort and community, it's important for parents to be aware of the growing trend of young people turning to online platforms for mental health advice. This article explores the potential risks of "social media therapy," including misinformation and unqualified advice, and offers guidance on how to support your child in seeking reliable help.

For more information please visit: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/the-risks-of-social-media-therapy>



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](#)

Welcoming Our Future Year 7 Students

On Wednesday 10th September, The Basildon Lower Academy was delighted to welcome Year 6 parents and carers, to our Transition Event. The afternoon provided an opportunity for families of prospective students due to join us in September 2026 to find out more about life at the Basildon Academies.

Our Headteacher, Rebecca Rees, along with key members of staff, shared insights into our values, support systems, and the exciting opportunities available to all students. Families also heard more about our supportive learning environment that enables every child to thrive and achieve their full potential.

A real highlight of the event was hearing directly from our current students, who spoke with great confidence and maturity in front of an audience of prospective families. Their ability to share personal experiences of Academy life, from the strong pastoral support to the wide range of extra-curricular activities, was a true testament to their communication and public speaking skills. They represented the Academy brilliantly and embodied the values we strive to uphold every day.

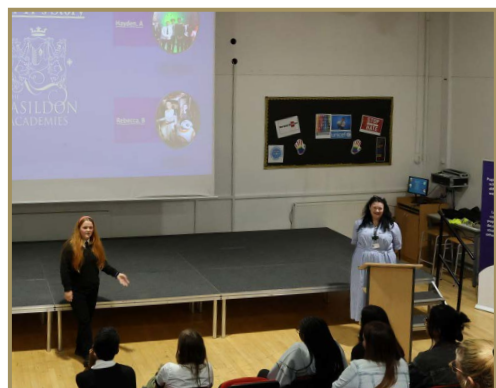
We are incredibly proud of:

- Iris.I (Year 10)
- George.C (Year 11)
- Jorden.J (Year 10)
- Eluney.B (Year 13)
- Rebecca.B (Year 11)
- Joy.N (Year 13)
- Isabelle.P (Year 11)
- Raul.R (Year 13)
- Hayden.A (Year 11)
- Maisie.D (Year 13)

The afternoon concluded with parents and carers taking the opportunity to speak with staff on a one-to-one basis, allowing for personalised conversations and questions about the transition process.

We would like to thank all families who attended and look forward to supporting our future Year 7s on their journey ahead.

If you'd like to see more of what was shared during the event, you can view the presentation here: [Year 6 Transition Presentation](#). This gives a great overview of life at The Basildon Academies and may be especially useful for families with younger children who will soon be making the transition to secondary school.



Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 2nd October, 5-7pm

The Basildon Academies Sixth Form Team wish to invite you to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October 2025, at the Upper Academy.

As we say goodbye to an exceptional cohort of students, we celebrate their achievements — from securing places at top universities to stepping into exciting career opportunities. Their success reflects the dedication, ambition, and support that define our Sixth Form.

Now, we look ahead with enthusiasm as we prepare to welcome the next generation of students. Our Sixth Form offers two bespoke pathways, designed to help every student reach their full potential, whether their goals lie in higher education, apprenticeships, or employment.

At our upcoming Sixth Form Open Evening, you'll have the opportunity to:

- Meet our passionate teaching staff, who will be showcasing their courses and available to answer your questions.
- Explore our fully equipped technology block, with live demonstrations in 3D printing, construction, and more.
- Visit open classrooms, including our E-Sports gaming room, Photography dark room, and Art exhibitions, alongside many other exciting courses.
- Hear from our leadership team — including a presentation from our Deputy Headteacher on our recent results, and insights from our Head of Sixth Form about tailored pathways.
- Speak with current Sixth Form students, who will share their experiences and offer first-hand perspectives.
- Enjoy food tasters prepared by our talented catering students, along with refreshments throughout the evening.
- Discuss the application process in a relaxed setting, with staff on hand to guide you through every step.

We're excited to share our passion, belief, and commitment to student success with you. Whether you're a student

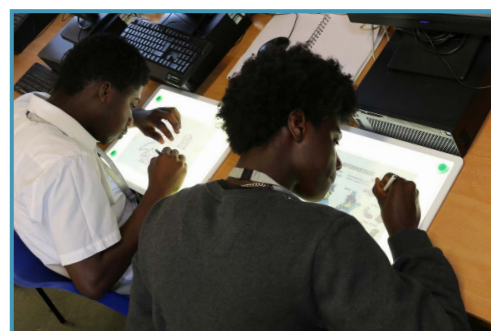
K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5



Sixth Form Applications

Applications to join for the sixth form will open on the 2nd October and, students and parents will have the opportunity to access the study centre during the evening to use the computers to complete an application form. Applications are completed online through our website and staff will be available to assist you with this process.

If you have a query regarding sixth form admissions, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form Admissions.





School Nurse Drop-in

**Basildon Upper Academy Drop-in:
Friday Breaks & Lunchtimes Medical Room Next to A7**

Awkward Topics...

**Sexual Health & Sex
Relationships
Drugs & Alcohol
Smoking
Sexuality**

Confidentiality

**You can talk to me in confidence
at drop-in about things you're
worried about, but maybe don't
want to talk about with other
adults**

Support with

- **Emotional & Physical health**
- **Exam Stress**
- **Friendship issues**



Just Drop-in at break or lunchtime



**School nurse door is open
at break and lunchtimes
for pupils to drop in**

School Nurse Info...

**Lauren
Collins**

**NMC
Registered
Nurse**

**Safeguarding
Support**

**Allan
Ersser**

**Child and
Young Person
Practitioner**

Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to upperattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling 01268 498882.

- 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



GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

15th -19th September 2025

Monday:	Altruism (noun) Altruismus in German – selfless concern for the well-being of others. <i>Her altruism shone through in her voluntary work at the shelter.</i>	
Tuesday:	Ubiquitous (adjective) πανταχού παρών in Greek – present, appearing, or found everywhere. <i>Smartphones are now a ubiquitous part of teenage life.</i>	
Wednesday:	Pragmatic (adjective) פרגמטי in Hebrew – dealing with things sensibly and realistically. <i>The pragmatic approach was to revise little and often, rather than cram.</i>	
Thursday:	Eloquent (adjective) ékesszóló in Hungarian – fluent or persuasive in speaking or writing. <i>Her eloquent speech moved the audience to applause.</i>	
Friday:	Ephemeral (adjective) tdk kekal in Indonesian – lasting for a very short time. <i>The sunset's ephemeral beauty vanished in moments.</i>	

Job of the Week: Mechanic

What does a Mechanic do?

Build and assemble machines or mechanical components according to requirements
Inspect machines, engines, transmissions etc. and run diagnostic tests to discover functionality issues
Conduct repairs aiming for maximum reliability
Perform thorough maintenance on machinery, equipment and systems
Replenish fluids and components of engines and machinery
Provide consultation on correct maintenance and preventative measures to machine or vehicle users
Keep logs of work and report on issues

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 220,462
- Essex jobs: 6,170
- Growth -6.8% 74,461 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need some training and practical experience.

In the UK, for example, you could do an apprenticeship in machine maintenance, or a college course like a T level. To get on an apprenticeship or college course, you'll usually need GCSEs in maths and English, plus some work experience as a machine operative.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£35,540



The school is determined that all pupils can access the curriculum. All pupils in key stage 4 now study French. The school offers pupils a wide range of vocational courses as well as GCSE and A-level qualifications. Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

Essex County Council are pleased to announce the launch of their new support offer for families.

The EP Parent Helpline offers advice, support, and signposting for parents and carers. It is a confidential, safe, and private service, and no referral is needed — just book an appointment in advance.



Easy to Access: The booking is designed to provide an easier and more convenient experience.

- Available on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays
- 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- 25-minute appointments bookable via MS Teams
- No more waiting – instant booking confirmation

For booking details and further information, please visit: [EP-Parent-Helpline](#)

Please note: the previous helpline system and telephone number are no longer in use.

Further information is available on the Essex County Council Local Offer pages: <https://schools.essex.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/send-services-and-support/essex-local-offer-website>

Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-18, 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).



**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



On Friday 26th September the Basildon Academies will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

During breaktime a selection of cakes & biscuits will be available for students & staff to purchase in the Dining Hall. Each cake or biscuit will be 50p each, with all proceeds going to the cancer support charity.

Purchases will be made through ParentPay in the normal way.