

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

17th October 2022

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.

Dates for the Diary

Progress Information Event

Monday 17th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Half Term

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022

Armistice Day

Friday 11th November 2022

Black History Month - October 2022

B:M2022

DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk

Students Enjoy Cricket Taster Session

Last week Year 10 students engaged in a cricket session delivered by Grace from Essex County Cricket. They learnt the basic rules and positions required for a game of cricket. After being a little hesitant to start with they are now looking forward to learning more over the coming weeks.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 10th October 2022.



Year 10 - Madison.D (R10Z2)



Year 11 - Temi.A (R11X2)



Sixth Form - Igor.P (R1213)

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Artwork Displayed in Basildon Library



We are proud to announce that a selection of Upper Academy student's artwork is currently on display at Basildon Library. The superb artwork will be showcased for visitors to enjoy until Friday 21st October.



Strong, supportive, and mutually respectful relationships were evident throughout the visit and young people said that the increased emphasis onrights, respect and dignity has added to this, "If you respect people's rights, you respect them as a person."

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

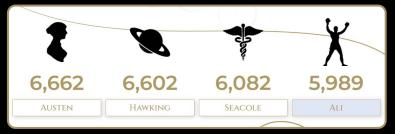
School nurse drop-in



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 14th October



Spotlight on: A Level Politics



Politics is about compromise; it's about power; it's about government. Politics develops your critical awareness, independent thinking and understanding of complex structures and political systems.

This course is designed to encourage you to obtain a balanced education in politics, to allow you to examine key themes in political analysis and to provide you with the opportunity to specialise in both UK and US politics.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: A Level Politics

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: <u>Apply to join</u>

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

Make Happen - Parents/Carers Guide on

Alternatives to going to university this year

You've finished sixth form or college and you're not sure about your next steps.

Maybe you've got a university place already but have changed your mind. Maybe you're unsure whether you've met the grades required so you need to come up with your plan B. Have a look at some of the alternatives to going straight to uni this year.

To read more visit: www.makehappen.org/guide/alternatives-to-going-to-university-this-year/



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:

remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

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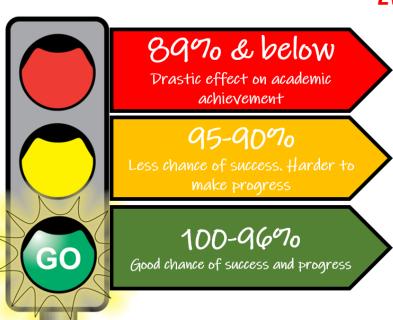


Attendance Expectations

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!



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

Intervention Timetables

Upper Academy Year 10 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.00-4.00pm
Monday	> Homework Club	Year 10 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3
	U3GC3	➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Tuesday	Homework Club	English Club – starting Tuesday 15 th November – U3FS3
	U3GC3	Creative Arts Club – Art U1SS2 and Photography U1FS3
		Geography & History Club – starting Tuesday 18th October U1GS1
		➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Wednesday	Homework Club	Maths Club – starting Wednesday 30 th November – U3GC3
	U3GC3	Business Club – U3SC3b
		➤ Sport Studies Club — U2FC1
		Engineering / 3D / Catering / Hair & Beauty – T8
		➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Thursday	Homework Club	French Club - U2FC2
	U3GC3	Creative Arts Club – Art U1SS2 and Photography U1FS3
		➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Friday	Homework Club	
	U3GC3	

#EveryMinuteCounts

Upper Academy Year 11 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	Homework Club	Year 11 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3
	U3GC3	SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Tuesday	Homework Club	➤ English Club — U3FC3
	U3GC3	Creative Arts Club – Art U1SS2 and Photography U1FS3
		Health and Childcare Club – U1SC3
		Geography & History Club – starting Tuesday 18th October U1GS1
		➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Wednesday	Homework Club	➤ Maths Club – U3GC3
	U3GC3	Business Club – U3SC3a
		Health and Childcare Club – U1SC3
		Creative Arts Club – Art U1SS2 and Photography U1FS3
		Sport Studies Club – U2FC1
		French Club – U2FC1
		Engineering / 3D / Catering / Hair & Beauty – T8
		SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Thursday	Homework Club	➤ Science Club – U2FS1
	U3GC3	➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Friday	➤ Homework Club	
	U3GC3	

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

Dishes for Wednesday 19th October:



Jerk Pork Burger



Caribbean Vegetable Curry



Mango Fruit Cocktail

SPOOKTACULAR FOOD

To celebrate Halloween the Dining Hall will be selling 'fang-tastic' cakes & biscuits at break & lunchtime on Monday 31st October







All cakes & biscuits will be 50p each

Aspire - Believe - Achieve