

Dates for the Diary

Hate Crime Awareness Week

Saturday 14th - Saturday 21st October 2023

Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday 31st October 2023: 4.30-5.30pm

Armistice Day

Saturday 11th November 2023

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November 2023

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 13th October



3,789
AUSTEN



3,737
ALI



3,668
HAWKING



3,462
SEACOLE

Quality of Education Leadership Message

At the Upper Academy we have a strong focus on academic progress throughout all the year groups. To help ensure progress we have a robust assessment policy that ensures all students understand their areas of strength and areas for development in all their subjects. This also ensures that teaching staff can adapt their teaching and resources to support, stretch and intervene where needed.

In Years 10 and 11, students complete an assessment in class every 2 weeks, called Find Out Fortnight. The aim of these assessments is for the students and their teachers to find out what they know and what topics they might need to revisit. These assessments are followed by a 'feed forward' lesson where students are given the opportunity in class to close any of those gaps and secure progress. In the 6th form, students complete an assessment every lesson and receive feedback on their progress which is then acted upon.

In the next half term all Year 11 and 13 students will be completing their mock exam series. In this exam series we hope to replicate the summer exams and assess students on all aspects of their courses, including practical exams. The Year 10 and 12 students will also have their first Assessment Point (AP1) in January which will assess their progress since the start of the academic year. All mocks and AP's are held in our exam venues with our team of invigilators to ensure that students become familiar with the requirements of the exams board, taking into account any access arrangements.

We look forward to celebrating the progress and achievements of the students throughout the academic year and hope you can join us tonight from 4-5pm at the Upper Academy for the Progress Review Event.



Mrs S. Szuszkiewicz
Deputy Headteacher

SEND Department Coffee Mornings Every Tuesday 11am - 12pm

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss their child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 11am - 12pm every Tuesday.

To book an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 9th October 2023.

- ★ Year 10 - Oliver.N (T10E2)
- ★ Year 11 - William.B (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Georgina.T (R1213)

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.



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 Wellbeing Centre



Spotlight on: Media Studies - A Level



Are you a Netflix binge watcher, vlogger, gamer, social networker, or simply a casual media consumer? Whatever your relationship with the media is, you will benefit from the insight, knowledge and skills that a Media Studies course can provide.

This is a challenging subject in which you will examine online media, magazines, institutions, audiences, drama, advertising, and marketing critically and analytically. It would suit those with an academic background, and would complement any subject combination, including Psychology, Sociology and Politics.

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

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

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 should 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



Year 11 Mock Interviews

Year 11 students recently had the fantastic opportunity to participate in mock interviews with industry professionals.

The event was organised by the Department of Work and Pensions, who secured business leaders and employers from various industries, to conduct interviews with our students.

This was an invaluable experience for students to take part in, with constructive feedback given after each interview.

"This event was beneficial because it gave me a better understanding of how an interview would work. It has helped me communicate better on a one-to-one basis and with a person I've never met. The interview also gave me the opportunity to talk about my skills and achievements."
Bo-Starr.O



"The mock interview was very useful. It helped me improve my speaking and listening skills as well as gain experience of what a job interview would be like." Fred.C

"The interviewer was the ideal person to speak to because we are both interested in construction. He spoke to me about the company Morgan Sindall, which piqued my interest." Zac.C

"I feel like this event was of benefit to me and has helped me to be more confident." Moosa.D

"This event was very inspiring. The interviewer I engaged with was kind, and I felt comfortable and confident when talking to her. This experience has taught me the various institutions that are available for me to pursue my dream career of Zoologist. This has also given me an idea of what a real interview looks and feels like which will help me in future." Eluney.BF

"The interview process made me realise that an interview is all about presenting yourself, describing the skills you have and how to answer questions. I feel I may have a better chance of getting a job in later life because of this event." Kelsie.D



"The students I have spoken to today have been very pleasant to talk to. Many of the students know what they want to do when they leave education, which is very refreshing to hear." Louise Berry – Elite Leadership Development

"This event gave me a good understanding about job interviews and what type of questions might be asked. I also learned that I could apply for part time jobs when I am 16." Harrison.B

"Applying for a job and attending an interview is not just about your qualifications, your personality and how you present yourself is equally important." John Spafford - Elite Leadership Development

TA's are deployed according to the needs of the children and TA's are encouraged to use their own interests and strengths. Support in the classroom is effective and pupils spoke about this very positively, "they help explain things better", another pupil articulated, "I feel confident in the classroom, TA's help me to get through school".



Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026

Cultural Fayre

For the past six weeks, Year 10 students have been working incredibly hard to plan and research their stalls for the Cultural Fayre that took place on Thursday. Students were able to learn about each other's cultures and embrace their traditions. This event fostered respect and open-mindedness for other cultures and provided understanding, inclusion, and enjoyment.

We look forward to seeing what our Year 11 students produce for their Cultural Fayre later this year.

"I really enjoyed the Cultural Fayre because I learned about other cultures. It also gave me an opportunity to represent my own culture and its traditions. It was a very proud moment for me." Heer.B

"It was really nice to see people interested in other cultures." Rebecca.O

"Putting in the effort to show people about our countries was very rewarding." Maria.P

"It was nice to see people enjoying the cookies that we had made. It was vibes." Neyla.T



Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, 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).



Free Fruit Fridays



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime or lunchtime.

Upper Academy Year 10 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	
Tuesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Maths Club Maths Corridor U/3/G
Wednesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ French Club U/3/S C1 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Thursday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Humanities U/1/G S3 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Friday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	

#EveryMinuteCounts

Upper Academy Year 11 Intervention Programme

	Lunch	3.30-4.30pm
Monday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	
Tuesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Maths Club in the Maths corridor U/3/G ➤ ICT Club U/3/S C4 ➤ Childcare Club (Until the end of Half term 1) U/1/S C3
Wednesday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ Science Club U/2/F S1 ➤ French Club U/3/S C2 ➤ Business Club U/3/S C4 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Thursday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	➤ English Club ➤ Humanities U/1/G S3 ➤ SEN Revision Club SEN Room
Friday	➤ Homework Club U3GC3	



Year 11 Saturday School 21st October

- Saturday School will take place at The Lower Academy
- Lessons will run from 9.30-11.30am
- Non-School Uniform
- Subjects: English, Maths, Science, Business and French.



To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall

Dishes for Wednesday 18th October:



Jerk Pork Burger



Caribbean Vegetable Curry



Mango Fruit Cocktail

SPOOKTACULAR FOOD

TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING 'FANG-TASTIC' CAKES & BISCUITS AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER



ALL CAKES & BISCUITS WILL BE 50P EACH

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