

## Year 10 – 13 Academy Progress Information Event: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

### Half Term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Armistice Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## Students of the Week

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

- ★ Year 10 - Madison.D (R10Z2)
- ★ Year 11 - Temi.A (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Igor.P (R1213)

## Black History Month - October 2022

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DIG DEEP, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

[www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk](http://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk)

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## 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.



## 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 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Strong, supportive, and mutually respectful relationships were evident throughout the visit and young people said that the increased emphasis on rights, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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: [Apply to join](#)

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/](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)

# Intervention Timetables

## Upper Academy Year 10 Intervention Programme

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

**#EveryMinuteCounts**

## Upper Academy Year 11 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.30-4.30pm
<b>Monday</b>	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Year 11 Pomodoro (Silent Study) U3GC3 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ English Club – U3FC3 ➤ Creative Arts Club – Art U1SS2 and Photography U1FS3 ➤ Health and Childcare Club – U1SC3 ➤ Geography & History Club – starting Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October U1GS1 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Maths Club – 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
<b>Thursday</b>	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Science Club – U2FS1 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
<b>Friday</b>	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	

**#EveryMinuteCounts**



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

Dishes for Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October



All cakes & biscuits will be 50p each

*Aspire - Believe - Achieve*