

Dates for the Diary

Beginning of Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Tuesday 7th July 2026

Health and Wellbeing Drop Down Day

Friday 10th July 2026

Last Day of Summer Term - Students finish at 12:30pm

Friday 17th July 2026

A Level Results Day

Thursday 13th August 2026

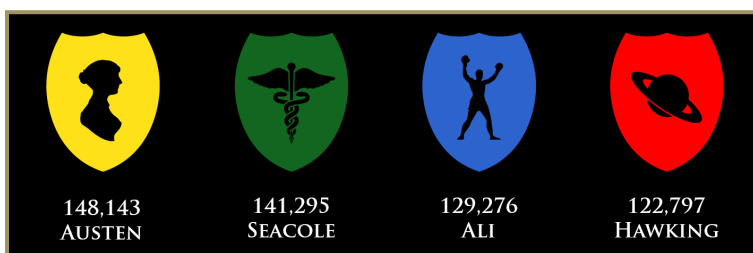
GCSE Results Day

Thursday 20th August 2026

Student Value of the Term



House Points - Week Ending 26th June



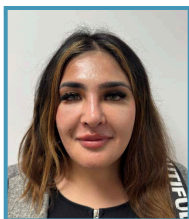
Leadership Message - A Welcome Message to Our Upcoming Year 10 Students

I'm pleased to be introducing myself as your new Year Leader as you prepare to begin your journey into Year 10 at the Upper Academy.

The move from Year 9 into Year 10 marks an exciting new chapter, as you begin your GCSE studies – a key stage where focus, effort, and ambition really start to shape your future pathways. Over the coming year, my aim is to ensure that every student is supported to achieve their best, both inside and outside the classroom, and to make the most of the opportunities available.

I believe that success comes from consistent effort, a respectful and positive environment, and a strong sense of belonging where everyone feels valued. I hope that together we can build a year group culture that encourages pride, resilience, and aspiration in everything we do.

To parents and carers, I look forward to working closely with you. Your support is vital, and I will ensure you are kept informed throughout the year with key updates, important information, and celebrations of success, so that we can work together to support your child.



Above all, I am looking forward to getting to know the students and celebrating the progress, achievements, and successes -both big and small - that will come over the year ahead.

I'm excited for what we can achieve together in Year 10.

A.Khan - Year 10 Leader

Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

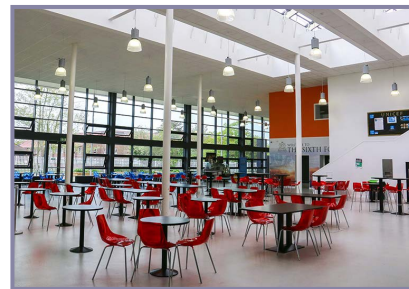
Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Parent Drop In - Tuesday 30th June

Our next Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 30th June between 10.30am and 11.30am.

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.

Please note, if your matter is of a confidential nature, we kindly ask that you call the school to arrange a separate appointment, as parent drop-in sessions are not intended for one-to-one discussions.



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, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

Student Portal

Within the Student Portal, you will find links to a range of resources and learning platforms that students can access to support their studies. The main page, which provides access to all key links, can be found here: [Student Portal](#)

Accessing the Student Portal also enables single sign-on, meaning students do not need any additional passwords for platforms such as SENECA. Students simply log in to the portal in the same way they would when logging in to a school computer.

Spotlight on: A Level Photography



If you are interested in the world around you and your place within it, enjoy picture taking and would like to learn how to take better photographs that translate into creative and meaningful imagery then you would be very suited to the Photography course.

Studying Photography will give you a greater understanding of the world we live in, and your place within it. You will be encouraged to explore subject themes with a personal interest to ensure that you are always on a meaningful creative journey.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve



Free Fruit at Breaktime

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

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.

Year 11 Prom – Celebrating in Style

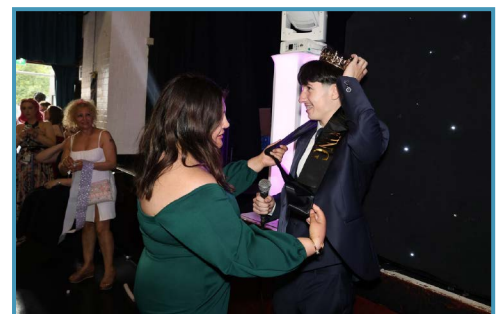
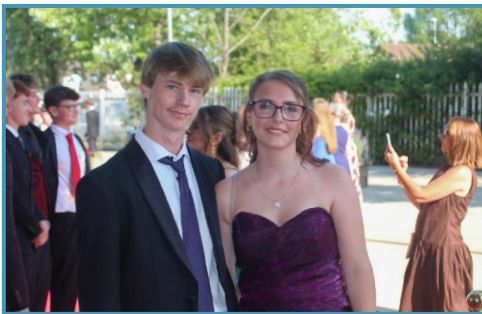
On Friday 26th June, our Year 11 students came together to celebrate the end of their secondary school journey at a fantastic prom filled with laughter, memories and plenty of celebrations.

The evening was a brilliant opportunity for students and staff to enjoy one final event together, with a fantastic atmosphere from start to finish. *Every student made such a fantastic effort for the occasion and looked amazing, making the evening even more special.*

Students took to the dance floor throughout the night, with the live DJ keeping everyone entertained and creating the perfect soundtrack for the occasion. The photobooth proved to be a popular addition, with students making the most of the fun props to capture memorable moments with their friends. The evening also featured a raffle, with students excited to win a selection of fantastic prizes, including £50 vouchers.

There was no shortage of treats on offer, with guests enjoying delicious wood-fired pizzas from the catering van, alongside ice cream, candy floss and refreshing ice slushies throughout the evening.

One of the biggest highlights of the night was the announcement of this year's Prom King, **Harry.B**, and Prom Queen, **Islah.H**, who were met with huge cheers and applause from their peers and staff.



While we say goodbye to some of our Year 11 students, we are excited to welcome many of them back as they continue their journey into Sixth Form in September.

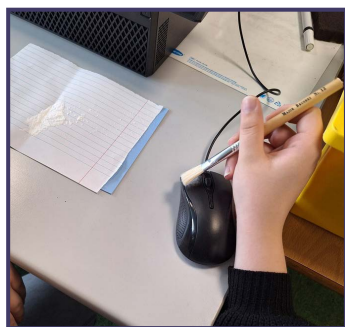
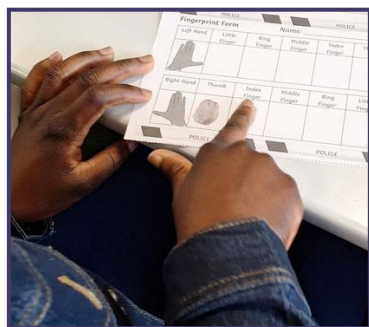
A huge thank you goes to all the staff who helped organise and support the event – your hard work helped make it such a memorable night for our students.

Year 12 Criminology Students Put Their Forensic Skills to the Test

Year 12 Criminology students recently stepped into the role of Crime Scene Investigators, taking part in a hands-on practical session designed to bring forensic science to life. Students first analysed their own fingerprints before searching and lifting others around the classroom.

They also explored the science behind DNA by constructing their own DNA strands, helping them understand how forensic scientists use genetic evidence to support criminal investigations.

This engaging activity allowed students to see first-hand the precision, attention to detail, and scientific knowledge required in real-life forensic work. Mrs Butler, criminology teacher said "It was fantastic to see the students fully immersed in the investigative process, developing both their practical skills and their understanding of how forensic evidence is used within the criminal justice system."



From Final Exams to Future Success: Celebrating Our Year 13 Mathematicians

Wednesday 17th June marked a significant milestone for our Year 13 mathematicians as they completed their final exam, bringing their school journey to a close. Throughout their time with us, this group has truly demonstrated both academic excellence and the strength of working together as a team.

We are incredibly proud of the opportunities they have secured, with many receiving and accepting offers from top Russell Group universities. In particular:

- **Jan.S** achieved a Gold award in the Senior Maths Challenge and will be studying Mathematics.
- **Hallie.C** has secured her place at **King's College London** to study Astrophysics.
- **Stefan.R** will be heading to the **University of Manchester** to study Computer Science.



These are just a few examples of the many outstanding achievements across the cohort. Our Year 13 students have shown resilience, dedication and ambition, and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow into confident and capable young adults. These are just a few examples of the many outstanding achievements across the cohort. Our Year 13 students have shown resilience, dedication and ambition, and it has been a pleasure to watch them grow into confident and capable young adults.

World Cup Wednesdays

Following the fantastic success of our recent Cultural Fayres across both sites, we are delighted to introduce a new initiative for the remainder of this term — World Cup Wednesdays.

From Wednesday 17th June until the end of term, students and staff are invited to wear the colours of their chosen nation/home country team every Wednesday as we celebrate the spirit, diversity and excitement of international competition together.



This is an opportunity for our school community to continue recognising and celebrating the many cultures represented within our school, whilst also enjoying the fun and positive atmosphere that major sporting events can bring.

Students may wear:

- Football shirts
- Team scarves, hats or accessories
- National colours
- Sportswear linked to a country or team

We do ask that all clothing remains sensible, appropriate for school, and suitable for a day of learning. Students should continue to wear their school uniform trousers and footwear and ensure their outfits are respectful and inclusive of others at all times.

We hope that World Cup Wednesdays will help build school spirit, encourage conversations about different cultures and countries, and bring some extra energy and enjoyment to the final weeks of term.

Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to lowerattendance@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

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Attendance percentages as Number of days and lessons missed from school.
Students are required to attend school for 190 days each year.

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	59 days	12 weeks	300 lessons	1½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2 ½ years

Government (DfE) research suggests that 16 days absence or 92% attendance in any one year equals a full GCSE drop in attainment
How does **your** attendance compare with this target?

Daily rewards - Daily text messages for 100% attendance are sent via text message or through the MCAS app.

Weekly Rewards - Weekly Student briefings held on Mondays highlight the students who have received 100% attendance and 0 late marks. These students will receive a raffle entry for a £5 lifestyle voucher

Half Termly rewards - Each Half-term 100% attendance postcards are given to students based on the attendance for that half term.

Termly rewards - Students receive a badge and certificate during a celebration event for their term attendance which can be pinned to their tie.



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

29th June - 3rd July 2026

Monday:	Dexterous (adjective) <i>ketepa</i> in Twi (Akan) – showing skill, especially with hands. <i>The tennis player's dexterous serve stunned the crowd.</i>	
Tuesday:	Magniloquent (adjective) <i>महाभाषी (mahābhāṣī)</i> in Marathi – using high-flown or pompous language. <i>The politician's magniloquent speech drew criticism.</i>	
Wednesday:	Unyielding (adjective) <i>mālohi</i> in Tongan – not giving way to pressure. <i>The unyielding defence stopped the opposing team.</i>	
Thursday:	Sagely (adverb) <i>ngamahu</i> in Māori – in a wise manner. <i>She sagely reminded them to revise daily.</i>	
Friday:	Vivacious (adjective) <i>vivaz</i> in Galician – attractively lively and animated. <i>The vivacious actress lit up the stage.</i>	

Job of the Week: Hairdresser

What does a Hairdresser do?

Barbers and hairdressers are both trained to cut, style, and colour hair.

Key Responsibilities:

- shampooing and conditioning hair
- cutting, colouring, and styling a variety of hair lengths and styles
- keeping the salon clean and tidy
- recommending and selling lotions, tonics, or other cosmetic supplies
- admin tasks like keeping records, paying bills, and hiring people

Labour Market Information

- -4.2% 30,919 jobs
- -3.2% in your region of East of England, a decrease of 2,360 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Typical Entry Requirements:

There are no set requirements. You may be able to start work as a trainee in a salon or barbershop with no formal qualifications and learn on the job. Gaining experience and completing a relevant qualification can be useful.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£24,279



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.





Essex ACTIVate

FREE

holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting holiday activity and food clubs delivered by Active Essex! During school holidays, club providers across the county offer free clubs for eligible primary and secondary children, giving them the chance to get active, make friends, learn new skills, and support their wellbeing. The programme also offers:

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Activities run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces



www.activeessex.org 



@EssexActivAte

**Free places are for children eligible for income-related free school meals. Only book a space if your child will attend. Non-attendance means other children may miss out on this valuable holiday opportunity.*

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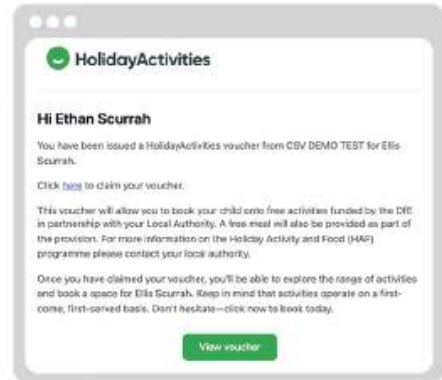
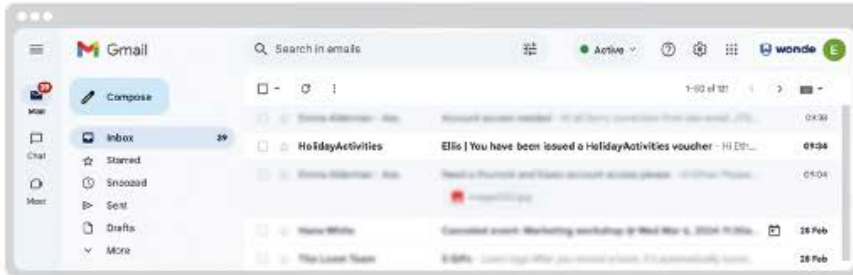


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

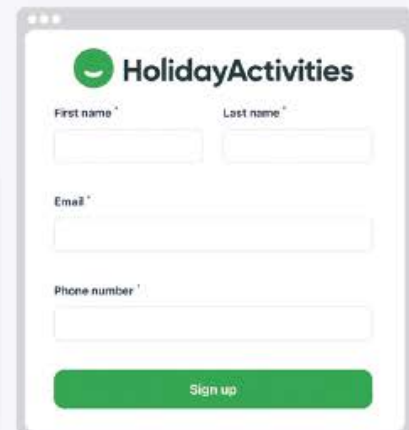
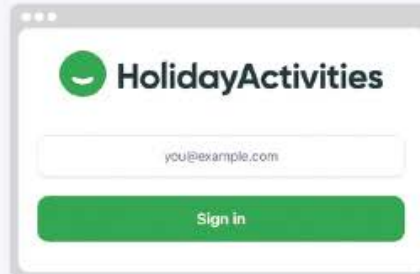
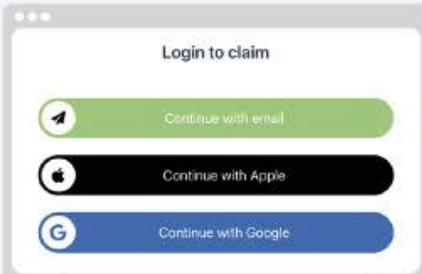
Step 1 – Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



Step 2 – Select **Continue with email** and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 – Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

