

Dates for the Diary

Parent Drop In

Tuesday 14th July 2026 - 1.30pm-2.30pm

Last Day of Summer Term - Students finish at 12:30pm

Friday 17th July 2026

A Level Results Day

Thursday 13th August 2026

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 20th August 2026

First Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 10th July



150,178
AUSTEN



144,314
SEACOLE



130,709
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123,978
HAWKING

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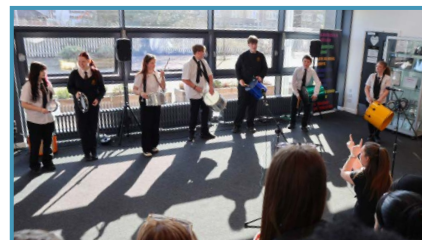
As we come to the end of another successful academic year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your continued support. Your partnership has been invaluable in helping our KS4 and KS5 students grow academically, personally, and confidently as they prepare for their next steps.

This year has been rich with opportunity and achievement. Students embraced work experience, took part in our careers interview day, and explored future pathways through university trips. Our Cultural Fayre brought our community together in celebration of identity and diversity, and our young people represented the school with pride and determination at district sports. We also enjoyed memorable reward experiences, including Go Ape, Harry Potter Studios, and ice skating, recognising the commitment and effort shown throughout the year.

I am immensely proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they completed their exams with maturity, resilience, and focus. We cannot wait to see what they achieve next. For many of our Year 11s, we hope to welcome you back into Sixth Form, where we look forward to continuing to be part of your learning journey. To our Year 13s, we wish you every success as you move on to university, apprenticeships, or the world of work. Please stay in touch and let us know about your future successes — you will always be part of our school community. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming our new Year 10's in September as they begin their KS4 journey with us.

As we head into the summer break, I wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable holiday. Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for the opportunities ahead.

S.Szuskiewicz - Deputy Headteacher



Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

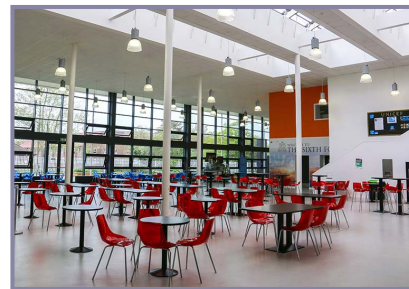
Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Parent Drop In - Tuesday 14th July

Our next Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 14th July between 1.30pm and 2.30pm.

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.

Please note, if your matter is of a confidential nature, we kindly ask that you call the school to arrange a separate appointment, as parent drop-in sessions are not intended for one-to-one discussions.



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, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

Student Portal

Within the Student Portal, you will find links to a range of resources and learning platforms that students can access to support their studies. The main page, which provides access to all key links, can be found here: [Student Portal](#)

Accessing the Student Portal also enables single sign-on, meaning students do not need any additional passwords for platforms such as SENECA. Students simply log in to the portal in the same way they would when logging in to a school computer.

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 1 Construction



The Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award and Certificate in Construction focus on hands-on abilities and tasks, emphasising learners showcasing their practical skills rather than theoretical knowledge. These qualifications provide learners with a chance to gain and enhance versatile, applicable, and industry-specific skills. This enables them to effectively carry out tasks and demonstrate an accomplishment level that prepares them for further learning opportunities.

The qualification prepares students for progression to Level 2 BTECs or other study programmes.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 1 Construction](#)

Aspire - Believe - Achieve



Free Fruit at Breaktime

Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day

YOUNG CARERS CLUBS

TUESDAY	3-4PM	MS DUNWELL G8
WEDNESDAY ESPORTS	1-1.30PM	MR EDWARDS A17

 IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A YOUNG CARER, PLEASE SPEAK TO MS DUNWELL TO REGISTER.

Health and Wellbeing Drop Down Day

On Friday 10th July, Year 10 and Year 12 students took part in the Upper Academy's first-ever Health and Wellbeing Drop Down Day, giving them the opportunity to focus on their physical, mental and emotional wellbeing through a range of engaging activities.

Students were able to personalise their day by selecting four sessions that best suited their interests and wellbeing needs. The varied programme encouraged students to develop practical life skills, learn new ways to support their wellbeing and enjoy time with their peers.

The sessions on offer included CPR training, Daily Mile Walk and Talk, Mindfulness Colouring, Team Building Games, Cold Case Discussions, Sleep and Dreams workshops, alongside many other interactive activities designed to promote healthy lifestyles, resilience and positive wellbeing.



Recognising Outstanding Year 10 Achievement

Last week, we were proud to celebrate the achievements of our Year 10 students during our End of Year Rewards Event.

Every award recipient was nominated by their teachers in recognition of their hard work, resilience, kindness, progress and commitment to school life. Their nominations reflect the difference they have made both in and out of the classroom.

To mark the occasion, each student also received a gift bag, put together by their Head of Year, as a small token of appreciation for all they have achieved this year.

Congratulations to all of our award winners. We are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved and look forward to seeing you continue to thrive in Year 11.



Students Benefit from Sexual Health Education Session

On 7th July, The Basildon Upper Academy welcomed two representatives from the School of Sexuality to deliver an informative session as part of the statutory Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum.

The session covered a range of important topics, including contraception and protection methods, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), as well as prevention, testing and treatment.

Students were encouraged to engage in open discussions, ask questions and receive accurate advice and guidance in a supportive and respectful environment.

The visit complemented the RSHE curriculum taught during timetabled lessons, reinforcing students' understanding of sexual health and equipping them with the knowledge to make informed and responsible decisions in the future.

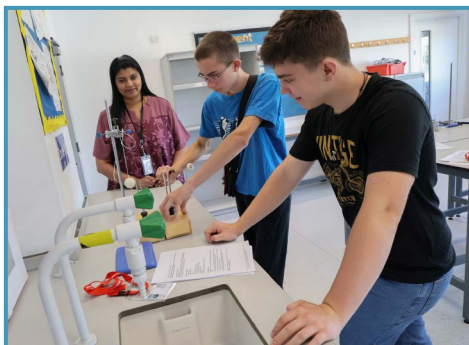
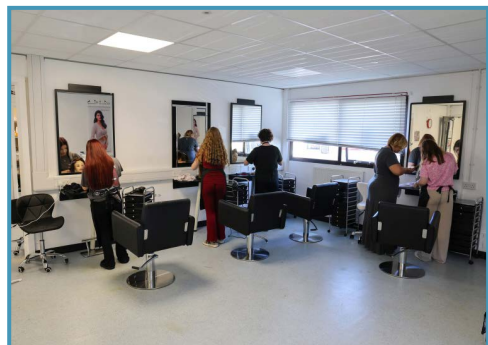


Exploring Opportunities at Our Sixth Form Taster Days

It was lovely to see so many familiar and new faces at our Sixth Form Taster Days. Students took time out of their busy schedules to invest in their futures and gained a real insight into Sixth Form life and lessons.

Students explored many of the courses we have on offer, including Science, Criminology, Hairdressing and Construction. Our Construction course proved particularly popular, with students enjoying the opportunity to experience the practical aspects of the subject. Students also investigated cold case reviews in Criminology, took part in engaging activities within our Science subjects, and had the chance to use our salon facilities and mannequins in Hairdressing. The taster days gave students a fantastic opportunity to discover their interests and experience what studying at our Sixth Form is really like.

For those planning to continue their education with us, we are looking forward to welcoming students back on Enrolment Day on Thursday 20th August, before officially welcoming our new Year 12 students in September. There is already plenty to look forward to, including our UCAS University and Apprenticeship Trip, which is planned for the first half term.



There is still time for students to apply to join our thriving Sixth Form. Whether you have already decided on your next steps or are still considering your options, our Sixth Form team is here to offer advice and support. Simply use the link below to submit an application and take the next step towards an exciting future.

[Apply to Join Sixth Form](#)

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 12 students and supporting them as they make the most of the many opportunities available at our Sixth Form.

Former BBC Senior Director Inspires Year 10 Students

Recently, the Upper Academy was delighted to welcome Richard Murrell, who spent 40 years working for the BBC in television and radio production, including many years as a Senior Director at BBC News.

Drawing on his extensive experience from a career that has taken him around the world, Richard spoke to our Year 10 students about the many roles and responsibilities involved in producing the news. From camera angles and directing live broadcasts to cues, newsroom operations and even riot training, students gained a fascinating insight into what happens behind the scenes of television news.



The session highlighted the teamwork, planning and technical expertise required to bring news programmes to our screens and gave students a greater appreciation of the wide range of careers available within the media industry.

The visit formed part of the academy's ongoing commitment to providing students with meaningful careers education and opportunities to learn from experienced industry professionals.

We would like to thank Richard for taking the time to visit the academy and for sharing his knowledge, experiences and career journey with our students. His inspiring talk encouraged many of our Year 10 students to think about the exciting opportunities available within the world of media and broadcasting.

Sixth Form Students Become CPR Champions

Sixth Form students showcased their amazing abilities, dedication and commitment during our recent Health and Wellbeing Drop-Down Day.

As part of the event, Sixth Form students took time out of their day to deliver CPR workshops, supported by CPR Smart, a training programme run by Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

These dedicated students volunteered for this opportunity, attending training sessions beforehand to become life-saving CPR Champions and gain the skills and confidence needed to lead the workshops. Throughout the day, Year 10 students were taught vital life-saving skills, including the DRS ABC response, giving them the knowledge and confidence to act in an emergency.

Our Sixth Form students grew in confidence as the day progressed, demonstrating excellent leadership and communication skills while supporting younger students. At the same time, Year 10 students gained invaluable knowledge and practical skills that could one day help save a life.

A huge thank you to our Sixth Form volunteers for their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work, as well as to CPR Smart for supporting this fantastic initiative. We are incredibly grateful to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance for giving our Sixth Form students this wonderful opportunity to become CPR Champions.

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Attendance percentages as Number of days and lessons missed from school.
Students are required to attend school for 190 days each year.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	59 days	12 weeks	300 lessons	1½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2½ years

Government (DfE) research suggests that 16 days absence or 92% attendance in any one year equals a full GCSE drop in attainment
How does your attendance compare with this target?

Daily rewards - Daily text messages for 100% attendance are sent via text message or through the MCAS app.

Weekly Rewards - Weekly Student briefings held on Mondays highlight the students who have received 100% attendance and 0 late marks. These students will receive a raffle entry for a £5 lifestyle voucher

Half Termly rewards - Each Half-term 100% attendance postcards are given to students based on the attendance for that half term.

Termly rewards - Students receive a badge and certificate during a celebration event for their term attendance which can be pinned to their tie.



Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to lowerattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling **01268 498882**.

- 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



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

13th - 17th July 2026

Monday:	Cordial (adjective) <i>mahaba</i> in Swahili – warm and friendly. <i>The meeting ended on cordial terms.</i>	
Tuesday:	Liberty (noun) <i>स्वतंत्रता</i> (<i>svatantrata</i>) in Hindi – the state of being free within society. <i>The French Revolution became a symbol of liberty.</i>	
Wednesday:	Pristine (adjective) <i>'āma'ama</i> in Hawaiian – unspoilt; in its original condition. <i>The pristine copy of the book was valuable.</i>	
Thursday:	Sagacity (noun) <i>akal</i> in Malay – the ability to make good decisions. <i>Her sagacity kept the team on track.</i>	
Friday:	Elation (noun) <i>ukuthokoza</i> in Zulu – great happiness and exhilaration. <i>Students felt elation as the summer holidays began.</i>	

Job of the Week: Astronomer

What does an Astronomer do?

Astronomers study the universe and its origins, and make predictions for its future.

Key Responsibilities:

- Collecting data from satellites and spacecraft using radio and optical telescopes
- Developing new instrumentation and maintaining existing equipment creating complex computer models to develop theories on the physical processes happening in space
- Analysing the results of past observations to develop new predictions
- Making observations and testing theories
- Analysing data to help develop our understanding of events in the universe

Labour Market Information

- +41.4% 897,801 jobs
- +40.8% in your region of East of England, an increase of 89,463 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need a BSc (Hons) degree (2:1 or higher) in:

- astronomy
- physics
- astrophysics
- geophysics

You could move into astronomy if you've got a background in computer science, maths or some branches of chemistry or engineering.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£55,518



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.





Essex ACTIVate

FREE

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

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting holiday activity and food clubs delivered by Active Essex! During school holidays, club providers across the county offer free clubs for eligible primary and secondary children, giving them the chance to get active, make friends, learn new skills, and support their wellbeing. The programme also offers:

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



www.activeessex.org



@EssexActivAte

**Free places are for children eligible for income-related free school meals. Only book a space if your child will attend. Non-attendance means other children may miss out on this valuable holiday opportunity.*

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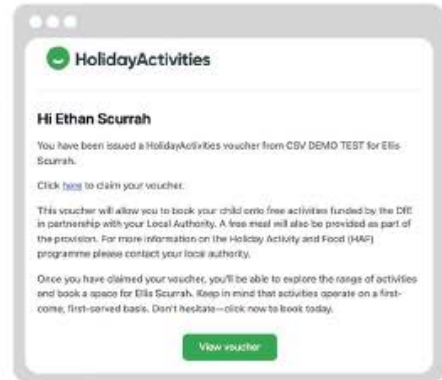
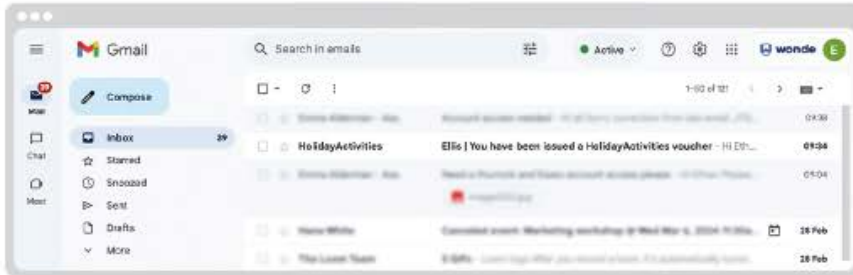


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

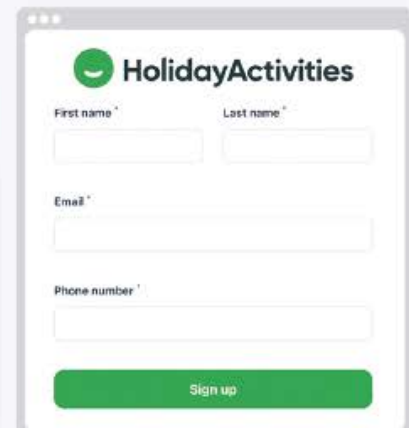
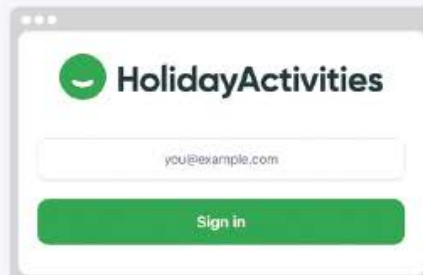
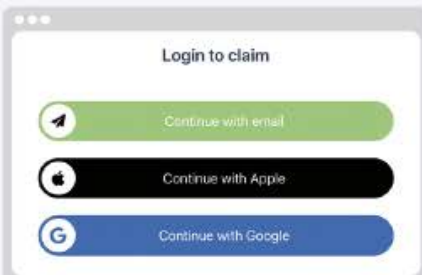
Step 1 – Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



Step 2 – Select **Continue with email** and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 – Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

