

## Dates for the Diary

**Parent Forum Meeting - Venue: Upper Academy**  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 4-5pm

**Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Presentation Evening**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - 4pm-5pm

**Last Day of Autumn Term**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**First Day of Spring Term**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN  
IS ILLEGAL**

## House Points - Week Ending 8<sup>th</sup> December



8,869  
ALI



7,502  
SEACOLE



7,470  
AUSTEN



6,609  
HAWKING

## Leadership Message

I am thrilled to spotlight the success and dedication of our students through our rewards programme and share with you that the rewards event taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December will be at Ninja Warrior UK Chelmsford. The event will cater for a total of 180 students across the two days with the venue being exclusive to our students during their session.

I am determined that our rewards programme not only celebrates academic success but also recognises those students who have made significant improvements during the term whether it be through improved attendance or through the positive choices that they now make. The rewards programme is designed not only to celebrate achievements but also to foster a positive and supportive learning environment.

By acknowledging and rewarding hard work and improvements shown by students, we aim to create a culture where students feel motivated to set and achieve their goals, contributing to a school community that values and supports one another.



K. Boyce-Charman  
Assistant Headteacher

## Presentation Evening Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

The Upper Academy Presentation Evening is being held this Wednesday in the main hall from 4-5pm. Students have been selected from all departments and should be very proud that they are being recognised for their effort in lessons this year. These awards can also be used by students to support college, sixth form and university applications.

If your child is receiving an award, you will have received an invitation to the event. Please let us know how many guests will be attending to ensure that we can accommodate everyone. We look forward to celebrating with you on Wednesday.

## Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day 20<sup>th</sup> December

All students are invited to take part in this year's Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Basildon Academies are raising money for Save the Children so we ask that a donation is made from all students participating in non-uniform. Staff will be at the front door with collection buckets to greet the students as they arrive.



## Academies Donate Christmas Gifts to Southend Charity

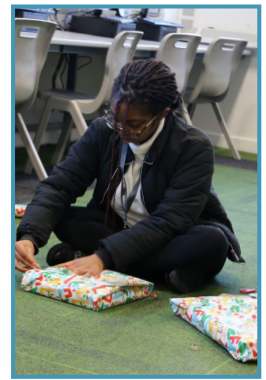
During the last few weeks, Sixth Form students, along with staff at both the Lower and Upper Academy, have been collecting books and board games for the Centre Place FOOD Club in Southend.

Students Kai.L, Chizzy.N and Asia.J worked with A.Taylor, Leader of Health and Social Care and Childcare; to plan and organise a toy donation appeal, to support families in the local community this Christmas. The students got involved with the festivities, wrapping the presents to donate to the charity.

"Helping with the toy appeal can spread joy and happiness to children who are less fortunate than ourselves." Chizzy.N – Year 13

"I am aware that there are some children that are not as fortunate as others, and I want to give them at least a hint of enjoyment for this Christmas holiday." Asia.J – Year 13

"It was wonderful to be able to share some joy with other families this Christmas through this fantastic charity and recognise and remember others at this key time of year. We really enjoyed picking out books which we love as a family, and we hope those who get them will too. Thank you to the charity and to the team in school for all their hard work and efforts to support them. It will mean a lot to others this Christmas." N.Fischer - Teacher of English and Key Stage Leader.



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Zachary.K (10AE)
- ★ Year 11 - Amelia.D (R11T1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Jessica.S (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 Drama & Theatre



The Performing Arts industry contributes approximately Four Billion to the UK economy? Do you enjoy performing and would like to pursue a career in the Arts? Do you have a passion for the theatre?

This course is designed to create industry professionals for stage and screen and develop essential academic skills and knowledge needed for a future in performance related careers. You will develop performance skills including acting, voice and movement in a highly practical environment and develop essential research and written skills as you learn about different theatre companies and practitioner work.

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

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](#)

## 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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)

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# 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!



**Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time**



# Christmas Dinner

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Main Meal Options

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets  
Cauliflower Pithivier  
Vegan Wellington

Served with: Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,  
Brussel Sprouts, Yorkshire Puddings,  
Stuffing & Gravy

### Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding  
Mince Pies  
Chocolate Yule Log  
Mini Blackforest Gateau  
Jelly

Christmas Dinner comes with fresh  
fruit juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

## Year 13 Mock Exams

<b>Week 2 Monday 11th December</b>			
<b>Day</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Duration</b>
Monday 11th Dec	8.30am	Year 13 Criminology	4 hours
	1.30pm	Maths 2	2 hours
Tuesday 12th Dec	8.30am	Sociology 3	2 hours
	8.30am	French	2 hours
	8.30am	Chemistry 2	2 hours
	1.30pm	Maths 3	1 hour
	1.30pm	German	2 hours
	8.30am/1.30pm	3D Design	ALL DAY - 5 hours
	8.30am/1.30pm	Drama	ALL DAY - 5 hours
	8.30am/1.30pm	Art/Photography	ALL DAY - 5 hours
Wednesday 13th Dec	8.30am	Chemistry 3	2 hours
	8.30am	German Listening	2 hours
	8.30am	French Listening	2 hrs 30mins
	8.30am/1.30pm	Art/Photography	ALL DAY - 5 hours
Thursday 14th Dec	8.30am/1.30pm	Graphics/Textiles	ALL DAY - 5 hours
	8.30am	Year 12 Criminology	4 hours
Friday 15th Dec	8.30am/1.30pm	Graphics/Textiles	ALL DAY - 5 hours

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# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

11<sup>th</sup> December- 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Monday: (UNICEF Day for Change)	<b>Modification:</b> പരിഷ്കരണം (parishkaranam) in malayalam the state of being modified; partial alteration.
Tuesday:	<b>Transformation:</b> تبدیلی (tabdeeli) in Urdu change in form, appearance, nature, or character.
Wednesday:	<b>Variation:</b> вариации in Russian a different form of something; variant.
Thursday:	<b>Alteration:</b> wax ka bedelid in Somali a change; modification or adjustment.
Friday:	<b>Revolution:</b> rewolucja in polish a sudden, complete or marked change in something.

Channels of communication are clear on an individual and collective level. The weekly newsletter is carefully crafted to keep parents informed and updated and the school website, which has recently been redesigned, is a well organised rich source of key information for parents.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026

## Young Carers Club

**Mondays**

Year 10, 12 & 13: 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.

**Aspire - Believe - Achieve**