

Dates for the Diary

World Religion Day

Sunday 19th January 2025

Year 10 AP1 Assessments

Monday 20th - Friday 31st January 2025

Year 11 & Year 13 Progress Review (Online)

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Holocaust Memorial Day

Monday 27th January 2025

Year 12 AP1 Assessments

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February 2025

Student Value of the Term

KINDNESS IS EVERYTHING

House Points - Week Beginning 6th January



22,072
AUSTEN



20,925
ALI



15,434
HAWKING



13,870
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

As we welcome the start of a new term, I hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready to enter spring term. Every half term, we will be rewarding students for their positive attendance, so what better time than now to target 100% attendance. We have recently introduced additional support by providing students with dedicated attendance mentors to support students with any barriers that may be affecting their attendance, this is an additional layer of support alongside the normal process of contact through the dedicated team.



We are very excited to welcome all students back. With upcoming assessments for some year groups and reflection of assessments that took place before Christmas, it is important to ensure that we are present, after all, success is all about being in the right place at the right time, and being present is the first step towards achieving this.

We would like to thank students for their efforts with attending every day and being part of our school community.

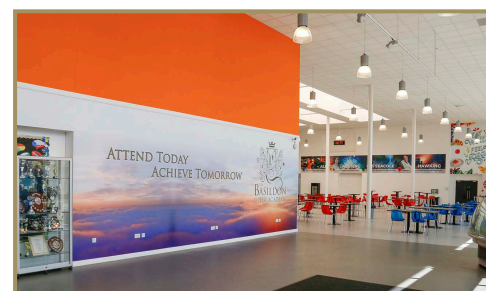
S. Killick

Assistant Headteacher & Attendance Champion

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 8th January

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 8th January 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.



There are 32 external agencies that the school have been successful in engaging to deliver provision through their wellbeing centres in addition to their own programmes and this is all carefully mapped and evaluated.

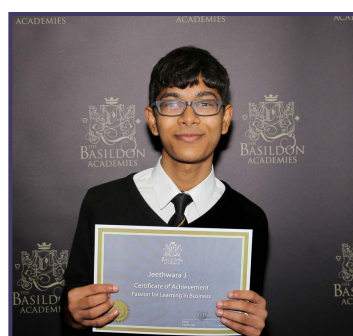
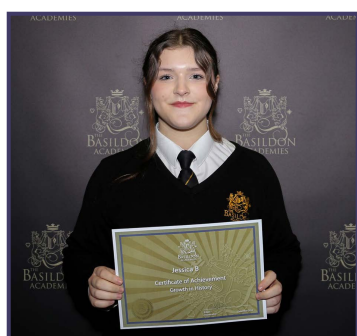
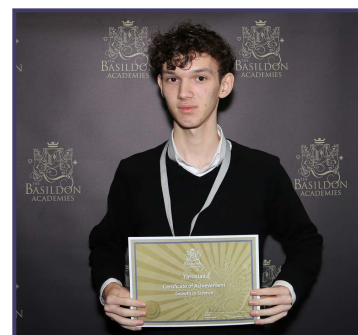


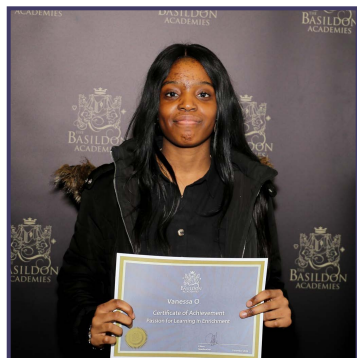
Excellence in Pupil Development Award

2023-2026

Presentation Evening

Congratulations to all of our students who received an award at the Presentation Evening held during the final week of term. It was a wonderful way to end the year, with families and staff coming together to celebrate and recognise the achievements of our students.





Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 16th December 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Nathan.D (R10X2)
- ★ Year 11 - Phoenix.P (R11)
- ★ Sixth Form - Sinead.C (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.

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 3 Sports



If you love sport and want to develop your skills and knowledge in order to pursue a career in the sports and leisure industry, then this course is for you. It combines up to date knowledge of the sport and leisure industry with the right balance of practical learning and assessments delivered flexibly to develop skills needed for a sporting career or further education. We aim to equip every learner with the fundamental skills for a career in sport.

This qualification is equivalent to three A Levels.

You will also be guaranteed funding of up to £150 towards a recognised professional qualification such as an officiating award of your choice.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 3 Sports](#)

Tassomai – Homework Learning Platform

Tassomai is our designated homework platform for English, Maths, and Science. It provides students with daily challenges to support and reinforce their learning in these key subjects.

Parent/Carer Login:

All parents/carers should have received an email invitation sent to the primary contact address listed on our MIS system. If you have not received this email, you can easily reset your password here:

<https://app.tassomai.com/password/reset>

Student Login:

Username : school email address

Password: SmartWayToStudy

Students can change their password once they log in.

We encourage parents to support their children in regularly using Tassomai to complete these daily challenges, which are a valuable tool for academic progress. For more information about Tassomai, please visit:

<https://www.tassomai.com/blog-content>



Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Afolabi Wins Prize at Basildon Skills Show

Congratulations to Year 11 student Afolabi, who recently won a prize at the Basildon Skills Show. Afolabi participated in a prize draw at the event by answering questions about the various stalls on display.

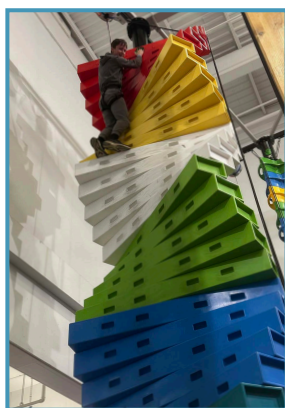
The Basildon Skills Show is an annual event designed to help students explore a range of career paths, training opportunities, and further education options. Afolabi's efforts were rewarded with a £10 Amazon voucher, one of six prizes available in the draw.

"I am so elated to be a lucky winner. The Skills Show inspired me to push through with my future career in medicine." Afolabi.F – Year 11



Students Rewarded with Rock Climbing Adventure

Year 10 and 11 students recently enjoyed an exciting reward visit to 'Rock Up,' the popular rock-climbing venue at Thurrock Lakeside. The trip was a celebration of students' dedication to PE, Sport Studies, and consistent attendance to PE after-school clubs.



Basildon Academies Deliver Christmas Donations to Southend FOOD Club

During the last week of term, the Basildon Academies Charity Committee proudly delivered Christmas donations to the Southend FOOD Club. This marked the second year in a row that the Academies have contributed to this worthy cause, continuing a tradition of generosity and community spirit.

Led by Sixth Form members, the Charity Committee had previously wrapped Christmas presents generously donated by staff. Adding a personal touch, Year 10 students wrote individualised gift tags for each recipient, making the donations even more special.

The Southend FOOD Club gratefully received the contributions, which we hoped help brighten the festive season for many families in need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this meaningful project, helping to make it a success for the second consecutive year!



Uniform Price Increase

We have been advised by our school uniform suppliers, SWI Schoolwear, that from **February 1st 2025**, there will be an increase in price across uniform of 3.4%, in line with Retail Price Index (RPI).

Should you require any additional uniform for your child, please order before the end of January to benefit from the current price.

Online Safety Hub Recommended Resource of the Week: Review of Instagram

Instagram is an incredibly popular photo & video sharing platform. Users set up a profile and post content for their followers to see. Cyber bullying is common on Instagram, as well as Influencers posting the 'perfect' pictures of themselves, which isn't always helpful for young people's self-esteem. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to the social media platform Instagram.



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](#)

Date	Enterprise Department Exams	Time
11 th December to 16 th January	Business Unit 6 Part A	<u>6 hour</u> window
8 th January	Business Unit 2 Part A	2 hours pm
9 th January	Business Unit 2 Part B	3 hours am
10 th January	IT Unit 1	2 hours am
13 th January	Business Unit 3	2 hours am
14 th January	IT Unit 2 Part A (resit)	3 hours pm
15 th January	IT Unit 2 Part B (resit)	2 hours am
16 th January	Finance Unit 3 Part A (on screen)	1 hour (Group 1 am, Group 2 pm)
17 th January	Computing Unit 1	2 hours pm
21 st January	Computing Unit 2 (resit)	1hr:45min am
21 st January	Finance Unit 3 Part B	2 hours am

VEGANUARY MONTH

Throughout January the Dining Hall will
be serving a Vegan Dish of the Day

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

7th - 10th January 2025

Tuesday:	Epistemology (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The theory of knowledge, especially with regard to its methods, validity, and scope. <i>Example:</i> Epistemology plays a crucial role in understanding the foundational principles of learning and knowledge acquisition.
Wednesday:	Metacognition (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> Awareness and understanding of one's own thought processes. <i>Example:</i> Developing metacognition can greatly enhance students' ability to learn effectively by reflecting on their own learning strategies.
Thursday:	Pedagogy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The method and practice of teaching, especially as an academic subject or theoretical concept. <i>Example:</i> Innovative pedagogy methods can transform the learning experience, making it more engaging and effective.
Friday:	Didactic (Adjective) <i>Definition:</i> Intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction as an ulterior motive. <i>Example:</i> The didactic nature of the lecture aimed to not only impart knowledge but also instill ethical values in the students.

Job of the Week: Zoo Veterinarian

What does a Zoo Veterinarian do?

They mostly work in zoos, museums, aquariums or research facilities to care for and treat the illnesses and injuries of captive animals.

- sedating, diagnosing and treating sick and injured animals
- performing operations
- carrying out tests such as blood analysis, X-rays and scans
- carrying out regular health checks and giving vaccinations
- keeping records of treatments

Labour Market Information

- 1,751 jobs in the local area of Essex
- National jobs 170,982
- Growth +19.3% in East of England, an increase of 18,750 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Study at least two science subjects, ideally including biology, at Level 3 (for example, Scottish Highers or A levels), and achieve very high grades as places can be limited pass entry exams (in Europe, these are usually in chemistry and biology) or an interview complete work experience in a veterinary practice study an approved veterinary degree be registered with an accredited veterinary organisation in your country, like the RCVS (UK) or EAEVE (Europe)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£40,730



The school is determined that all pupils can access the curriculum. All pupils in key stage 4 now study French. The school offers pupils a wide range of vocational courses as well as GCSE and A-level qualifications. Pupils are prepared well for the next stage of their education or employment.

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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.
- 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



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!

