

Dates for the Diary

Half Term

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Pride Month

June 2023

Year 10 & Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 26th - Friday 30th June 2023

Year 11 Prom

Friday 30th June 2023: 5:30pm - 10:30pm

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 15th May 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - James.E (R10U1)
- ★ Year 11 - Courtney.P (R11Z1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Rheanna.M, Daniela.G & Andreea.S (R1213)

State of the Art Esports Room Launched

The Upper Academy has recently opened a dedicated computer room, designed to enhance the gaming and learning experience for our Sixth Form students studying the BTEC Esports qualification.

The brand new gaming suite houses state-of-the-art gaming PCs, specialist gaming chairs and is surrounded with vibrant artwork depicting classic computer games such as Fortnite, Pacman, Tetris, Pokémon and Halo.

The BTEC Level 3 course involves the rapidly growing Esports industry and the careers beyond the qualification. Skills and strategies used as a player and a team, the business and marketing of Esports and games played are all explored alongside the health and wellbeing of Esports professionals.

The Esports course is great, you get to enjoy a game of your choice and gain an insight into what the industry has to offer; for example lifestyle and training requirements of someone working in the industry." Jamoy.H - Year 12

"The course is challenging and we study in a really enjoyable gaming environment." Mason.S - Year 13

"Esports is an interesting subject, it allows students to share their passion of gaming as well learn about the many different careers within this new industry." Sarah.P - Year 12

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



Year 11 & Sixth Form Exam Timetables

The timetables for Year 11 and Sixth Form examinations can be found on our website:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/exam-information

The Year 11 Intervention programme, including our Saturday School timetable can also be located on our website:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/out-of-hours-learning



CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL



42,439
HAWKING



41,177
AUSTEN



41,100
ALI



40,941
SEACOLE

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 3 Sport



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: [BTEC Level 3 Sport](#)

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

Volunteers for Educational Visit Chaperones

In order to support our ambition to get every learner onto an offsite visit this academic year, we are looking to create a team of parent and carer volunteers to be chaperones for our trips.

Each volunteer would be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS) completed through the school and, would undergo onsite safeguarding training with a view to being called upon when we need additional support with ratios of parents to students for school trips.

If you would be interested in registering for this support service and have availability during school time, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

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.

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

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).

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 blazers, 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.



National DOUGHNUT WEEK

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th May

To celebrate National Doughnut Week the Dining Hall will be serving a selection of Jam and Ring Doughnuts.

All Doughnuts are 50p each and will be available throughout the week at break & lunchtime.

50p
Each



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