

Dates for the Diary

World Poetry Day

Tuesday 21st March 2023

Year 10 & Year 12 Progress Review Event

Wednesday 22nd March 2023: 3:30-6:30pm

Staff Inset - Non Student Day

Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

First Day of Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 13th March 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Riley.M (R10Y2)
- ★ Year 11 - Macie.M (1011AE)
- ★ Sixth Form - Connor.F (R1213)

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

British Science Week 2023

To celebrate British Science Week, Upper Academy students participated in experiments and workshops based on the theme 'Connections'.

Students learned about programming and successfully created an algorithm to instruct a pretend robot to make a jam sandwich. Towards the end of the week, students welcomed Dr Ken Farquhar and his Spectacular Entertaining Science Show. Dr Ken demonstrated why jugglers love gravity, how a drill can keep a basketball spinning and, why unicyclists keep moving to stay still. Students discovered how these and other circus skills relate to the world around us.



"I really liked the Science Show, and I learned about how gravity works." Sally.A – Year 10

"The 'Robot, make me a sandwich' activity was a very good method to learn how to program." Cherish.O – Year 10

The academies have built very strong links with external partners which enhances the wellbeing provision they have available to students. Much of this provision is delivered for them on site by external partners through the wellbeing centre.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**



30,909
HAWKING



30,818
AUSTEN

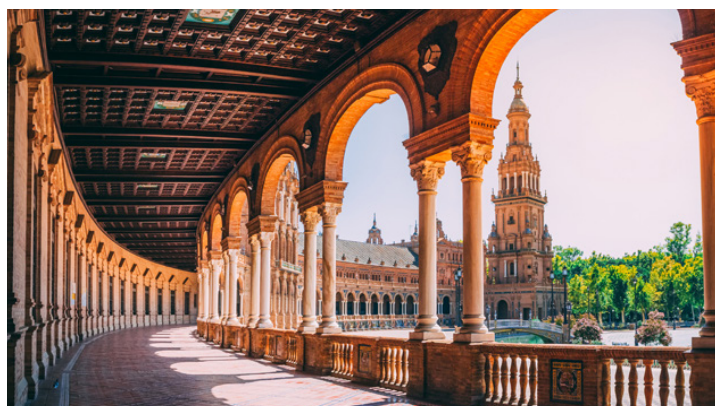


30,254
ALI



30,105
SEACOLE

Spotlight on: A Level History



History A Level gives an opportunity to learn about the world we are a part of and how its political, social, religious and economic structures were created. It will enable students to learn about the significance of various events, people, issues and societies in the Modern World. Students get a chance to understand the language used to discuss ideas, to develop an understanding of how the past has been interpreted and, importantly, to express their own ideas confidently and effectively as budding historians.

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

Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form can apply via the following link: [Apply to join](#)

SEND Department Coffee Mornings

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss your child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 8.45am - 9.45am every Wednesday.



To book an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

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.

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

Free Online Counselling Service

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).

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



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.

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 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

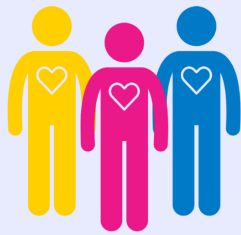


Gender Action Supporter

We are proud to announce that we are an official Gender Action supporter. The Basildon Upper Academy is committed to promoting gender equity & making sure no child's choice is limited by gendered stereotypes.



Young Carers Club



Mondays

Year 10: 3pm-5pm

Year 11: 3:30pm-5pm

Venue: The Wellbeing Centre

Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

WAFFLE DAY

To celebrate International Waffle Day The Dining Hall will be serving waffles in addition to the regular dessert menu options on **Friday 24th March**

