

## 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

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

- ★ Year 10 - Mitchell.W (R10Y1)
- ★ Year 11 - Kelsey.C (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Naomi.S (R1213)

## Black History Month - October 2022



## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## Students engage in Anti-Black Racism Workshop

In celebration of Black History Month, the Upper Academy welcomed Youth Educator Cynthia Edu from the Anne Frank Trust UK. The visit was black During the day Cynthia delivered a series of workshop assemblies to our Year 11 students with the purpose of raising awareness of Anti-Black Racism and to equip students with skills & the knowledge they may need.

"The workshop was very educational and eye-opening. The way the assembly was delivered ensured that students understood and were able to interact and ask questions."

Kaidi.R

"The Anti-Black Racism workshop was enlightening. I enjoyed every part of it and has enabled me to develop a deeper understanding. Cynthia was kind, helpful and explained things really well. It was one of the best workshops I've attended."

Kayla.O

"The workshop was very useful and I learned lots of new things such as what microaggression is. The session was very engaging and everyone's opinions were respected."

Angel.G



Wellbeing is prioritised for everyone in the school. As well as extensive curriculum content, the leadership have funded Wellbeing Centres on both sites. This support was spoken of very positively by students. Some have timetabled access but "There are break and lunchtime drop ins... anyone can go for help with any problem...it's very accessible." one explained.mentioned one student.

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 7<sup>th</sup> October



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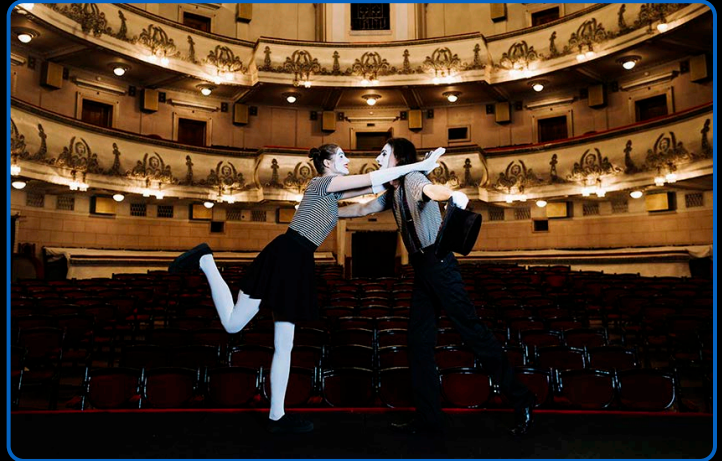
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## Spotlight on: A Level Drama & Theatre



The Performing Arts industry contributes approximately Four Billion to the UK economy? Do you enjoy performing and would like to pursue a career in the Arts? Do you have a passion for the theatre? This course is designed to create industry professionals for stage and screen and develop essential academic skills and knowledge needed for a future in performance related careers.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [A Level Theatre & Drama](#)

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link:

[www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/apply-to-join](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/apply-to-join)

Stakeholders recognise they have a clear voice, and they are listened to. There are strong processes in place through forums and surveys and these lead to practical change, examples of which students and staff were able to articulate.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025

## 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.)

## 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

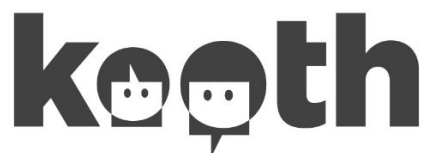
If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please email:

[remotelarning@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:remotelarning@basildonacademies.org.uk)

## Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://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).

The logo for Kooth, featuring the word "kooth" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. The two 'o's are replaced by stylized speech bubbles with white faces and black outlines.

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

Dishes for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October:



*Jerk Halloumi Burger*



*Honey & Turmeric Chicken*



*Spiced Pineapple Cake*

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# Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening 6<sup>th</sup> October



# Visit to Copperbox Arena to watch international netball tournament

