

Dates for the Diary

Parent Drop In

Wednesday 20th March 2024 8:30am-9:30am

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 27th March 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Bank Holiday

Friday 29th March 2024

Easter Holidays

Monday 1st - Friday 12th April 2024

Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 22nd April - Friday 3rd May 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

House Points - Week Ending 15th March



16,177
ALI



15,748
AUSTEN



12,346
HAWKING



11,834
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

To celebrate the student value of 'Women's Rights are Human Rights' I thought it would be timely to let you know that as a school we are actively highlighting the success of women in STEM. We have invested in vibrant wall wraps that promote diversity and personal endeavour that we do hope inspire the students. These new stimulating visuals, focus on aspirational role models that we would like our students to emulate the success of.

Dame Maggie Aderin-Pocock is represented on our most recent wall wrap in the Maths department. She is a physicist, astronomer, and the chancellor of the University of Leicester. She is the first black woman to win a gold medal in the Physics News Award and has served as the president of the British Science Association. She is also dyslexic showing that, in their own way, anyone can overcome barriers to learning. Her enthusiasm about science is fantastic and my hope is that as students pass her portrait in the corridor, surrounded by the galaxy, they consider her passion and are encouraged to discover their own.



British Science Week

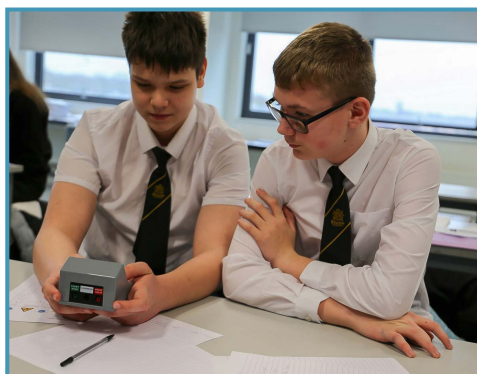
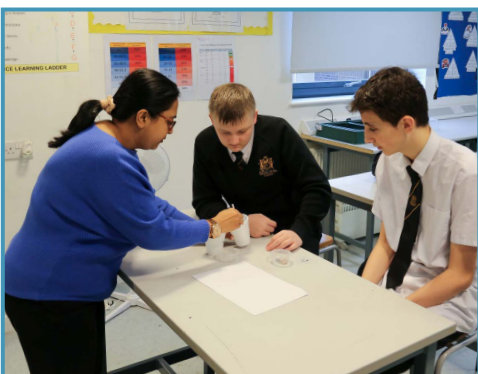
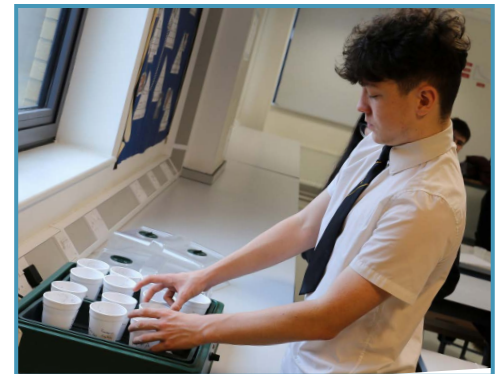
Last week, Year 10 students took part in a series of British Science Week activities linked to the theme of 'Time'.

To start the week of discovery, students designed sand timers to demonstrate that accurate measurement lies at the heart of scientific inquiry, serving as a fundamental pillar for drawing reliable conclusions.

Students investigated the chronological evolution of the universe by constructing a timeline spanning 13.8 billion years, tracing back to the beginning of the universe.

In another practical activity, students planted seedlings in various types of compost and will monitor the progress of growth over the next few weeks. This will help them to understand what factors influence the time it takes for plants to grow.

Our scientists also investigated biomagnification within a food chain; they were divided into groups representing insects, bats and peregrine falcons. Using coloured tokens, students simulated predator-prey interactions in a competitive game similar to rock, paper, scissors.



Congratulations Zac

Congratulations to Zac.C, who was the lucky winner of a 10-inch tablet courtesy of the National Foundation for Educational Research. Zac was one of the students chosen to complete a National Reference Test during the mocks 2 exam series and was chosen at random from a national raffle to receive the prize.

Zac was presented with the tablet by Exams Officer S.Rowe. We hope it supports him in preparing his forthcoming GCSE exams.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 11th March 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Alfie.S (R10U2)
- ★ Year 11 - Chyanne.B (R11T2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Kayla.O (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 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, 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.

Student 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 Medical Room



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.

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

Applications for September 2024 admissions to our Sixth Form are now open. The online application form can be completed by visiting the following link: [Sixth Form Apply to Join](#)

Young Carers Club



Mondays

Year 10, 12 & 13: 3pm-5pm

Year 11: 3:30pm-5pm

Venue: Enhanced Provision

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

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

Prom Donations

As we are approaching Prom 2024, we are looking to see if any of you have any suitable pre-loved suits that you wouldn't mind kindly donating to our in-house Prom Shop!

This is set up to support students who may not have access to a smart suit.

Any donations will be gratefully received into the reception office on either site.



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

18th March- 22nd March 2024
(St Patrick's Day- 17th)

Monday:	Thespian: Thespian, oyo azali in Lingala A person relating to drama & the theatre.
Tuesday:	Monologue: ekaalaap in Hindi A long speech made by one actor in a play, film etc..
Wednesday:	Wings: baalal in Somali The space offstage to the right/left of the acting area in a theatre.
Thursday:	Stage Direction: Ntuziaka ogbo in Igbo An instruction to an actor or director written into the script of a play.
Friday:	Kaleidoscopic: ካለይዶስኮፒክ ዝበሃል ምዃኑ ይፍለጥ in Tigrinya Changing form, pattern, colour, etc., in a manner suggesting a kaleidoscope.

Job of the Week: Parking Attendant



What does a Parking Attendant do?
A parking attendant is an individual who ensures everyone using the car park does so according to the proper rules and regulations. Also known as parking warden and civil enforcement officer. These attendants patrol assigned car parks and streets to check for violations and issue penalty charge notices (PCNs) to any offenders. The work usually involves spending a considerable time outdoors in diverse weather conditions with large amounts of walking.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 60,000
- Essex jobs: 348
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (534), Essex (348), Surrey (143), Kent (130), Leicestershire (40)

Let's Talk Money
UK annual median: £21,243

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Many employers only require you to have GCSEs in maths and English. Some training or courses relevant to the job may also help you differentiate yourself from others.

Examples include a Level 2 and Level 3 Diploma in Customer Service, a Level 2 Certificate in Conflict Management or any functional skills qualifications.



Parent Drop In - Wednesday 20th March

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 20th March, between 8:30am and 9:30am.

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.



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.
- 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

Did you know? **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK



LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184** days a year.

Target 97%+

175
days are **NOT**
spent in school
each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.



SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.

WAFFLE DAY

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



EASTER TREATS



On Thursday 28th March The Dining Hall
will be serving a selection of Easter themed
cakes & biscuits at break & lunchtime.

Each item will be 50p.



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