

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & Year 12 AP2 Assessments
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June 2024

Year 11 Prom
Friday 28th June 2024 - 5.30pm-10pm

Sports Presentation Event
Wednesday 3rd July 2024 - 5.30pm-6.30pm
Venue: Basildon Lower Academy

Open Parent Event
Thursday 4th July 2024 - 3.45pm-6.15pm

Presentation Evening
Wednesday 10th July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 7th June



21,221
ALI



20,333
AUSTEN



14,859
SEACOLE



14,226
HAWKING

Leadership Message

Our student value this term is 'Love Is Love'. The Basildon Academies have always taken pride in supporting our students to express themselves in an increasingly diverse landscape. Education is at the heart of breaking down stereotypes and misconceptions to enable students to feel safe and have a sense of belonging. Every student is a valued member of our college society that promotes acceptance and kindness.

This year, a group of Year 12 students have formed a diversity group supported by Ms Reynolds to celebrate Pride Month and the LGBTQ+ community. They are passionate about diversity and inclusivity, and it has been exciting to see them work together in organising this event, being held on 26th June.



Our diverse society requires us to come together and support one another; to share and value each other's opinions, allowing us to express ourselves in a way that encourages us to be content. In our school, students are taught to foster respect for others. It is vital that we work together to allow all identities to be taught and normalised, creating a culture of respect. I look forward to seeing our students join in with activities throughout the term.

K.McCarthy
Assistant Headteacher - Key Stage 5

Parent Drop - Thursday 13th June

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 13th June, between 10am-11am.

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.



The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Students Complete Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Congratulations and well done to a group of Year 10 students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Expedition. The students showcased remarkable resilience and teamwork as they camped for 3 days and 2 nights, and walked a total distance of 40 kilometres.

The expedition began with a comprehensive training day, where our adventurers learned essential outdoor skills. The group mastered the art of packing their rucksacks, pitching tents, cooking with gas stoves, and navigating using a compass and map, among other crucial survival techniques.

Following their training, the students embarked on the assessed portion of their expedition. This phase put their newly acquired skills to the test as they navigated their route and managed their camp independently, all while working cohesively as a team.

"It was a unique experience as well as an opportunity for team building and self-sufficiency. We learned how to push ourselves to the limit." Kaiya.T – Year 10

"I thought it was a fulfilling experience. I learned a lot about navigating and how to be independent while not being able to use technology." Bobbie.S – Year 10

"The successful completion of the Bronze DofE expedition is a testament to the student's hard work, determination, and ability to work together under challenging conditions. Well done to all the Year 10 participants for their outstanding achievement!" N.Winterflood – Careers & Enrichment Lead.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 3rd June 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Jessica.B (R10U1)
- ★ Year 11 - Jayden.J (R11Y2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Maria.A (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: A Level Chemistry



Chemistry is a rewarding but demanding course, which sets the subject within a relevant and modern-day framework. It suits those of you who like to ask the questions 'why', 'how' and 'what' and are keen to find out the answers. The key emphasis is on an enjoyable challenge throughout the course, combining topics which stretch even the most able with a healthy dose of traditional investigative Chemistry where pupils learn the skills of working in a lab hands-on.

Chemistry remains one of the most highly regarded A levels by top universities which one can study.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Job of the Week: Choreographer

What does a Choreographer do?

Choreographers create dance routines and movement sequences for dancers and other performers in a broad range of settings. They turn ideas into steps and fit movements to music. If you're self-employed, you'll spend time marketing yourself and dealing with your own tax and accounts. Running your own dance company can involve hiring staff and applying for funding.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 342,899
- Essex jobs: 6,251
- Top 5 LEAs: Surrey (8,868), Hackney (8,587), Kent (8,466), Hertfordshire (8,120), Lambeth (7,261)



Let's Talk Money
UK annual median: £32,914



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need a high level of dance training and experience. Most choreographers start as professional dancers and many study dance at college or university.

You can often become an assistant choreographer after being a dance captain, who leads and rehearses other dancers but does not create the steps.

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

10th June - 14th June 2024
Father's Day - 16th June

Monday:	Devote: አምላኪ in Amharic to give up or appropriate to or concentrate on a particular pursuit, occupation, purpose, cause, etc.
Tuesday:	Donate: Даря (daria) in Bulgarian to make a gift, grant, or contribution of something; give; contribute.
Wednesday:	Bequeath: 留給 in Cantonese to hand down; pass on.
Thursday:	Contribute: 贡献 (gòngxiàn) in Chinese to give (money, time, knowledge, assistance, etc.) to a common supply, fund, etc., as for charitable purposes.
Friday: (World Blood Donor Day)	Entrust: Svěřit in Czech to commit (something) in trust to; confide, as for care, use, or performance.

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.



Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



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

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.