

## Dates for the Diary

### National Careers Week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Sixth Form Admissions Event

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:45-6:30pm

### Parent Drop In

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 2pm-3pm

### International Women's Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Year 10 & 12 Progress Review

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 3:45-6:30pm

## Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

## House Points - Week Ending 1<sup>st</sup> March



15,497  
ALI



12,260  
AUSTEN



11,753  
HAWKING



11,156  
SEACOLE

## Leadership Message - International Women's Day

As we approach International Women's Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, it's a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and celebrate the achievements of women worldwide. At the Basildon Academies, we believe in nurturing a culture of respect, inclusion, and empowerment for all our students, regardless of gender. This International Women's Day, we invite you to join us in educating and inspiring our children to become advocates for gender equality.

### Why International Women's Day Matters

International Women's Day is a special occasion dedicated to honouring the incredible contributions of women in every aspect of society. It's also a time to reflect on the ongoing journey towards gender equality and the importance of teaching our children about these issues from an early age.

### Empowering Our Children

As parents, we play a crucial role in shaping our children's attitudes and beliefs. By teaching them about gender equality and celebrating the achievements of women, we can empower them to become champions of equality in their own lives and communities. Here are some simple ways we can empower our children:

**Celebrate Women's Achievements:** Take the time to talk to your children about the accomplishments of women in history, science, arts, and every other field. Help them understand that women have made and continue to make significant contributions to the world.

**Lead by Example:** Model respectful and equal relationships at home. Show your children that gender equality starts with how we treat each other in our everyday lives.

**Encourage Empathy:** Teach your children to empathise with others and stand up for those who may face discrimination or injustice. Help them understand the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect.

**Promote Diversity:** Expose your children to stories of women from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Help them understand that women's experiences and perspectives vary widely and should be celebrated.

This International Women's Day, let's come together to celebrate the women in our lives and inspire our children to become advocates for equality. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- Have conversations with your children about gender equality and the importance of treating everyone with respect.
- Share stories of inspiring women with your children and discuss their achievements and contributions.
- Support local organisations and initiatives that promote gender equality and women's rights.
- Encourage your children to participate in school activities and projects related to International Women's Day.

By working together, we can empower our children to become compassionate, inclusive, and empathetic individuals who strive for equality and justice in the world.

**S.Knowles - Assistant Headteacher**

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

★ Year 10 - Laila.B (R10U1) & Luka.D (R10U1)

★ Year 11 - Codie-Lee.C (R11Z2)

★ Sixth Form - Kai.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.

## 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.



## Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

**YOUNG**MINDS

## Spotlight on: A Level Physics



The goal of physics is to understand how things work from first principles. It reveals the mathematical beauty of the universe at scales ranging from subatomic to cosmological.

Physics is an exciting and challenging subject that will help you to build up your problem solving, research and analytical skills. It is concerned with the nature and properties of matter and energy including: mechanics, heat, light and other radiation, sound, electricity, magnetism, the structure of the atom and the physical nature of the universe.

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

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](#)

## 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 in The Medical Room**



# Job of the Week: Network Engineer



## What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You may be able to get into this role through an apprenticeship, or degree apprenticeship.

Experience can be beneficial.

You could take a course to learn the skills needed to install and maintain computer networks, or a foundation degree, HND or degree in computing.

## What does a Network Engineer do?

Network engineers design computer networks that support the structure and network necessities of an organisation.

You may design and implement physical and wireless networks, managing electronic equipment. Research and integrate new technologies into the network lifecycle and work with network administrators to manage or assist problems.



## Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 246,239
- Essex jobs: 5,494 (3rd of 214 UK LEAs)
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (7,384), Kent (5,749), Essex (5,494), Oxfordshire (5,257), Hertfordshire (5,060)

## Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £37,744

# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

4<sup>th</sup> March- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Monday:	<b>Sacrifice: Offer in Danish</b> To surrender or give up, or permit injury or disadvantage to, for the sake of something else.
Tuesday:	<b>Confession: Pagtatapat in Filipino</b> Acknowledgment or disclosure of sin or sinfulness, especially to a priest to obtain absolution.
Wednesday:	<b>Atonement: Sühne in German</b> Satisfaction or reparation for a wrong or injury; amends.
Thursday: (World Book Day)	<b>Reparation: Αποζημίωση in Greek</b> Compensation to make amends.
Friday: (International Women's Day)	<b>Penance: Tapaścaryā in Gujarati</b> A punishment undergone in token of penitence for sin.

## Could You Be A Parent Governor?

As we are a rapidly growing academy trust we have opportunities for new parent governors to join our team.

Becoming a Parent Governor offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the academy community and to work together with the academy leadership, staff and other governors.

If this opportunity is of interest then please apply via our website (vacancies section): [The Basildon Academies Trust - Governance Vacancies](#)

The closing date for applications will be 3pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## SEND Department Coffee Mornings

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.



## Schools Communication Process

The Academy actively encourages close links with parents, carers and the community and has a Home School Communication Guidance policy. This policy outlines how communication should be made with the academy, the process for making appointments and, the conduct expected from anyone visiting the academies.

Any parent or visitor arriving at the academies without an appointment, will be directed to the policy and asked to make an appointment following the outlined process.

Meetings are not available without a pre-arranged appointment and, arriving late to a scheduled appointment could result in a rearrangement being required.

For your reference, a link to this policy can be found here: [Home School Communications Guidance](#) and we ask, that all communication made with the school is always polite and courteous.

## Academies Receive Bleed Kit Donations

The academies were recently visited by Suzanne Hedges from the Ricky Hayden Memorial.

Suzanne's son Ricky was tragically lost to knife crime in 2016 and since then, has dedicated her time to raising awareness, for the purpose of fundraising, to enable donations of potentially lifesaving 'Bleed Kits' into the local communities.

We have gratefully accepted the donation of two kits which can be used in the event of a catastrophic bleed, as a result of an accident or injury. The Academies are proudly supporting the Memorial and the Daniel Baird Foundation in recognition of the vital work they do.

Staff members have received first aid training from St Johns Ambulance including the use of these necessary kits. More information can be found at [controlthebleed.org.uk](http://controlthebleed.org.uk)



## National Careers Week 2024

National Careers Week 2024 runs from 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March. Below is a link to resources including interactive booklets to help parents and carers be involved and informed during this year's National Careers Week.

<https://ncw2020.co.uk/booklets-guides/>

National Careers Week

# NCW

## Parent Drop In - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, between 2pm and 3pm.

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](http://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.

# Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

No need to book, just drop in!

Parent/carer workshops will also be running. More information to follow soon.

Scan the QR code to  
find out more  
information



or go to

[The Essex Local Offer Website](#)



## Join us...

Monday 4 March 2024

The Holiday Inn, Basildon

Thursday 7 March 2024

Hamptons Sports and Leisure,  
Chelmsford

Wednesday 13 March 2024

JobServe Community Stadium,  
Colchester

Tuesday 19 March 2024

The Harlow Hotel, Harlow

In Partnership with



Both schools have a range of suitable rooms available for meetings with parents on a 1:1 or group basis, for coffee mornings and training events and make use of well-presented communal areas for community events and information sessions for large groups of parents.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Girls Basketball</li><li>Year 11 Sports Science/ Studies Catch up</li></ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys Football</li></ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Badminton</li><li>Year 10 Sports Studies Catch up</li><li>Girls Multisports</li></ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Boys Basketball</li></ul>	



There are a wide range of clubs and opportunities for pupils to contribute to the school and local community, for instance as charity ambassadors. This develops pupils' self-confidence. Well-chosen visitors help pupils learn how to keep themselves safe and healthy.



4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

To celebrate British Pie Week The Dining Hall will be serving a different choice of pie every day in addition to the normal lunchtime menu.

Monday: **Cheese, Onion & Potato**

Tuesday: **Steak & Kidney**

Wednesday: **Chicken**

Thursday: **Minced Beef**

Friday: **Chicken & Vegetable**

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