

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Greet, Meet, Eat - Parent Event

Thursday 17th September 2026 - 5.30pm-6.30pm

Year 10 AP1 Assessments

Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October 2026

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 1st October 2026: 5pm-7pm

Meet the Tutor - Parent Event

Monday 5th October 2026: 3.15pm-4.30pm

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

STUDENT VALUE OF THE TERM

BLACK LIVES MATTER

HOUSE POINTS - WEEK ENDING 11TH SEPTEMBER



7,884
ALI



7,720
SEACOLE



7,156
HAWKING



6,600
AUSTEN

LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

We would like to say a huge thank you to our students and families for the positive start to the school year. We are especially grateful to those students who arrive on time, every day, ready to learn.

Good attendance and punctuality are very important. Every lesson matters, and being in school helps students build knowledge, develop skills, and achieve their best. Regular attendance is also linked to better future opportunities, including further education, training, and employment.

School is about more than learning in lessons. It is also where young people make friends, build confidence, take part in activities, and feel part of a community. When students attend regularly, they strengthen friendships and help create a positive environment for everyone. Their presence encourages others and makes our school community stronger.



We know that sometimes families face challenges that can affect attendance. If there is anything making it difficult for your child to attend school, please contact us through the [Contact Us](#) page so that we can offer support.

We are proud of our students and their efforts. To celebrate positive attendance and punctuality, we will be offering weekly and half-termly rewards throughout the year. Together, we can help every student get the most from school.

R. Drisdale - Attendance Champion

PARENT DROP IN

Our next Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 22nd September between 11am and 12pm.

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 11 STUDENTS TAKE PART IN ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOP

Our Year 11 students recently took part in another powerful road safety workshop delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP).

The session brought the realities of road safety to life through a multi-media theatre performance, exploring the risks associated with speeding, drink and drug driving, not wearing seatbelts and distractions.

Through dramatic scenes, monologues, sound effects and visuals, students saw how everyday decisions, distractions and peer pressure can have serious and long-lasting consequences.

The workshop supports SERP's Vision Zero aim to eliminate deaths and serious injuries on Essex roads by 2040, while helping our students prepare for the responsibilities and risks they will face as young drivers and passengers.

The visit gave students an important opportunity to reflect on their own choices, the choices of others and the importance of speaking up and looking out for each other on the road.

"The Road Safety Workshop was a great way to learn about road safety and was really interesting. The performance showed us what could happen if you drink and drive, use your phone while driving or get distracted by eating. It was a great opportunity to learn and ask questions." Gracie-Mae.M

"I really enjoyed the workshop because it showed us the right and wrong things to do on the road. We learned about the legal alcohol limit for driving and the Safer Essex Roads Partnership's Vision Zero aim to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the road to zero. I learned a lot and really enjoyed the workshop." Stevie-Lee.G



UNIFORM EXCHANGE SCHEME

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of jumpers, shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link www.esccb.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



SCHOOL CATERING INFORMATION

Looking for our latest lunch and break time menus, as well as current prices?

All catering information can be found on our Catering page:

<https://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/catering>

Here you can view:

- Lunch menus
- Break time menus
- Food and drink prices
- Information about our catering provision

We encourage students and parents/carers to check the page regularly for the latest menu options.



KOOTH - FREE ONLINE COUNSELLING SERVICE

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-18, 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).



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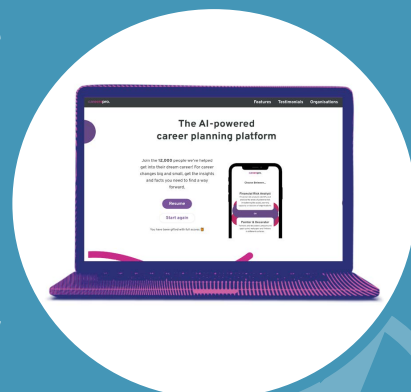
Help your child feel confident about their future with Careers Pro, an interactive online platform that matches young people with careers suited to their interests, skills, and personality.

Through a fun quiz, your child will receive personalised career suggestions and learn what each role involves. They can also add their current skills or experiences, and Careers Pro will highlight where these can be transferred into different career paths.

The platform outlines all the possible routes into each career — from GCSEs, A Levels, and university to apprenticeships, short courses, and work experience — helping you and your child understand every option available.

With Careers Pro, your child can explore their potential and make informed decisions about their future.

Please click the link to access: <https://www.careerspro.co.uk/the-basildon-upper-academy>





THE BASILDON UPPER ACADEMY

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Success Beyond Circumstance



— GREET, MEET & EAT —

YEARS 10–13 PARENTS & CARERS



THURSDAY
17 SEPTEMBER
2026



TIME
5:30PM -
6:30PM



VENUE
UPPER ACADEMY
MAIN HALL

— JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT: —



GCSE & Post-16 Expectations



Attendance & Punctuality Requirements



Examination Information & Key Dates



Revision Support Strategies



Curriculum Overview



Careers Guidance & Pathways



Work Experience Opportunities



Sixth Form Information
(where appropriate)



University, Apprenticeship &
Employment Routes



Key Dates for the Academic Year



TOGETHER WE CAN ENSURE EVERY STUDENT ACHIEVES
SUCCESS BEYOND CIRCUMSTANCE

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

ARRIVE BE HERE ATTEND IN TIME TO TO TO ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

**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	2 ½ 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.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB - A PARENT'S GUIDE TO MINECRAFT

Minecraft is one of the most popular games among children and young people, encouraging creativity, collaboration, and exploration. However, it's important for parents to understand the potential risks involved, including in-game communication, inappropriate content, and screen time.

[Click here](#) to access information and support on safety settings, setting boundaries, and talking to your child about Minecraft.

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](#)



Job of the Week: Arborist

What does an Arborist do?

An arborist is a tree care specialist who plants, maintains, and removes trees safely. Arborists help keep trees healthy and protect people, buildings, and the environment.

Key Responsibilities:

- assessing hazards posed by trees
- assessing tree health and treatment
- pruning or removing branches
- planting and felling trees

Labour Market Information

- +104.2% 481,736 jobs
- +112.7% in your region of East of England, an increase of 49,266 jobs



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Many arborists enter the career through:

- College courses in forestry or arboriculture
- Apprenticeships
- Trainee positions with tree care companies
- Useful UK qualifications include certificates in chainsaw use, climbing, and tree inspection.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£26,251

BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

14th - 19th September 2026

Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday: Highland Games (Braemar Gathering)	Caber (noun) Kaber in Norwegian <i>Definition:</i> A long, heavy log thrown as part of a traditional Scottish athletic competition. <i>Example:</i> The caber toss was the main event at the Braemar Gathering during the Highland Games.	
Tuesday: International Country Music Day	Yodeling (noun) Jodeln in German <i>Definition:</i> A form of singing in which the voice fluctuates rapidly between the normal voice and falsetto, common in country music. <i>Example:</i> Yodeling was a featured performance on International Country Music Day, highlighting its roots in the genre.	
Wednesday: World Patient Safety Day	Adverse Event (noun) Nebenwirkung in German <i>Definition:</i> An injury caused by medical management rather than the patient's underlying condition. <i>Example:</i> World Patient Safety Day raises awareness of adverse events to promote safer practices in healthcare settings.	
Thursday: National Cheeseburger Day	Emulsification (noun) Emulsjon in Norwegian <i>Definition:</i> The process of mixing two liquids that normally do not combine, often used in cooking sauces or condiments. <i>Example:</i> The secret to the perfect cheeseburger lies in the emulsification of the cheese sauce, creating a smooth, creamy texture.	
Friday: Youth Mental Health Day	Resilience (noun) Resiliens in Swedish <i>Definition:</i> The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness, especially in the context of mental health. <i>Example:</i> On Youth Mental Health Day, workshops focused on building resilience among young people to help them manage stress and anxiety.	



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School Nurse Drop-in

**Basildon Upper Academy Drop-in:
Monday Breaks & Lunchtimes Medical Room**

Awkward Topics...

**Sexual Health & Sex
Relationships
Drugs & Alcohol
Smoking
Sexuality**

Confidentiality

**You can talk to me in confidence
at drop-in about things you're
worried about, but maybe don't
want to talk about with other
adults**

Support with

- **Emotional & Physical health**
- **Exam Stress**
- **Friendship issues**



Just Drop-in at break or lunchtime



**School nurse door is open
at break and lunchtimes
for pupils to drop in**

School Nurse Info...

**Lauren
Collins**

**NMC
Registered
Nurse**

**Safeguarding
Support**

**Allan
Ersser**

**Child and
Young Person
Practitioner**