

## Dates for the Diary

### Presentation Evening

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 - 4pm-5pm

### Last Day of Spring Term

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Students finish at 12:30pm

### Easter Holidays

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025

### Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Bank Holiday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

### Half Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

## House Points - Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> March



33,164  
AUSTEN



31,604  
ALI



21,857  
HAWKING



19,786  
SEACOLE

## Leadership Message - Maintaining Momentum

As we approach the exam period we would like to share some hints and tips on how to support your child over the Easter break, and maintain the momentum they have built up in the last few months:

- Support their health and wellbeing by ensuring they strike a balance between revision and leisure time, and making sure they get plenty of sleep.
- If possible, provide a quiet study space free from distractions. If this is not feasible, students may prefer to use the local libraries (which provide wifi and computer access), or study with a friend at their house.
- A revision plan will help students keep on track – put it on the fridge as a constant reminder of how well they are doing.
- Keep revision time 'device-free' if possible. If they are using online apps to revise (such as Tassomai) encourage them to block social media apps during this time.
- Revision resources will be given to students to work on at home, and revision guides are still available to purchase from the Upper Academy through ParentPay.



### Summer Exam Timetables

[Year 11 Summer Exams Timetable & Revision Support](#)

[Year 12 and 13 Exam Timetable & Revision Support](#)

**S. Bellenie - Raising Standards Leader**

The admin team on both sites are welcoming to visitors and parents and have access to the new EAL translator tools which enable them to speak to each parent or child in their own language when needed.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - Amy.A (R10T1)
- ★ Year 11 - Michael.R (R11E1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Toyosi.B (R1213)

## 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.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding](http://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.

## 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](#)

# Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Online Safety Hub: Supporting Parents with The Prevent Duty

Visit our Online Safety Hub for essential advice and guidance on The Prevent Duty. This webpage provides parents with information on identifying and addressing the risks of radicalisation, as well as practical support to help keep young people safe online and in their communities. Click the following link to read more: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/the-prevent-duty-advice-and-support-for-parents>

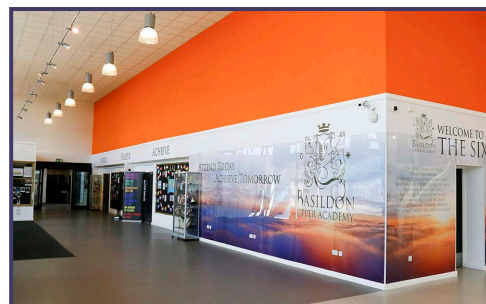
The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



## Parent Drop In - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March between 10.30am and 11.30am.

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.



## 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>



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Running Club</li></ul> <b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gym Club (Max 30 spaces)</li></ul> <b>After School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Netball</li><li>• Girls Football</li></ul>	<b>After School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basketball</li><li>• *Gym Club</li></ul>		<b>Before School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basketball</li></ul> <b>After School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 11 Sports Studies Intervention</li><li>• Badminton</li></ul>	<b>Before School:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gym Club</li></ul> <b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young Carers Multi-Sports Club</li></ul>

\* The After School Gym Club on Tuesdays is postponed until after the Easter Holidays

## Essex Sexual Health Service Webpages Dedicated to Secondary Parents & Carers

The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

[www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/](http://www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/)



## 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](mailto:admin@basildonacademies.org.uk) with the updated information.



## Insight to KPMG Virtual Work Experience Day

Join KPMG for their Virtual Work Experience Day!

Date: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Virtual (join from anywhere)



Are you a Year 11, 12, or 13 student interested in gaining experience with one of the world's leading professional services firms?

Take part in KPMG's Virtual Work Experience Day during the Easter Break and explore exciting career opportunities in business, finance, accounting, and professional services while developing key employability skills.

**Who Can Attend?** Year 11, 12, and 13 students

### What to Expect:

- Learn about KPMG's early career pathways
- Participate in interactive sessions and real-world business case studies
- Gain insights into careers in professional services
- Hear from current apprentices and senior professionals about their experiences at KPMG

### Why Attend?

- Gain valuable exposure to the world of professional services
- Build confidence and develop essential employability skills
- Understand career pathways at KPMG, including apprenticeships and other opportunities

Whether you are considering an apprenticeship, exploring work experience, or simply want to learn more about the industry, this event offers first-hand insights and expert career advice to guide your next steps.

### Register Now to Secure Your Place

Register Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPMG-Virtual>

For more information about career opportunities and other events, please visit: <https://young-professionals.uk/>

## WAFFLE DAY

TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY THE DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING WAFFLES IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR DESSERT MENU ON TUESDAY **25TH MARCH**



# BASILDON ACADEMIES

## WORD OF THE DAY

24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Shakespeare Week

Monday:	<b>Soliloquy (Noun)</b> soliloque in French Canadian Definition: An act of speaking one's thoughts aloud when by oneself or regardless of any hearers. Example: The study of Shakespeare's soliloquies provides insight into the characters' inner thoughts and motivations.
Tuesday: <i>Waffle Day</i> <i>Tolkein Day</i>	<b>Mythology (Noun)</b> mythologia in Latin Definition: A collection of myths, especially one belonging to a particular religious or cultural tradition. Example: Tolkein Day celebrates the rich mythology created by J.R.R. Tolkien, including his detailed fictional worlds.
Wednesday:	<b>Iambic (Adjective)</b> იამბიკი in Georgian Definition: Relating to a type of metrical line used in poetry, particularly in Shakespeare's works, consisting of an unstressed syllable followed by a stressed syllable. Example: Shakespeare's use of iambic pentameter is a key focus during Shakespeare Week, highlighting his poetic style.
Thursday: <i>UA Presentation Evening</i> <i>World Theatre Day</i>	<b>Dramaturgy (Noun)</b> រតនា in Khmer Definition: The theory and practice of dramatic composition. Example: Shakespeare Week explores dramaturgy, analysing the techniques used in Shakespeare's plays.
Friday:	<b>Bard (Noun)</b> bardi in Finnish Definition: A poet, traditionally one reciting epics and associated with a particular oral tradition; often used to refer to Shakespeare as "The Bard of Avon." Example: Shakespeare is often referred to as the Bard due to his profound influence on English literature and drama.

## Job of the Week: Job Recruiter

### What does a Job Recruiter do?

Your day-to-day duties might include:

- 'cold calling' companies to generate new business
- interviewing and testing job seekers, to create a pool of people ready to fill vacancies
- matching candidates to suitable jobs
- screening and shortlisting candidates before employers interview them
- meeting targets for the number of vacancies taken or the number of people placed into jobs

### Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 294,495

Essex Jobs: 7,840

Growth: +7.6%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Hampshire (8,270) 2. Essex (7,840) 3. Hertfordshire (7,568) 4. Kent (7,272) 5. Surrey (6,972)

### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Previous experience in sales, marketing or customer services, or the right skills and attitude, could help you get into this type of work. Some new recruitment consultants are graduates. You can enter recruitment with any degree, although some employers may prefer one more closely related to the industry they find staff for, like human resources, marketing or public relations.

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £29,744



Pupils learn about, and understand, the importance of respecting themselves and others. The personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum teaches pupils how to look after their physical and mental well-being. Pupils meet a range of employers and representatives from further education colleges. This helps pupils make well-informed choices about their next steps.

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## 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](http://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!





BASILDON UPPER ACADEMY PRESENTS

# *Prom 2025*

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE  
5:30 - 10PM

WELCOME DRINKS ON ARRIVAL

PARTY DJ

FOOD & DRINKS

AND MUCH MORE

ATTENDANCE MUST BE ABOVE 90% TO  
RECEIVE AN INVITATION

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH  
PARENTPAY

DRESS TO IMPRESS

PLEASE LET MISS ALLEN KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART  
OF THE PROM COMMITTEE 2025