

Dates for the Diary

Armistice Day

Tuesday 11th November 2025

Year 11 AP1 Assessments

Monday 17th November - Friday 5th December 2025

Year 13 AP1 Assessments

Monday 17th - Friday 28th November 2025

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 19th December 2025

First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 7th November



38,880
SEACOLE



38,827
AUSTEN



31,150
HAWKING



31,068
ALI

Leadership Message

We'd like to take a moment to say a big well done to all our students who have made a brilliant start to the school year with excellent attendance. Being in school every day really does make a difference; not only in the rewards and recognition we give, but also in the friendships built, the memories made, and the progress achieved in learning.

We recognise that attending school every day isn't always easy, and we want to thank families for their ongoing support in helping students to show up and stay engaged. Our staff are always here to help if any student is finding things challenging; whether that's getting to school, keeping up with lessons, or managing day-to-day challenges.

Research shows that good attendance has a strong link to academic success, and we've been highlighting this in our assemblies to help students understand how every day in school really does count.

You may have noticed some attendance postcards handed out recently, these were to celebrate positive attendance from the previous half term. If your child didn't receive one this time, there will be plenty more opportunities to be recognised as we move through the term.



Finally, we're pleased to share that there will be ongoing attendance rewards throughout the year, with some exciting new incentives on the way. Students should make sure they're on time to tutor time to see what they may have earned!

Keep going, keep showing up, and keep being brilliant.

S. Killick

Assistant Headteacher & Attendance Champion

Year 10 Work Experience 2026

The Work Experience process for our current Year 10 students has officially begun. All key information, guidance, and forms can now be found on our website:

www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/year-10-work-experience-2026

We encourage parents and students to review the details together and begin exploring potential placements early.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 3rd November 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - David.W (R10U2)
- ★ Year 11 - Elsie.N (R11S1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Gabriela.P (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 Home Learning/Homework.

Spotlight on: A Level Geography



Simply put, Geography is our future. When we look at any issue with the balance and scrutiny that geographical study offers, we move beyond the media hype or political spin. Geography allows us to see the world more clearly. (Tom Biebrach).

Geography is unique in that it helps students to see the world as a whole instead of split up into subject boxes. Geography examines the complex interaction of people and their natural environment and helps understand that decisions and actions will have an impact on the world. Geographers study the world at a local level and at an international level and bring together global political decisions, natural events and changes in lifestyles.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing with Parenting Smart

Parenting Smart, created by the children's mental health charity Place2Be, offers practical tips and guidance to support your child's wellbeing.

From managing screen time to handling big emotions, the website provides short, easy-to-follow articles and videos designed to help parents navigate everyday challenges with confidence.

Explore helpful resources here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Online Safety Hub: Supporting Parents with The Prevent Duty

Visit our Online Safety Hub for essential advice and guidance on The Prevent Duty. This webpage provides parents with information on identifying and addressing the risks of radicalisation, as well as practical support to help keep young people safe online and in their communities. Click the following link to read more: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/the-prevent-duty-advice-and-support-for-parents>

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](#)



Knife Crime Workshops

Upper Academy students recently took part in an informative and thought-provoking Knife Crime Awareness Workshop, delivered by Children and Young Persons Police Officers.

The sessions aimed to educate students on the realities and consequences of knife crime, as well as how police officers work with young people to prevent it. Officers shared real-life statistics, discussed rehabilitation, and emphasised that knife crime rates are not as high as many people believe, helping to challenge misconceptions and provide reassurance about community safety.

Students also learned about the importance of making informed decisions when out in the community. Officers demonstrated the use of a walk-through metal detector, explaining how it is used in public spaces such as train stations to help keep people safe.



The workshop encouraged open discussion, with officers highlighting the importance of reporting concerns if someone is known to carry a knife. They also shared that individuals who carry knives are statistically 70% more likely to be injured themselves, reinforcing the serious risks involved.

Students found the session both engaging and eye-opening:

"The workshop was really inspiring, and I learned a lot about how it can affect someone." Willow.W – Year 11

"It was interesting to see the metal detectors and how they're used to prevent crime in public places such as train stations." Tommy.S – Year 11

The session provided valuable insight into how the police work to keep the public safe and encouraged students to think carefully about the consequences of their choices and actions in the wider community.



Introducing Our New Salon Instagram Channel

The Basildon Upper Academy is proud to launch a dedicated Salon Instagram channel.

Follow the channel for:

- Exclusive deals
- Appointment updates
- A behind-the-scenes look at our salon in action

We look forward to connecting with you and showcasing the exciting opportunities within our Salon. Access our new Instagram channel here: [buasa_lon1](https://www.instagram.com/buasa_lon1)



YOUNG CARERS CLUBS

TUESDAY

3-4PM MS DUNWELL
G8

WEDNESDAY
ESPORTS

1-1.30PM MR EDWARDS
A17



IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A YOUNG CARER, PLEASE
SPEAK TO MS DUNWELL TO REGISTER.

Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

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.

Do you like finding out about **electricity**?

You could be a/an...

Electrician



Charlie tests, installs and repairs electric circuits, plugs and lights in homes.



Top essential skill



Wind turbine technician



Nikil maintains offshore wind turbines, so they generate as much electricity as possible.



Top essential skill



Nurse



Alex uses an electrocardiogram (ECG) machine to record electrical activity in a patient's heart.



Top essential skill



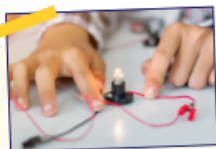
Electric car designer



Sarita designs cars that run on electricity. She works with a team of engineers.



Top essential skill



Which job would you like to do?



For more about essential skills see skillsbuilder.org

www.energisingfutures.co.uk



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7.30am-8.20am *Gates open and close at 7.30am sharp. Please manage your timekeeping accordingly.	Year 10 & 11 Boys Basketball Year 10 & 11 Girls Football Year 10-13 Boys/Girls Fitness Suite	Year 10 & 11 Boys/Girls Cross Country	Year 10-13 Boys/Girls Fitness Suite	Year 10 & 11 Boys/Girls Cross Country Year 10 & 11 Girls Netball Year 10 & 11 Boys Rugby Year 10 & 11 Girls Dance	Year 10 & 11 Boys Football Year 10 & 11 Girls Basketball
Break Time 11.00am-11.30am		Year 10 & 11 Girls Basketball/Open Gym	Year 10 & 11 Boys Basketball/Open Gym		
Lunch Time 1.00pm-1.30pm	SA Programme Seminar *Admission via application	Year 10 & 11 Girls Fitness Suite	SA Programme *Admission via application		Year 10 & 11 Boys/Girls Badminton Year 10 & 11 Boys Fitness Suite
After School *Fixtures & House Sports Season times will vary	Fixtures	Fixtures	Fixtures	Fixtures	House Sports Season



**TO COMMEMORATE ARMISTICE DAY
THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING A SELECTION
OF CAKES & BISCUITS FOR 50P EACH
ON TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lest We Forget



BBC

**Children
in Need**



**On Friday 14th November the Dining Hall will be
selling a selection of cakes & biscuits for 50p each.
All proceeds will go to Children in Need.**

Year 11 AP1, commencing 17th November 2025

AM (9.00am start)

PM (1:30pm start)

Monday 17 th November	English Lang P1	1 hr 45		Biology P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 18 th November	Geography P1	1 hr		Maths P1	1 hr 30
	History P1	2 hrs			
Wednesday 19 th November	English Literature 1	1 hr 45		Chemistry P1	1 hr 15
Thursday 20 th November	GCSE Business / Enterprise P1	1 hr 45		Maths P2	1 hr 30
	Catering	1 hr 20			
	Music Listening	1 hr 20			
	Engineering Unit 3	1 hr 30			
Friday 21 st November	English Language P2	1 hr 45		French Writing	F: 1 hr 10 H: 1 hr 15

Monday 24 th November	Geography P2	1 hr 30		Physics P1	1 Hr 15
	History P2	2 hrs			
Tuesday 25 th November	Statistics P1	1 hr 45		Biology P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 26 ^h November	English Literature 2	2 hr 15		Chemistry P2	1 hr 15
Thursday 27 th November	ICT	1 hr 20		Maths P3	1 hr 30
	GCSE PE	1 hr 15			
	GCSE Business / Enterprise P2	1 hr 45			
	Psychology P1	1 hr 30			
Friday 28 th November	French Reading / Listening	F: 1 hr 30 H: 1 hr 50		Physics P2	1 hr 15

Monday 1 st December	Practical Exams		Practical Exams
Tuesday 2 nd December	Practical Exams		Practical Exams
Wednesday 3 rd December	Practical Exams		Practical Exams
Thursday 4 th December	Practical Exams		Practical Exams
Friday 5 th December	Practical Exams		Practical Exams

Essex Sexual Health Service Webpages Dedicated to Secondary Parents & Carers

The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/



Year 13 AP1, commencing 17th November 2025

AM (9.00am start)

PM (1:30pm start)

Monday 17 th November	Physics P1	2 hr		Engineering P1	1 hr 30
	Accounting P1	3 hr			
Tuesday 18 th November	Criminology Controlled Assessment	4 hr			
	Chemistry P1	2 hr			
	English Literature P1	3 hr			
	Geography P1	2 hr 30			
Wednesday 19 th November	Maths P1	2 hr		Psychology P1	2 hr
	Business Unit 3	2 hr			
Thursday 20 th November	IT Unit 1	2 hr		Maths P2	2 hr
	Biology P1	2 hr			
	Sociology P1	2 hr			
Friday 21 st November	Computing Unit 1	2 hr			

Monday 24 th November	Physics P3	2 hr		Engineering P2	1 hr 45
	Accounting P2	3 hr			
	Practical Exams				
Tuesday 25 th November	Chemistry P3	2 hr			
	English Literature P2	2 hr			
	Geography P2	2 hr 30			
	Practical Exams				
Wednesday 26 ^h November	Maths – Statistics	2 hr		Psychology P2	2 hr
	Practical Exams				
Thursday 27 th November	Biology P3	2 hr			
	Sociology P2	1 hr			
	Practical Exams				
Friday 28 th November	Practical Exams				

What the schools stand for and promote is highly visible and consistent on each site from the values agreed with students to the diversity represented by the key figures the school's houses are named after.








Excellence in Pupil Development Award

2023-2026

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

10th - 14th November 2025

Monday:	Stoic (adjective) Stoic in Irish – enduring pain or hardship without showing feelings. <i>The stoic soldier stood firm in the bitter cold.</i>	
Tuesday:	Reverent (adjective) 경건한 in Korean – feeling or showing deep solemn respect. <i>They stood in reverent silence during the two minutes' reflection.</i>	
Wednesday:	Munificent (adjective) mūnificus in Latin – more generous than necessary. <i>The munificent gift funded the entire library renovation.</i>	
Thursday:	Didactic (adjective) didaktisks in Latvian – intended to teach, often with a moral lesson. <i>The novel took on a didactic tone, warning against greed.</i>	
Friday:	Philanthropy (noun) filantropija in Lithuanian – the desire to promote the welfare of others. <i>Her philanthropy ensured struggling families received winter coats.</i>	

Job of the Week: Orthodontist

What does an Orthodontist do?

Orthodontists examine and treat dental malocclusions and oral cavity anomalies, and design appliances to realign teeth and jaws.

Day-to-day responsibilities include:

- Carrying out consultations with your patients, to evaluate them and determine their dental needs
- Taking x-rays and impressions
- Developing treatment plans
- Installing orthodontic appliances (e.g. braces, wires, and retainers)

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 208,661

4,401 in your local area of Essex

+7.2% 118,954 jobs

+11.3% in your region of East of England, an increase of 13,484 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need to complete a bachelor's degree in dentistry approved by a relevant professional body (e.g. the General Dental Council in the UK, or the Ghana Dental Association).

When you first apply for your degree, you'll also need to take a rigorous test (e.g. the UCAT, GAMSAT, or MACT). This is used to check your suitability for a career in medicine by testing your mental abilities and behavioural characteristics, rather than your academic achievements.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £54,496



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.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to upperattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling 01268 498882.

- 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!

