

YEAR 10 EXCEL AT WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students have recently taken part in work experience placements, during a two week period to support their personal aspirations for their future.

Our students were given the exclusive opportunity to work with professionals in various industries including Audi, Barnardo's, Barleylands Equestrian Centre, Baxter Harries Solicitors, The British Museum, Essex County Council, Orsett Hospital, Larchwood Care Home, Virgin Media and many local Primary & Nursery Schools.

Year 10 student Christopher Hawkins, who spent two weeks with Baxter Harries Solicitors in Basildon commented "I would like to get into a career involving Civil Law. Gaining experience in a similar environment where I want to work has been a great opportunity for me."



Mikayla West, Kacey Jackson & Shannon Andrews - Barleylands Equestrian Centre



Christopher Hawkins
Baxter Harries Solicitors



Bethany Duncan
Scope Charity Shop



Jordan Meecham
GAME



Stephan Gadd & Maria Hamm
Larchwood Care Home



Madison Burkett
Upper Academy Catering Department



Piper Lovage
Hogarth & Lions Wellbeing Hub



Aiden King
Billericay IT



Ellie Osborne
Orsett Hospital



David Valentine
C.H Robinson Logistics



Summa Goodrum
Pets at Home



Ellie Kidd
Snips Hairdressing Salon

Pets at Home Assistant, Manager Jake Overton, was really pleased with Summa Goodrum's performance; "Summa has been a credit to your school. She has always been punctual & happy to get involved & graft with an ever present smile. She has been a pleasure to work with & would happily have her as a colleague".

Zena Graver, Engagement Coordinator at The Salvation Army in Hadleigh had high praise for student Kullen Leader "We have been very impressed with Kullen's positive attitude, politeness & ability to take on board instructions.

Many students have been offered Saturday jobs since completing their work experience, giving the possibility of apprenticeships. Headteacher, Gary Smith, commented: "We have received so much positive feedback from employers regarding our students. We are extremely grateful to all of the local employers that offered placements. I would like to thank them all for their support.



Brandon Sherry
Snaps Fitness



Luke Bates & Amber Johnson
Bunnings Warehouse



Taylor Lynch
Southend Audi



Georgia Guppy
The Body Shop



Elizabeth Adesina
Essex County Council



Leon Annetts
Hollywood Bowl



Kiera Adcock
Eversley Primary School



Matthew Ashby
Firescape Global Limited



Kian Lydon
The Entertainer



Chelsea Tucker
Crayside Cattery



Daniel Ohazurume
Barnardo's



Jennifer Brooker
Briscoe Primary School



Patricia Chiwapu & Sharleen Onyia
Boots



Kullen Leader
The Salvation Army



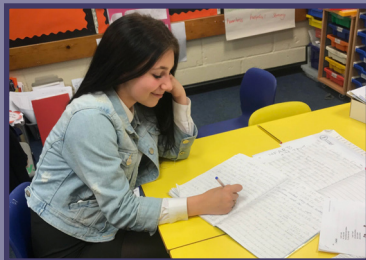
Stef Agblemegah & Tyrese Mano
Nando's



Jade Cawston
Banana Moon Day Nursery



Tyler Armstrong
Partyman World



Tia Ramadani
Briscoe Primary School



Jaden Elliott
Gateway FM



George Osborne
Value Cars Basildon



Ethan Levitt
Basildon Glassworks Limited



Mary Lawrence, Morgan Harrington
& Aliyah Bashorun - Poundland



William Elliston & Kylon Young
Billericay IT



Dominykas Radzevicius
Upper Academy Catering Department

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This month's edition showcases the talent at our academies and how our students are engaged in broadening their experiences and horizons.

The academy was proud to host the Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition Regional finals, our students performed with confidence and delivered their speeches perfectly. Well done!

Year 10 Work Experience takes centre stage this month. This is the 3rd year in a row that we have delivered our own independent work experience programme for all Year 10 students. A big achievement for all involved, and a programme we will continue to deliver to support our careers guidance.

Year 8 Active Learning day was a success and well done to the winners - our new Active Learning Champions!

The academy is proud to have received recognition and accreditation from UNICEF, becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. Well done to all the students and our wider community for this accolade.

As we enter the exam season please let us know immediately if you have any questions or issues. We will do whatever it takes to ensure we support student success.

Gary Smith

FREDDIE RECEIVES GIFT FROM SUPERSTAR CHEF

Lower Academy student Freddie was over the moon to receive a book signed with a message from Jamie Oliver. After being so impressed with seeing Freddie's ambition to become a chef on our Twitter page, the superstar chef sent Freddie the personalised gift.



Freddie & Headteacher Mr Smith

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES SHINE

On the evening of April 19th, our school hosted the regional final of The Jack Petchey Speak Out Competition. Our two representatives, Year 10 students Kullen Leader and Ethan Levitt presented their speeches to an audience of 150 parents, friends and students. 15 schools took part, so the pressure was on. The standard was exceptional, and while our boys didn't finish in the top 3, they were spectacular.



Kullen & Ethan both very animated during their excellent speeches.



George, Ethan & Kullen during the Jack Petchey workshop activity, which took place before the final.

I would like to give special mention to our reserve, George Osborne who also attended. The student helpers were a wonderful advertisement for our school. Our performers who entertained the audience, Year 12 student Kurtis Pope on piano, and Year 11 students Natalija Tkacuka and Antonia Listrat with their dramatic scene from Blood Brothers really contributed to the success of the evening.

Ms Trounson

YEAR 8 ACTIVE LEARNING DAY

On Tuesday the 20th of March our Year 8 students participated in an action-packed real-life game of Cluedo. Working with their friends in 'Task Force' groups, they attended crime scenes across maths, history, drama and science, solving mysteries and collecting clues.

The winning team found the most clues and solved the case, earning the grand prize of a collection of Easter eggs. There were four Active Learning Champions across the day who were nominated for being supportive, resilient and positive team members. The students gave fantastic feedback from the day, including the following responses:



Murder mystery winners left to right; Fenita, Alisha, Laura, Comfort, Hillary & Anna

"It was an amazing day because we were learning, but at the same time having fun and being active. Hearing people laugh all day felt great."

"A really fun atmosphere all day with so many things to do. I was so tired at the end of the day... but in a good way."

"It was challenging at times, but because everyone was having fun, people were pushing themselves to try harder."

"I liked how different the tasks were to normal lessons. Using the safes in maths and props in drama was so much fun. I was proud of what I achieved."



UNICEF SILVER ACCREDITATION AWARDED TO UPPER ACADEMY

We are delighted to announce The Basildon Upper Academy has met the standard for Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award at Silver: Rights Aware.

We had previously been awarded bronze status in recognition of the awareness raised within our curriculum and ethos as being a 'Rights Respecting School'.

Aspiring to achieve the Silver Rights Aware Award, Unicef RRSA Professional Adviser Paul Harris spent the day at The Upper Academy. Paul's visit included meeting with senior teachers, staff and students in a series of lessons and a pupil focus group. Written evidence was provided, outlining how the school fulfilled the criteria to meet the Unicef strands;

A - Teaching and Learning About Rights

B - Teaching and Learning Through Rights - Ethos and relationships

C - Teaching and Learning For Rights- Participation, empowerment and action.



Proud to receive the Unicef Award; Mr Fitten & Mr Smith alongside Year 10 students Anthonia, Scott & Marcia.

"Congratulations to everyone at The Basildon Upper Academy on achieving the Unicef UK's Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. This is in recognition of the school's commitment to putting the principles and values of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into its everyday practice for its students. We wish the school continued success with its RRSA journey in helping students learn about their rights and the rights of all children & young people around the world, including the UK. This will also prepare Basildon Upper Academy students well in becoming informed and active citizens of the next generation to the benefit of their local community and the wider world."

Frances Bestley, Unicef UK RRSA Programme Director

"The achievement of Silver Rights Aware status is a culmination of a lot of hard work from both staff and students in embedding the UNCRC (The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) and respect in general across the Upper Academy. We are the only Secondary School in Essex that holds this award. The next step is to continue the hard work as we look to achieve Gold Rights Respecting status." Mr Fitten - RRSA Coordinator

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 7 AP2 Assessments:

14th - 18th May

Half Term:

28th May - 1st June

Year 9 AP2 Assessments:

18th - 22nd June

A list of dates for all of the GCSE & A-Level examinations can be found on our website; www.basildonacademies.org.uk/exam-information

SIGN UP FOR NCS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The National Citizen Service recently visited the Upper Academy to promote their summer programme for 15-17 year olds. The 4 week period is packed full with fun activities and residential trips.

The cost of the NCS experience is £50, which includes food, activities and accommodation. Financial assistance is available. Please contact Mrs O'Neill for further information.

www.ncsyes.co.uk/

STUDENTS AIM HIGH

Year 13 Aviation students recently took part in a Q&A session with staff from Gatwick Airport. Our future pilots were able to ask questions about how the airport operates and what duties are performed. The interactive session tied in with students latest topic of study which, requires them to understand the procedures carried out on the ground and in the air, to ensure security and passenger safety.



Year 13 student Mihnea-Vlad Bota logging into interactive session with airport staff

Students studying Aviation cover a number of different aspects as part of the course. The topics range from the services at an airport such as shops and first class lounge, to the impact, both positive and negative, of an airport in the area.

"The Q&A session has really helped further my understanding of how an Airport operates and the duties that staff undertake." Rares Turco – Year 13

PRINCESS ROLE FOR AMY

Congratulations to Year 8 student Amy Wilson, who has been selected to be a princess at this year's Basildon Carnival. As part of the preparation for the Carnival, Amy was recently crowned by the Mayor, David Harrison.



Amy commented; "I was a little bit nervous of meeting the mayor at first. I made sure I practiced my speech and curtsy and am now looking forward to the big event".

The Carnival will take place on Saturday 28th July.

RARES IS FLYING HIGH

Congratulations to Sixth Form student Rares Turcu who has recently been accepted to enrol at Stansted Airport College, to pursue his dream of becoming a Pilot.

Rares will study Engineering and Aircraft maintenance over a period of 4 years and, will be given the opportunity to work with airline companies such as RyanAir.

"My passion for aviation begun when I was 12 years old and living in Romania. My first flight was in a microlight aircraft. It was an incredible experience, there were no windows or fuselage so I could see straight down, thousands of feet below. The feeling it gave me was amazing; I felt I could go above anything I wanted and, that I could do anything. I spent 2 summers learning from aircraft engineers and pilots before coming to Britain. When I joined the Upper Academy in Year 10, I knew I wanted to study at Sixth Form because the teachers have always supported me"



"Having studied Mathematics, Applied Science, Engineering & Aviation I have now gained qualifications that have enabled me to successfully apply to join Stansted Airport College and fulfil my dream of being a pilot. As well as studying I will be doing field work, learning from staff from major Airline companies, providing me a higher chance to be selected as a pilot with them in the future."

"In June I am starting my Private Pilots Licence which involves flying for at least 45 hours and includes examinations, I'm really looking forward to that!" **Rares Turcu**

"I am so proud of Rares commitment to ensuring his dream is realised".

Mrs Durrant: Student Development Champion Year Leader – Sixth Form

YEAR 11 STUDENTS ACHIEVE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION

Some of our high achieving GCSE English students were given the opportunity to stretch and challenge themselves through a largely independent project based qualification undertaken during their GCSE year. They have conducted an extended piece of research into subjects that may not normally be a part of a regular GCSE course. Thought provoking topics included; Effects of Social Media on teenagers, Should Birds be kept in Captivity & The Impact of Sleep Paralysis.

As part of the qualification, students had to deliver a presentation. This presentation was also used for Speaking and Listening assessment for GCSE English Language.



Some of our Year 11 HPQ students, top to bottom: Livi Verman, Natasha Chitate & Brent Greenland.

As staff, a number of us were privileged to be part of the audience. Our students proved to be confident and articulate, supportive of each other and effective communicators. We congratulate them.

Ms Trounson

SPOTLIGHT ON ENRICHMENT ADVENTURE SKILLS

Lower Academy students have been learning many new Adventure Skills during their Enrichment lessons. The activities are a good taster for students interested in signing up for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award later in the year.

"I have really enjoyed Adventure Skills. I have learned how to build a tent and cook food outdoors." **Roza Goxha - Year 7**

"I have enjoyed expanding my creative and adventurous side. I have loved this amazing opportunity." **Paige Foakes -Year 7**



Paige and Roza have ambitions to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

MONTHLY ENRICHMENT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Enrichment attendance award winners for March: Mrs Pereira EN4 (Lower Academy) and Miss Hayers EN38, Mrs Kashmiri EN31, Ms Trounson EN 37 (Upper Academy).

Enrichment attendance award winners for April: Mr Sands EN12 (Lower Academy) and Mr Bishop EN42 (Upper Academy).

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