

## Dates for the Diary

### Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 4pm-5pm

### Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

### Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024: 4pm - 5pm

### Half Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## House Points - Week Ending 20<sup>th</sup> September



2,692  
AUSTEN



2,033  
HAWKING



1,707  
SEACOLE



1,370  
ALI

## Leadership Message - Settling Event

At the Upper Academy we are committed to ensuring that your child receives the best possible support in order to make progress and achieve the best possible outcomes. In order for us to be able to achieve this, we work very closely with students and families. Every week we host a parent drop-in, the dates are shown in this newsletter, where any Upper Academy parent or carer can attend a session with one of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss any topic. The days and times for this vary each week to enable as many people access as possible, you do not need to book an appointment however, **we do request that you bring a form of ID such as your driving license.**

We also hold a series of events over the academic year that enables you to find out information or meet with members of staff. The following events have been organised for this half term:

- **Year 10 and 12 Settling Event 4-5pm - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 4-5pm:** All appointments need to be booked through the form or QR code sent to you last week.
- **Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5-7pm:** Year 11 students will be able to find out information on the courses we offer and start their application.
- **Academic Progress Information Event (all year groups) - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 4-5pm:** During this event, information will be shared on how students in each year group are assessed, how they are supported, key dates for assessments as well as sharing resources for independent study at home. There will also be a talk on Year 10 Work Experience.

We look forward to welcoming you to these events and working closely with you over the academic year.

**S.Szuszkiewicz**

Deputy Headteacher

## Parent Drop - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September between 9am and 10am.

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.



## Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5-7pm

The Basildon Academies Sixth Form Team wish to invite you to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, at the Upper Academy.

This is an exciting opportunity for all students to find out what it takes to be a part of our sixth form and, provides the chance to explore over 30 courses we have available.

Teachers will be showcasing their courses and will be available to answer any questions you have regarding the different pathways available within our sixth form.

I will be delivering a presentation alongside V.Oddy, Director of Enhanced Provision at 5.30pm, to explain our different pathways and routes to success.

Current sixth form students will be available to provide first-hand accounts of their experience of sixth form, and our catering students are delighted to be providing dessert tasters for our guests to enjoy.

During the event there will be refreshments and the opportunity to sit down and discuss the application process.

### Applications

Applications to join for the sixth form will open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and, students and parents will have the opportunity to access the study centre during the evening to use the computers to complete an application form. Applications are completed online through our website and staff will be available to assist you with this process.

If you have a query regarding sixth form admissions, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form Admissions.

**K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5**



Partnership and engagement with parents and the wider community is now seen as a strength of the school and has enhanced the school's reputation. Clear evidence of this is in the rising roll, migration into the school & the enhanced reputation of the school within the local community & wider education community.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Sienna.P (R10EPAM)
- ★ Year 11 - Daniel.C (R11EPPM)
- ★ Year 11 - Hayden.H (R11AE)
- ★ Sixth Form - Macie.L (R1213)

## Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 4pm - 5pm**

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this academic year.

If you wish to attend the event, you will need to book an appointment by clicking on the relevant link below:

[Appointment Booking for Parent/Carers of Year 10 students](#)

[Appointment Booking for Parent/Carers of Year 12 students](#)

## 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)

## Aspire - Believe - Achieve

### 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.



**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**



**On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September the Basildon Academies will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning.**

**During breaktime a selection of cakes & biscuits will be available for students & staff to purchase in the Dining Hall. Each cake or biscuit will be 50p each, with all proceeds going to the cancer support charity.**

**Purchases will be made through ParentPay in the normal way.**

## 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/](http://www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/)



# BASILDON ACADEMIES

## WORD OF THE DAY

23<sup>rd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

European Day of Languages – 26<sup>th</sup> September

Monday:	<b>Linguistics</b> (noun) - <b>Bhāṣāsāstra</b> in Gujarati <i>Definition:</i> The scientific study of language and its structure. <i>Example:</i> European Day of Languages celebrates the diversity of linguistics across the continent.
Tuesday:	<b>Bilingualism</b> (noun) – <b>dvibhaashaavaad</b> in Hindi <i>Definition:</i> The ability to speak two languages fluently. <i>Example:</i> Bilingualism is highly valued and encouraged during European Day of Languages.
Wednesday:	<b>Dialect</b> (noun) – <b>Yare</b> in Hausa <i>Definition:</i> A particular form of a language which is peculiar to a specific region or social group. <i>Example:</i> The event highlighted the variety of dialects spoken across Europe.
Thursday: <i>European Day of Languages</i>	<b>Fluency</b> (noun) - <b>Idi mma</b> in Igbo <i>Definition:</i> The ability to express oneself easily and articulately in a language. <i>Example:</i> Language classes are designed to help students achieve fluency in their target languages.
Friday: <i>Macmillan Coffee Morning</i>	<b>Polyglot</b> (noun) - <b>Bandinga mingi</b> in Kigongo <i>Definition:</i> A person who knows and is able to use several languages. <i>Example:</i> The polyglot gave a speech in five different languages during the European Day of Languages.

## Job of the Week: Landscape Architect

### What does a Landscape Architect do?

You'll usually specialise in an area like landscape design, management, science, planning or urban design.

Your day-to-day duties might include meeting with clients to discuss their needs; surveying sites to look at existing plant and animal life, and natural resources; presenting your design ideas to clients and writing reports and environmental impact assessments.

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 188,162
- Essex Jobs: 6,637
- Growth: +17%
- Top 5 LEAs: 1. Essex (6,637) 2. Kent (6,433) 3. Hertfordshire (5,538) 4. Surrey (5,386) 5. Hampshire (5,283)

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

You'll need to be creative, as you'll often be producing new ideas, sometimes for unusual or uninspiring spaces.

You'll need a degree in a subject like:

landscape architecture  
garden design  
landscape design and technology  
landscape planning  
environmental conservation

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £45,894



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.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels





## Parent Drop In Sessions

We are pleased to announce the schedule of weekly parent drop in sessions at The Upper Academy. Each week, academy leaders will be available to discuss matters related to the Upper Academy and listen to any ideas that you have. The days and times of the sessions will vary each week, which we hope will enable many of you to attend. 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.

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: 9am - 10am
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: 8:30am - 9:30am
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October: 10:30am - 11:30am
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October: 10am - 11am
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: 11am - 12pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November: 9am - 10am
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: 2pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November: 9am - 10am
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: 10:30am - 11:30am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December: 9am - 10am
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December: 2pm - 3pm



The dates will be published in the newsletter weekly as a reminder.

## 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.

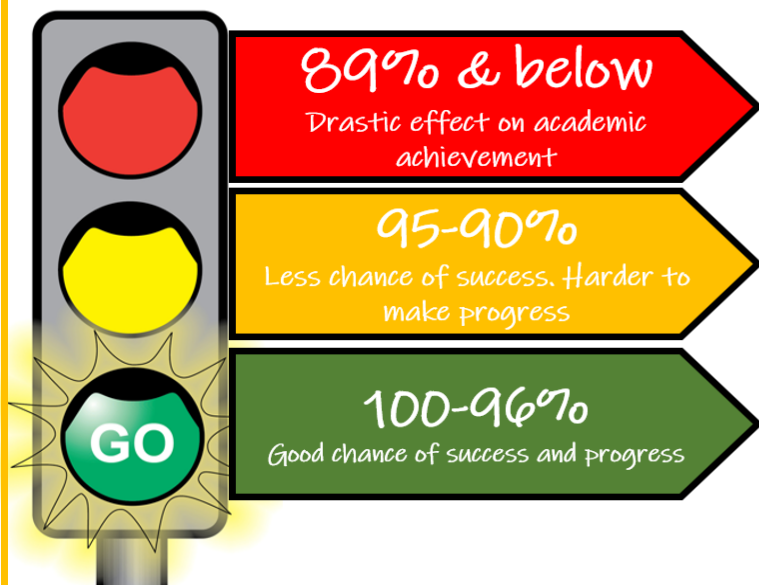
- Parents/carers must contact the school by 8.30am each day their child is absent.
- If no reason has been received for a child's absence, the Academy will initiate first day calling.
- Parent/carers may be asked for medical evidence to support absences after 3 days or reoccurring absence patterns.
- 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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)

# ATTENDANCE

*Every Minute Counts!*



### Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

### How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

CELEBRATING

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2024

TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, EACH WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER WE WILL BE SERVING AUTHENTIC DISHES IN THE DINING HALL

DISHES FOR WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER



TRINIDADIAN BEEF STEW



JOLLOF RICE & CHICKEN



SWEET POTATO BUNDT CAKE

Healthy

## NATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK

Nutritious

Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October

To celebrate Vegetarian Week all vegetarian main meals will be £1



Wellbeing is prioritised for everyone in the school. As well as extensive curriculum content, the leadership have funded Wellbeing Centres on both sites. This support was spoken of very positively by students. Some have timetabled access but "There are break and lunchtime drop ins... anyone can go for help with any problem... it's very accessible."

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware