

Dates for the Diary

Beginning of Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy
Monday 7th July 2025

Sports Presentation Event - Venue: Lower Academy
Wednesday 9th July 2025 - 4pm-5.30pm

Last Day of Summer Term
Friday 18th July 2025 - Students finish at 12:30pm

A Level Results Day
Thursday 14th August 2025

GCSE Results Day
Thursday 21st August 2025

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 4th July



41,740
AUSTEN



39,309
ALI



26,627
HAWKING



26,517
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - Summer Reading

As we approach the summer holidays, I want to take a moment to talk about something incredibly powerful: the joy and importance of reading.

Reading is not just a school task; it is a gateway to imagination, confidence, and success. Whether it is escaping into a gripping novel, unpicking a news article, or exploring new ideas in a biography or podcast, every word you engage with helps you become a sharper thinker, a stronger writer, and a more confident communicator.

This summer, we encourage every student, whether preparing for GCSEs or entering Sixth Form, to nurture a love of reading. Not because it is homework, but because it opens doors. The most successful students are those who read often, think critically, and enjoy discovering stories and voices beyond their own.

Year 11: What to Expect in September

In HT1, our returning Year 11s will focus on non-fiction reading and writing, Language Paper 2. Expect engaging real-world texts and practice in persuasive and informative writing. These are skills that will not only serve you at GCSE, but in the wider world.

Year 10: Enter An Inspector Calls

Our brand-new Year 10 students will begin the term with J. B. Priestley's powerful play *An Inspector Calls*, a gripping mystery with big ideas about social responsibility, class, and power. It is set in 1912 but feels just as relevant today. To get ahead, you might:

- Watch a stage or film adaptation over the summer.
- Read about Edwardian Britain and the idea of social class.
- Reflect on questions such as: What do we owe each other? Who is responsible for change?

Literacy Over the Summer – Without the Stress

We know summer should be a time to rest and recharge. Raising your literacy does not need to mean textbooks and essays. You could:

- Read one book from your favourite genre
- Listen to podcasts or audiobooks while walking or relaxing.
- Write a short review of a film, game, or show you enjoy. This is a great way to build analytical thinking.
- Follow a news article each week, then discuss it with someone.

These small habits make a big difference and will help keep your mind sharp for September.

Ready for September

We are incredibly proud of how hard our students work, and we are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you are preparing for your final GCSE year or just beginning your KS4 journey, this summer is your opportunity to grow your literacy skills.

Wishing you a restful, inspired, and well-read summer - **S.Harris - Literacy Lead**

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 30th June 2025.



Year 10 - Anthonia.J (R10S1)



Sixth Form - All members of the Sixth Form Student Council

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

Home Learning

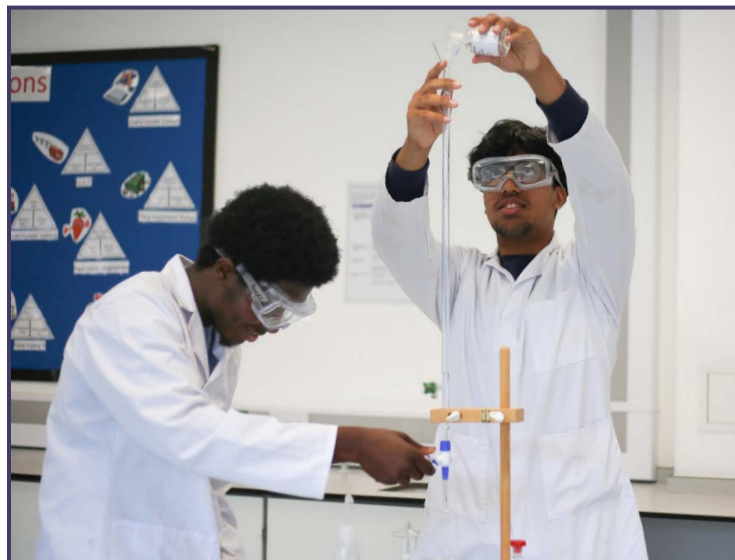
If you have any queries regarding home learning, including access issues or, to celebrate the work your child has completed at home, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

Spotlight on: A Level Chemistry



Chemistry is a rewarding but demanding course, which sets the subject within a relevant and modern-day framework. It suits those of you who like to ask the questions 'why', 'how' and 'what' and are keen to find out the answers. The key emphasis is on an enjoyable challenge throughout the course, combining topics which stretch even the most able with a healthy dose of traditional investigative Chemistry where pupils learn the skills of working in a lab hands-on.

Chemistry remains one of the most highly regarded A levels by top universities which one can study.

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

Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing with Parenting Smart

Parenting Smart, created by the children's mental health charity Place2Be, offers practical tips and guidance to support your child's wellbeing.

From managing screen time to handling big emotions, the website provides short, easy-to-follow articles and videos designed to help parents navigate everyday challenges with confidence.

Explore helpful resources here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Parenting Smart

Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Exciting Launch of Our New Alumni Programme

Last week, we were proud to launch our brand-new Alumni Programme—an initiative designed to inspire and support our current Sixth Form students by connecting them with former Basildon Sixth Formers who have gone on to exciting futures.

We were delighted to welcome back our very first guest, Owen South, a proud alumnus of the Basildon Academies and now a Strategy Consultant at one of the Big Four Accountancy Firms. Owen returned to share his journey since leaving Sixth Form and to offer valuable insights into life after school.

During his visit, Owen provided students with:

- Industry Tips & Tricks – Offering real-world advice on navigating career paths.
- CV & Personal Statement Guidance – Sharing practical strategies to help students stand out in applications.
- Motivation & Mentorship – Inspiring students with his story and encouragement.



The session marked a fantastic start to the programme and gave students a valuable opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge and build confidence for their next steps. We look forward to welcoming more alumni in the future to continue building these inspiring connections.

Summer Activities for Students

Active Essex's Find Your Active platform helps students and families discover a wide range of free or low-cost sports and fitness opportunities across Basildon, Billericay, and beyond. Whether you're into team sports, dance, walking groups, or gym sessions, the Activity Finder makes it easy to find something fun and local to keep active and support both physical and mental wellbeing over the summer break.



One great local example is the Activity Holiday Camp at Briscoe Primary School & Nursery, which offers fun, engaging sessions for 12–16 year olds – ideal for many of our students at the Basildon Academies.

Click the following link for more information: findyouractive.activityfinder.net

Love to Ride This Summer

Looking for a fun and healthy way to spend time outdoors this summer? Love to Ride Essex is a free, family-friendly cycling challenge open to all ages!

Simply download the free app, log your cycling adventures, and start tracking your progress. You can set personal goals, compete in fun challenges, and even win prizes—all while enjoying the great outdoors and staying active.

Why not give it a go and see how far you can ride this summer.

Click the following link for more information: <https://www.lovetoride.net/essex>



Parent Drop In - Wednesday 9th July

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 9th July between 9am and 10am.

There will be no need to book an appointment, just sign in at reception and staff will be happy to show you to the venue. There is no set topic for the drop in sessions, if we are not able to answer any specific questions, we will follow up and then feedback to you.



Year 10 Story Writing Competition

Think you've got a story to tell?

Love creating worlds, characters, or dramatic twists?

Now's your chance to show off your writing skills in our Year 10 Story Writing Competition!

Theme: Any genre, any style — your imagination is the limit!

Judging Criteria: We're looking for the most interesting, original, and engaging stories.

Deadline: Monday 14th July

How to Enter:

Hand your story in to the librarians at break or lunch

OR give it directly to Ms Harris in B9.

Prizes will be awarded to the top entries!

Whether it's horror, fantasy, romance, comedy, or something totally unique — we want to read it!



Online Safety Hub Recommended Resource of the Week: Top Tips to Protect Your Child's Digital Privacy

Being mindful about sharing personal information, understanding how an app or platform tracks, collects, stores, and uses data, and practising good digital hygiene can go a long way in helping to protect your child's privacy online. [Click here](#) to access information and top tips to help protect your child's digital privacy.

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



Tassomai – Homework Learning Platform

Tassomai is our designated homework platform for English, Maths, and Science. It provides students with daily challenges to support and reinforce their learning in these key subjects.

Parent/Carer Login:

All parents/carers should have received an email invitation sent to the primary contact address listed on our MIS system. If you have not received this email, you can easily reset your password here:

<https://app.tassomai.com/password/reset>

Student Login:

Username : school email address

Password: SmartWayToStudy

Students can change their password once they log in.

We encourage parents to support their children in regularly using Tassomai to complete these daily challenges, which are a valuable tool for academic progress. For more information about Tassomai, please visit: <https://www.tassomai.com/blog-content>



The range of opportunities for parents to be involved and/or get involved is constantly growing and at all levels the school are actively seeking to develop the opportunities they provide for families to be involved in the life of the school.







Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

7th - 11th July 2025
Accountability

Monday: World Chocolate Day	Accountability (Noun) അക്കൗണ്ടബിളി in Malayalam Definition: The obligation to accept responsibility for one's actions and to explain or justify them. Example: The manager emphasised the importance of accountability in ensuring that tasks are completed efficiently & honesty	
Tuesday:	Responsibility (Noun) responsabilidade in Portuguese (Portugal) Definition: The state or fact of being accountable or to blame for something. Example: Taking responsibility for one's actions is a key aspect of accountability.	
Wednesday:	Transparency (Noun) прозрачность in Russian Definition: The quality of being open and honest; easily understood or seen through. Example: Transparency in communication is vital for ensuring accountability in any organisation.	
Thursday:	Ethics (Noun) etiek in Afrikaans Definition: Moral principles that govern a person's behaviour or the conducting of an activity. Example: Ethics and accountability go hand in hand in fostering trust and integrity in a community.	
Friday:	Liability (Noun) atebolrwydd in Welsh Definition: The state of being responsible for something, especially by law. Example: Corporations have liability for their environmental impact and must act responsibly.	

Job of the Week: Stonemason

What does a Stonemason do?

Stonemasons build and repair stone structures such as piers, walls or arch supports using stones and pieces of rock.

The job entails cutting, shaping, and laying stones to create artistic structures such as monuments, tombstones, and statues.

Stonemasons work with both natural stones (granite, marble, limestone) and artificial stones

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 55,796
- Essex: 1,991
- Kent: 2,192
- Growth -7.7% 69,814 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set entry requirements, but employers value experience.

To become a stonemason, you require at least a high school diploma, which allows for entry into a trade school.

On the other hand, you can enrol for 3-4 year apprenticeship program working as a stonemason

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£41,752



There are a wide range of clubs and opportunities for pupils to contribute to the school and local community, for instance as charity ambassadors. This develops pupils' self-confidence. Well-chosen visitors help pupils learn how to keep themselves safe and healthy.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- Parents/carers must 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.
- Parent/carers may be asked for medical evidence to support absences after 3 days or reoccurring absence patterns.
- Wherever possible, parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.

Please familiarise yourself with our attendance procedures found on the school website within the Parent Information section, so you know who and when you need to contact us. www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance



Essex County Council
Education

GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



Essex

ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org



@EssexActivAte



Turn this flyer over to read more on how to book a space!

SCAN ME



CHARACTER COUNTS!

YEAR 9 & 10 REWARDS COMPETITION



WHO ARE YOU WHEN NO ONE'S WATCHING?

We're on the lookout for students who show strong character, every single day!

Show us your best self for a chance to **WIN amazing rewards!**

What We're Looking For:

- Politeness - Using your manners and being respectful
- Kindness - Helping others, including those you don't know
- Positivity - Bringing good energy into the room
- Integrity - Doing the right thing, even when it's hard
- Responsibility - Owning your actions and leading by example

Prizes include:

- Brunch on the 18th July
- Sweets
- Gift bags

Competition runs from:

**Monday 7th July -
Thursday 17th July**

For extra recognition, go above and beyond.

Be the reason someone smiles today.