

Dates for the Diary

Parent Drop In

Wednesday 10th June 2026 - 12pm-1pm

Year 10 AP2 Assessments

Monday 22nd June - Friday 3rd July 2026

Year 12 AP2 Assessments

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th June 2026

Year 11 Prom

Friday 26th June 2026 - 5.30pm-10pm

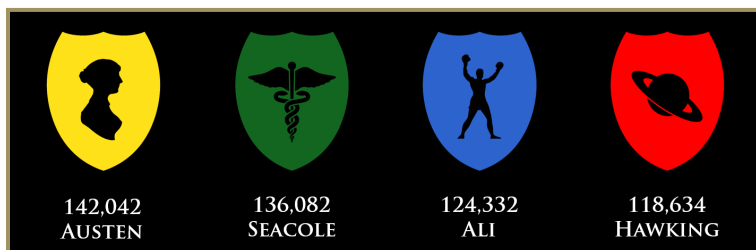
Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 17th July 2026

Student Value of the Term



House Points - Week Ending 5th June



Leadership Message - Preparing for Sixth Form

Moving into sixth form is an exciting step for our students. It is the final part of school before adulthood and helps them get ready for university and future careers.

We are very proud of our current sixth form students, especially those moving on to study subjects like medicine, engineering, neuroscience, and law. We are also continuing to meet new students who would like to join our sixth form.

To help students understand what sixth form is like, we are running taster days during the week beginning 6th July. More information on how to sign up will be shared soon.

Getting Ready for Success

Starting sixth form well is very important. Students need to be prepared and ready to take on new challenges. Sixth form is different from school. Students are expected to be more independent. This means:

- Taking responsibility for their own learning
- Managing their time well
- Completing more work outside of lessons

This extra study time is key to doing well at A-Level.

How We Support Students

We provide transition booklets for each subject. Students should work through these over the summer to help them feel confident when they start.

We also suggest:

- Checking which exam board their subject uses
- Reading the recommended books and materials
- Using helpful websites such as [Tutor2u](https://www.tutor2u.com)

Going Beyond the Classroom

We encourage students to take part in extra learning activities outside their lessons. These help build knowledge and make university applications stronger.

If you are considering the Basildon Academies Sixth Form make sure to [apply here](#). We can't wait to see you in our taster sessions.

K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5



Parent Drop In - Wednesday 10th June

Our next Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 10th June between 12pm and 1pm.

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.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for last week.

★ Year 10 - Rayyan.C (R10S2)

★ Year 11 - Tilly.B (R11U2)

★ Sixth Form - Christina.K (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: BTEC Level 1 (Introductory Award) Construction



The Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award and Certificate in Construction focus on hands-on abilities and tasks, emphasising learners showcasing their practical skills rather than theoretical knowledge.

These qualifications provide learners with a chance to gain and enhance versatile, applicable, and industry-specific skills. This enables them to effectively carry out tasks and demonstrate an accomplishment level that prepares them for further learning opportunities.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award Construction](#)

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Online Safety: Unmasking Online Bias in Social Media

While social media is a powerful tool for information and connection, it's important for parents to understand how online bias can influence the way young people see the world. The guide below explores how algorithms and echo chambers can shape opinions and offers practical advice on how to talk to your child about bias and help them think critically about what they see online.

Read more here: [Online Safety Hub - Unmasking Online Bias in Social Media](#)

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](#)



Year 12 Criminology Court Visit: A Fascinating Insight into Justice

Year 12 Criminology students recently had the incredible opportunity to visit the Basildon Crown and Magistrates' Courts, immersing themselves in the real-world workings of the legal system.

Throughout the morning, they engaged in conversations with judges and magistrates, gaining invaluable insights into the complexities of criminal law. Students observed courtroom proceedings, including defendants, heard evidence and statements being given and even watched a jury being sworn in.

The experience brought their classroom learning to life and deepened their understanding of the judicial process. Mrs Butler, Criminology Teacher and trip organiser, said: "Opportunities like this make criminology more quantifiable by allowing students to experience the justice system first-hand. Moving beyond classroom theory, they can witness real legal processes and gain meaningful insight through discussions with judges and seeing courtroom practice."

From a school perspective, enrichment experiences like this can significantly enhance student engagement by bringing criminology to life in a meaningful and practical way. For some learners, these experiences may even influence future career aspirations. By observing the justice system in action, students gain a clearer insight into legal and criminal justice professions, which can inspire interest in roles such as solicitors, barristers, police officers or forensic specialists.

However, it's not solely about the law itself as by engaging with judges and court staff, students gain insight into the human dimension of the legal system - how decisions are reached, the ethical dilemmas involved, and the real impact of justice on individuals and society. Additionally, observing live cases and evaluating evidence helps to strengthen critical thinking, analytical ability, and confidence, key skills for any career that requires problem-solving and informed decision-making.



Whether students ultimately enter law enforcement, criminology research, social work, or legal advocacy, these experiences provide a strong foundation for their future.

"It was interesting to see how defendants build their cases and how juries naturally take in reactions from people in the courtroom to help build their final collective decision." Gilly.A

"Going to the court was an amazing experience. Getting to know how the courts work and seeing people get sentenced was a great opportunity to understand how judges make their decisions." Angel.T

"The court trip was very educational and really opened my eyes to the kinds of people in this world. It has also given me insight into the kind of job I would like to do in the future." Juanita.C

"I enjoyed visiting the court very much, and it felt unreal seeing cases happening in real time. I would definitely love to go back again to see more." Micah.M

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.

Celebrating Student Success – Ice Cream Friday

We are delighted to announce Ice Cream Friday as part of our rewards programme, recognising students who demonstrate excellent attendance, punctuality and positive contributions to our school community throughout the week.

A huge well done to all the students who achieved 100% attendance, zero lates, and consistently showed our school values through their positive attitude and behaviour last week. What a fantastic start to the term – it's great to see so many students setting the bar high!

Ice Cream Friday is our way of celebrating these achievements and recognising the effort our students put into being in school, on time, and ready to learn. We look forward to rewarding even more students this week, so keep up the great work and enjoy the sweet rewards that come with your success!



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

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 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.

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Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

Essex County Council would like to remind families about the support services available to them.

The EP Parent Helpline offers advice, support, and signposting for parents and carers. It is a confidential, safe, and private service, and no referral is needed — just book an appointment in advance.

Easy to Access: The booking is designed to provide an easier and more convenient experience.

- Available on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays -1:00pm – 5:00pm
- 25-minute appointments bookable via MS Teams
- No more waiting – instant booking confirmation

For booking details and further information, please visit: [EP-Parent-Helpline](#)

Further information is available on the Essex County Council [Local Offer](#) pages.



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

8th - 12th June 2026

Monday:	Obdurate (adjective) <i>mak stubborn</i> in Hausa – stubbornly refusing to change one's mind. <i>He remained obdurate despite the evidence.</i>	
Tuesday:	Eloquentia (noun) <i>'ōlelo nani</i> in Hawaiian – skill in fluent, persuasive expression. <i>Her eloquentia in Latin speeches impressed the judges.</i>	
Wednesday:	Complacent (adjective) <i>自满的(zimǎn de)</i> in Mandarin Chinese – showing uncritical satisfaction with oneself. <i>The team grew complacent after early victories.</i>	
Thursday:	Ephemerality (noun) <i>ukuphela ngokushesha</i> in Zulu – the state of lasting a short time. <i>The ephemerality of summer flowers was bittersweet.</i>	
Friday:	Ceremonial (adjective) <i>tapuak</i> in Tagalog – relating to formal occasions. <i>The ceremonial parade dazzled the crowds in London.</i>	

Job of the Week: Electrician

What does an Electrician do?

Electricians fit, service and fix electrical equipment, circuits, machinery and wiring.

Key Responsibilities

Your work will depend on the type of electrician you are:

- *installation electrician - installing power systems, lighting, fire protection, security and data-network systems in all types of buildings
- *maintenance electrician - checking systems to make sure they're working efficiently and safely
- *electrotechnical panel builder - making and installing control panels to operate the electrical systems inside buildings
- *machine repair and rewind electrician - fixing and maintaining electrical motors and transformers

Labour Market Information

- -6.8% 74,461 jobs
- -1% in your region of East of England, a decrease of 1,016 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Typical Entry Requirements:

You'll need a level 3 electrical or electro-technical qualification. You'll need to complete this qualification while you're working in a related job. A common way to get into this job is through an apprenticeship. An apprenticeship will give you a level 3 qualification. Taking a level 1 or level 2 qualification in electrical installation may help you to find an apprenticeship or get a trainee position.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£39,647



The curriculum at Basildon Upper Academy is well thought out. It is carefully planned with staff from the Basildon Lower Academy. These plans identify what pupils need to know. It breaks down this knowledge into manageable chunks so that pupils can build on previous knowledge securely. There are frequent checks on what pupils have learned.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



Lemon Drizzle Cake Day



ON TUESDAY 9TH JUNE, THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING SLICES OF LEMON DRIZZLE CAKE FOR 75P AT BREAK AND LUNCHTIME.

PRIDE MONTH

ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE
THE DINING HALL WILL BE
SELLING CAKES & COOKIES AT
BREAK & LUNCHTIME

RAINBOW CUP CAKES
RAINBOW COOKIES
75P EACH



LOVE IS LOVE

