

VOICE



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It is the end of another exciting and rewarding year at the academy.

This is the first year that I have had the honour of leading both academies, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support I have been given by you as students, parents, carers and members of our community.

As you know my roots are firmly in Basildon and it has been fantastic to see what we can achieve as a community when we work together to support our students on their #BALearningJourney.

I look forward to working with you again in the new academic year and wish you a great summer break.

Gary Smith

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Summer Term

19th July 2018

Lessons finish at 12.50pm

A Level Results Day

16th August 2018

GCSE Results Day

23rd August 2018

First Day of Autumn Term

5th September 2018

Students to arrive by 8.25am

Staff Inset -

Non Student Day

5th October 2018

STAFF DEFEAT SIXTH FORM IN CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

Our Sixth Form students recently played members of staff in a pulsating end to end charity football match to help raise money for Unicef.

In a very competitive contest, the staff team won by a single goal, beating the Sixth Form team 5-4.



Differing opinions about the result, came after the game:-

"It was a very enjoyable game. Well done to the Sixth Form team, they played very well. They could have won the game and were definitely in the ascendancy towards the end. If it wasn't for the staff's 2 early goals it could have been very different." **Mr Highfield** - Teacher of Science.

Year 12 student and spectator **Kris Agblemegah** commented "It was a close game and I think the Sixth Form team should have won, they had enough chances.

"In the end our experience and superior tactical knowledge shone through on the day and made sure the best team won". A slightly gloating **Mr Fitten**.

"We were robbed!" exclaimed Sixth Form team captain **Jake Garwood** "The game didn't start well for us, we went two nil down conceding both goals early on and in quick succession. We did fantastically well to turn the first half around and went in at half time leading 3-2. We played well in the second half but, a few key refereeing decisions went against us. Their Keeper Miss Bailey made some phenomenal saves". Commenting on the overall event itself Jake continued; "It was a really good experience to play against the teachers, it would be great for the school to have a charity match like this every year".



"It was a game full of questionable decisions and large quantities of luck for the teachers, a rematch would have a different outcome" **Harry Bonner** - Year 12.



YEAR 8 CHOOSE GCSE OPTIONS

In order to support our Year 8 students in making informed GCSE Options choices, we have recently held an information fayre for students, parents and carers. Staff were available to discuss the merits of their relevant specialist areas, including student led sessions in Drama and Catering. The Year 8's thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to visit the Upper Academy and discuss their future aspirations.

Since this event, parents and carers have been accompanying their children to personalised options selection appointments where a 1-1 discussion has facilitated, informed and engaged decision making.

"The options process has been very straightforward and made it easy for Riley to choose what he wants to do." **Mrs Painter**, parent of Riley Norman.

"For me it is important that Maria chooses subjects that she really enjoys doing. I believe there is less pressure if you study what you are really interested in." **Mrs Magean**, parent of Maria Magean.

"My future ambition is to start my own business in the Tourism industry and I have chosen Business & Geography as two of my options. My mum has been really supportive in helping me decide." **Maria Magean**.



■ Year 8 student Maria and her mother Mrs Magean.

"I knew that I wanted to choose Child Care because my dream is to become a midwife. Another subject I have chosen is Business Studies because it looks really interesting" **Keira Emery**.

"Keira knows that there is a lot of studying coming up to get to where she needs to be. Her older brother and sister have both studied GCSE's at the Academies and have been very supportive by offering Keira advice." **Mrs Emery**, parent of Keira Emery.

STUDENTS REPRESENT ACADEMY AT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP



■ Left to right: **Olivia Mano** (Discus), **Beau Hollis & Dexter Ohazurume** (200 Metres) & **Vlad Aioanei** (Javelin).

Congratulations to Year 7 students whose excellent performances at the District Athletics led to them representing the Academy at the recent Essex County Athletics Championship.

"It was great for the Academy to have students competing at the County Championships again. All of our young athletes who have taken part in the District and the County events have worked really hard to make personal progress." **Mr Newman** - Teacher of PE.

LESSONS FROM AUSCHWITZ

Well done to a group of our Sixth Form students who have delivered a poignant and reflective presentation on the subject of the Holocaust.

Chloe Eley, Emmie Guppy, Kurtis Pope and Rares Turcu have been taking part in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project, during which time they have met with Holocaust survivor Steven Frank and visited the site of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

To share their experiences and to raise awareness with others, the group invited parents, students and members of staff to a presentation and discussion forum at the Upper Academy Library.



■ Sixth Form student Kurtis Pope sharing his experiences with Year 10 students.



■ Mr Smith & Miss Hayers discussing the project with Sixth Form student Chloe Eley.

The lesson they passed on can be summarised in a quote they used from historian Yehuda Bauer which explains that 'the horror of the holocaust is not that it deviated from human norms; the horror is that it didn't. What happened may happen again, to others not necessarily Jews, perpetrators by others, not necessarily Germans. We are all possible victims, possible bystanders and possible perpetrators.'

The students also emphasised the need to remember the victims, not as a figure of 6 million, but as the individuals that they were before the holocaust; ordinary people with hopes and ambitions. Also to remember the perpetrators, not as monsters, but also as ordinary people.

"In years to come, unfortunately, there will be no one alive to tell the story from their own personal experiences of Auschwitz. I feel it is our responsibility and duty to be able to pass on 'that story' to keep it alive throughout history." **Chloe Eley** - Year 13.

"I knew that a lot of people needlessly lost their lives but didn't realise to what extent. Talking and listening to the Sixth Formers helped me understand the scale and impact of the atrocity." **Victoria Daley** - Year 10.

"I am so incredibly proud of all of the students involved in the project. They have taken full grasp of this opportunity and worked very hard to ensure they can pass on the lessons they have learnt about how and why we remember the Holocaust." **Mrs Thomas** - Teacher of History.

JAMIE AND MATIJUS TAKE PART IN FOOTBALL MASTERCLASS

Year 8 students Jamie and Matijus recently spent a day learning football skills from coaches of one of the biggest clubs in the world, Real Madrid.

The boys took part in the fun and unique coaching experience alongside students from across Essex at The Brentwood School Centre.

"It was a really enjoyable experience. The coaches helped me develop skills including a technique for passing the ball quicker and with more accuracy." **Jamie Bush.**



■ Matijus & Jamie with their participation certificates.

"The coaching staff explained to us how the Real Madrid players train and what tactics they use. I have come away from the session more aware of positioning during a game and how I can help my team mates." **Matijus Mikalickas.**

YEAR 7 LEARN MONOPRINTING

A group of Year 7 students have recently been creating fantastic monoprint designs as part of their 'Natural Forms' art project.

Monoprinting is a form of printmaking where the image can only be made once, unlike most printmaking which allows for multiple originals. Any repeated attempts will always look slightly different. The technique involves rolling a layer of ink on a flat surface, placing paper on top and drawing straight onto the paper. The ink will transfer from the flat surface on to the paper.

"Learning monoprinting has been really enjoyable. Miss Reynolds has been teaching us some really good skills and techniques with the roller." **Angel Johnson.**

"This project has allowed me to express my creative understanding of natural object printing. It was fun to explore the effects of monoprinting." **Ana Vieru.**



■ Miss Reynolds demonstrating the rolling technique to Krya Cotter & Ashlee Maher-Daniels.

"Creating artwork using this technique has been really fun." **Joselyn Nyalongwembe.**

Miss Reynolds was full of praise for the group: "Usually I would only use this process with Year 9, but the group showed enough maturity and motivation for me to select them to take part."



■ Razvan Nita working on his monoprint fish artwork.

CHECK OUT STUDENTS ARTWORK ON INSTAGRAM

Follow BAU_Artdept to check out our GCSE and A-Level Art and Photography students' creativity. See if you can spot your own work! www.instagram.com/bua_artdept/



'THIS GIRL CAN' TEAM HELP YEAR 3 PUPILS GET ACTIVE

As part of the 'This Girl Can Essex' project, a group of our female students have been helping primary school children to get active. With expert guidance from 'Sport for Confidence' mentor Sinead Kelly, the girls delivered fun and active sessions to twenty Year 3 pupils from Lee Chapel Primary School. The activities included basketball, boccia and boxing.



■ Year 9 student Ellie Hornsby working with Year 3 pupil.

"I really enjoyed teaching the Year 3 pupils and loved the different ways each of them reacted." **Olivia Huntley - Year 9.**

"Teaching the younger children was a really good experience, it was great to see them smiling and enjoying the physical activities we set them." **Liliana Donnelly - Year 9.**

ACTIVE LEARNING DAY

Year 7 students recently took part in an Active Learning Day, where they were set many different tasks and activities across all subjects, with some lessons taking place outside of the classroom.

"I really enjoyed the Active Learning tasks, in particular designing, creating and launching our own rocket." **Nina Matuszewska.**

"Building rockets has been awesome, I really liked working as part of a team as well." **George Lambert.**



■ Mr Eke & Michelle Donnelly ready for takeoff.

UNIVERSITY VISITS INSPIRE SIXTH FORM & YEAR 9

Academy students have recently been taking part in inspirational events at the University of Essex, Colchester Campus.

Year 9's visit involved a guided tour, interactive workshops and taster sessions, enabling them to discover what university life is like.

"I realised today that university is something I can achieve. The campus at the University of Essex is inspirational and somewhere that I might like to go" **Ria Walker** - Year 9.

"I am now inspired to go to university and follow my ambitions in engineering and business" **Stefan Vijan** - Year 9.



Sixth Form students attended the Higher Education Exhibition at the same venue, where they had the opportunity to attend lectures and talk to representatives from universities from across the country.

"I never thought the university pathway would suit me, now I cannot wait to apply for uni." **Tate Bryant** - Year 12.

"The day was really interesting and provided me with a lot of useful information. I learned that the criteria for getting into many universities is not as demanding as I had first thought." **Andrea Herciu** - Year 12.

STUDENTS EXCEL AT LOWER ACADEMY SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Hawking House, the winning team of this year's Lower Academy Sports Day. Despite the warm weather, the student's motivation to compete in their chosen events was exceptional. Well done to everyone who took part.

"It was an amazing day that allowed me to do what I love. I thought it was great that everyone participated, even the teachers." **Ashlee Maher-Daniels** - Year 7.

"Sports day was a fun filled day which allowed me to express my love for sports." **Ana Vieru** - Year 7.

"Sports day was tiring but fun, my favourite part was the ice cream sale for charity." **Dora Maughan** - Year 7.

"I really enjoyed sports day, everyone was having fun and there were lots of activities to take part in." **Jon Mansi** - Year 7.



Sports Day winners - Hawking House.



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