

SIXTH FORM



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Welcome

Choosing a sixth form is a serious and considered decision that needs to be based on the whole experience the college can offer.

At Basildon Upper Academy we pride ourselves on ensuring a tailored approach to the individual's educational journey building in enrichment activities, leadership prospects and academic pursuits with exceptional careers guidance.



Rebecca Rees
Headteacher

Our aim is for students who embark on their studies with us to remain with us through to the end of Year 13, achieving their personal goals and aspirations with the support of a dedicated team who know them well. We also welcome students who wish to join us for the first time in Year 12, embracing the opportunity to get to know and support them too.

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Pathways



Advanced Pathway



Foundation Pathway

Our sixth form offers over 30 courses to choose from. We are a fully inclusive school that promotes students to be **bold**, **brave** and **committed** to their studies and future aspirations.

Teachers are invested in providing students with innovative learning opportunities that support students to widen their horizons and fully immerse themselves into sixth form.

"Students in the sixth form enjoy studying here. In lessons, teachers use their subject knowledge to provide a curriculum that builds students' knowledge securely. Students are taught to study and use their time effectively."

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Advanced Pathway

The Advanced Pathway is bespoke to students who wish to study A Level and Level 3 Applied General qualifications.

These courses enable students to choose subjects that are tailored towards their future careers and supports students by investing in developing transferable skills.



Kerry McCarthy

Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5

All our Advanced Pathway students' study a minimum of three subjects over two years. Our Level 3 Applied General qualifications are a combination of exams and coursework, with students able to select a combination of A Level courses.

Our Sixth Formers receive a number of unique privileges, including a dedicated area for working and socialising, the chance to act as a role model for younger students, through mentoring schemes and outstanding careers advice, including guidance on UCAS and job applications.

The Advanced Pathway supports students to go on to university, higher education or graduate apprenticeships.



A Level Qualifications

To be considered for A Level qualifications, you must have a minimum of a Grade 4 in English and Maths.

COURSE	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
3D Design	3	• Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. • Grade 4 or above in an Art and Design or Creative Media GCSE. • Portfolio assessment possible.
Accounting	3	• Grade 4 or above in English. • Grade 5 or above in Maths.
Art (Fine)	3	• Grade 5 or above in an Art or Design based subject. • Portfolio assessment possible.
Biology	3	• Grade 5 or above in English and Maths. • Grade 6 or above in Science.
Chemistry	3	• Grade 5 or above in English and Maths. • Grade 6 or above in Science.
Creative Media	3	• Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.
Engineering	3	• Grade 4 or above in English. • Grade 6 or above in Maths.
English Literature	3	• Grade 6 or above in English. • Grade 6 or above in another written subject.
Geography	3	• Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. • Grade 4 or above in Geography.
Graphic Design	3	• Grade 5 or above in an Art or Design based subject. • Portfolio assessment possible.

A Level Qualifications

COURSE	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Maths	3	- Grade 5 or above in English. - Grade 7 or above in Maths.
Photography	3	- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. - Grade 5 or above in an Art based subject.
Physical Education	3	Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.
Physics	3	- Grade 5 or above in English and Maths. - Grade 6 or above in Science.
Psychology	3	Grade 5 or above in English and Maths.
Sociology	3	Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.



For detailed course information please scan the QR code.

Please note: Course information is subject to change.



"Pupils say that everyone is valued here and treated with respect. Pupils appreciate the guidance and support that the school gives them to be the best they can be. As a result, there are positive relationships between staff and pupils."

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Applied General Qualifications

COURSE	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Business Studies	3	- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. - Ideally a Level 2 Pass or above in Business Studies.
Computing	3	- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. - Ideally a Level 2 qualification in a computer-based subject.
Criminology	3	Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.
Esports	3	- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. - Ideally a Level 2 qualification in a computer-based subject.
Food, Science & Nutrition	3	- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. - Level 2 qualification in Catering.
Information Technology	3	- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths. - Ideally a Level 2 qualification in a computer-based subject.



Foundation Pathway

Our Level 1 and 2 Courses are designed for students who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 in English and/or Maths. Students on this pathway will study three subjects, which will include English and/or Maths as required, along with at least one optional subject.

These one-year courses provide essential support in working towards achieving a GCSE Grade 4 or, the equivalent Functional Skills qualifications in both subjects.

Alongside academic progress, students will gain valuable hands-on experience in a range of vocational subjects, which will help students develop practical skills relevant to today's industries and career pathways.

Upon completion, students will be well-prepared to move on to Level 3 courses or transition directly into the workplace, equipped with both the practical skills and academic foundation needed for success in their chosen path.



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Level 1 & 2 Qualifications

COURSE	LEVEL	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Business	1	No specific entry requirements.
Care	1 2	No specific entry requirements.
Construction	1	No specific entry requirements.
Cooking	1	No specific entry requirements.
Design Craft	1	No specific entry requirements.
Early Years Practitioner	1	No specific entry requirements.
Hairdressing	2	No specific entry requirements.
Sports Studies	1	No specific entry requirements.



Our Students

"Joining Basildon Academies Sixth Form was a fresh start for me. As a special educational needs (SEN) student, my past experiences in education hadn't always been positive, so stepping into a mainstream environment for the first time since primary school was daunting. But from day one, the staff made me feel welcome, and I formed friendships that have made my sixth form experience truly enjoyable.



I've always been supported—whether it's academic help or personal guidance—and I've never felt held back because of my background." **Georgia**



"I joined the Basildon Academies Sixth Form at the start of Year 12 because of the range of subjects available and the opportunity to resit GCSE English Language. I was also attracted by the supportive environment and the chance to continue developing my skills. With the support of my English teachers, I successfully passed my resit in November, allowing me to progress onto the Advanced Pathway.

I am now studying A Levels in 3D Design, IT and Photography. I chose the Sixth Form for the creative facilities and opportunities to express myself through my subjects. Support from staff has helped me develop academically and personally, while also preparing me for my future through CV building and career planning. My next step is to continue my studies by completing a Level 5 Cyber Security course." **Robert**

"Joining Sixth Form was a turning point for me. I was able to resit my GCSEs while still being part of the Sixth Form community, which gave me the chance to move across pathways and eventually begin studying A Levels.

The support I have received both academically and personally has made all the difference. Staff believed in my potential and helped me build the confidence to aim higher.



Now, I'm working towards qualifications I never thought possible, and I feel fully prepared for what comes next." **Chloe**

Our Students

"Since joining Basildon Academies Sixth Form, I've had amazing support to help prepare me for my future. The staff have always been there to guide me, especially with the application process for the Army. They've encouraged me every step of the way and helped build my confidence. Without their support, I don't think I'd be where I am today.

What really stood out was how personal the support felt. I've been pushed to achieve my potential while still being treated with respect and understanding." **Joseph**



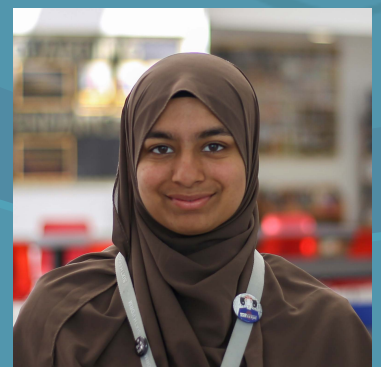
"During my time at Basildon Upper Academy, I've grown and developed so much. From lower school through to sixth form, the support I've received has been incredible. My teachers always made sure I was learning at the right level, and I truly believe I wouldn't be where I am today without them. I'm currently studying Biology, Psychology, and Criminology, and I hope to go on to study Midwifery at the University of Manchester.

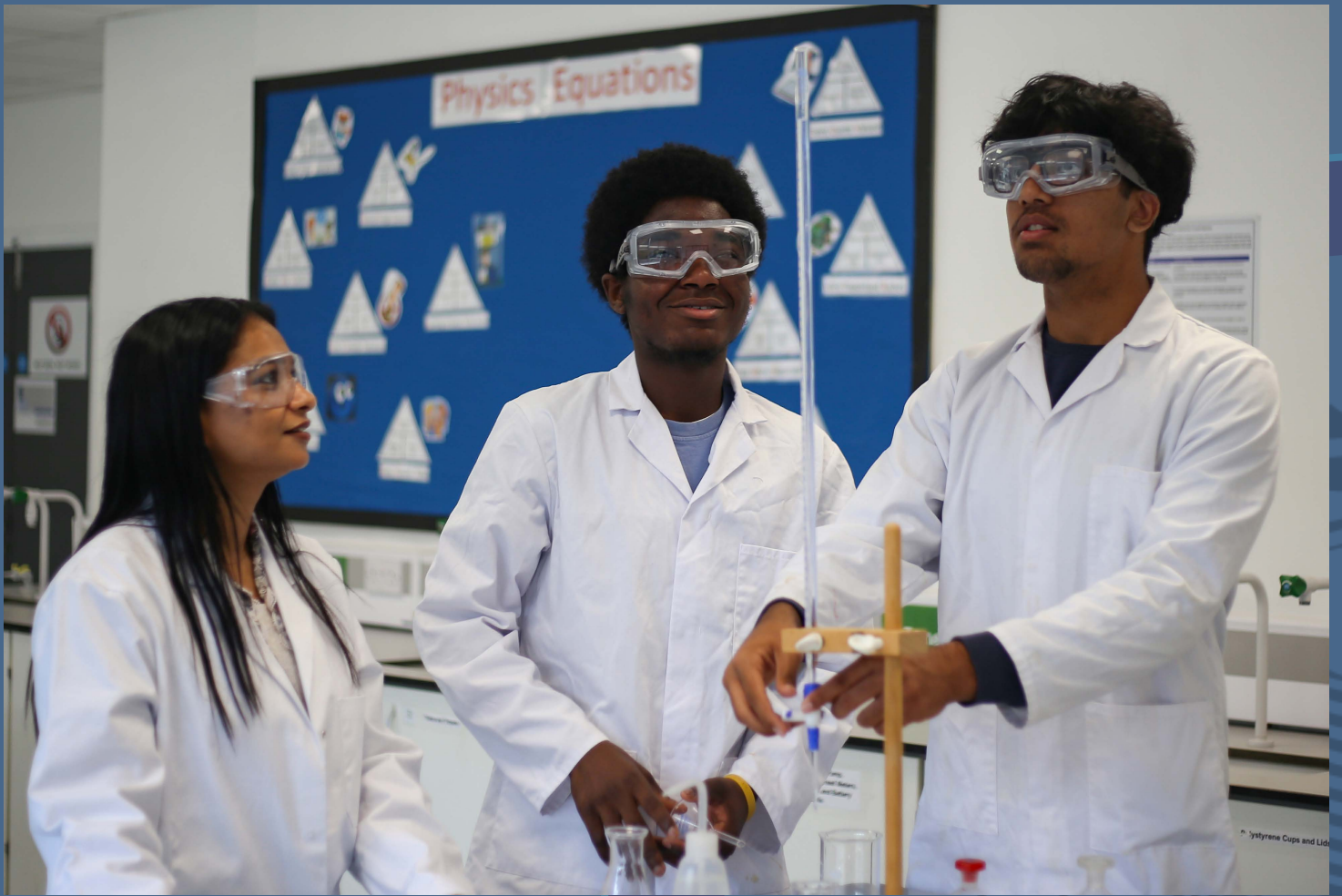
Starting sixth form can feel daunting, but Basildon Upper Academy gave me a support system that made anything feel possible, and that made all the difference. I'll always remember it as a school that genuinely cares for its students." **Kayla**

"The support from staff has been amazing. My teachers always took time to listen and created a respectful space where we could express ourselves. That really boosted my confidence and helped me stay motivated.

The community here is inclusive and welcoming. As someone who practises their faith, I appreciated being in a space where I felt safe and respected.

I'm planning to start an apprenticeship next, as I prefer learning through hands-on experience. Sixth Form has definitely helped me prepare for that, especially through support with applications and opportunities to explore career paths." **Zahra**







Personal Development

Putting Students at the Heart of Our Sixth Form Community

At our sixth form, we pride ourselves on creating a vibrant and supportive environment where every student feels valued and empowered. We believe that education extends far beyond the classroom walls, and our culture is built around placing students at the very heart of everything we do.

A Voice That Matters: The Student Council

Our dedicated Student Council offers a unique platform for students to actively participate in shaping the future of the sixth form. Through regular meetings and open discussions, council members collaborate with staff and leadership teams, sharing ideas and influencing decisions that impact student life. This opportunity nurtures leadership skills and fosters a genuine sense of ownership and belonging within our community.



Holistic Support for Personal Growth

We recognise that a successful academic journey is about more than just exam results. That's why during tutor time, students engage in a diverse range of activities designed to support their wider development. Our enrichment programs encourage exploration beyond the curriculum, while PSHRE sessions equip students with essential life skills, from emotional wellbeing to effective communication.

Future Destinations

We are deeply committed to supporting our students as they prepare for life beyond sixth form, whether that means university, apprenticeships, or employment.

Personalised Mentoring and Wellbeing Support

Through our partnership with Zero Gravity, students benefit from tailored mentoring and guidance from industry employees and graduates. This invaluable support helps them confidently navigate the challenges of sixth form life, making sure they stay focused and motivated on their individual paths.

Nurturing Aspirations with Expert Guidance

For students aspiring to careers in medicine or dentistry, we work closely with Medic Mentor to provide specialist advice, resources, and workshops. This partnership helps students gain crucial insights, develop key skills, and strengthen their applications for highly competitive courses.



"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."

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Future Destinations

Exploring Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

All Year 12 students attend our annual university fair, where they can explore a wide range of higher education options alongside apprenticeships, enabling informed decisions about their futures.

Our weekly newsletter highlights local and national apprenticeship opportunities to keep students informed and inspired. Meanwhile, our dedicated Student Development Champion offers one-on-one support in the study centre, helping students craft effective CVs and prepare for the world of work.

Additionally, we actively invite students to participate in various work experience placements and apprenticeship programmes, offering valuable real-world exposure to complement their academic studies.



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Alumni Spotlight: Owen South

Strategy Consultant | The Basildon Academies Class of 2018

My journey began at The Basildon Academies, and I continue to credit it for laying the foundations of my success.

I studied there from 2011 to 2018, taking A-Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Business, and Chemistry. The exceptional support I received helped me progress to the London School of Economics to study Financial Mathematics and Statistics. I'm now a Strategy Consultant at one of the Big Four accountancy firms, and proud to say my roots are here.



Throughout my academic journey in Sixth Form and university, I developed a range of valuable skills, including data analysis, presentation, time management, and foundational competencies such as effectively articulating questions in examinations and job interviews.

As a Trustee at The Basildon Academies, my key responsibilities include:

- Supporting The Trust to ensure the Academies' performance aligns with and advances the overarching vision and strategy;
- Chairing the Finance & Planning Committee;
- Providing guidance on Sixth Form and careers matters, drawing from my own university and professional experiences.

It is a privilege to serve on The Trust Board, and I look forward to fostering the progress of The Basildon Academies in the years to come.

"Pupils meet a range of employers and representatives from further education colleges. This helps pupils make well-informed choices about their next steps."

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Belong, Connect and Thrive

At our Sixth Form, you are part of something bigger. Our community is at the heart of Sixth Form life, giving every student a strong sense of belonging, identity and pride. When you join us, you will become a member of one of our four Houses – Seacole, Ali, Austen or Hawking – creating a smaller community where you are known, valued and supported. Your Head of House will be there throughout your Sixth Form journey, monitoring your attendance, tracking your progress and celebrating your achievements. Most importantly, they are your listening ear – someone who knows you, supports you and is there when you need them.

Throughout the year, you will have opportunities to represent your House through competitions, experiences, events and challenges; working together to earn exciting House rewards. Our Houses are also championed by Sixth Form student leaders, giving you opportunities to develop your confidence, represent others and make a real difference to our school community.



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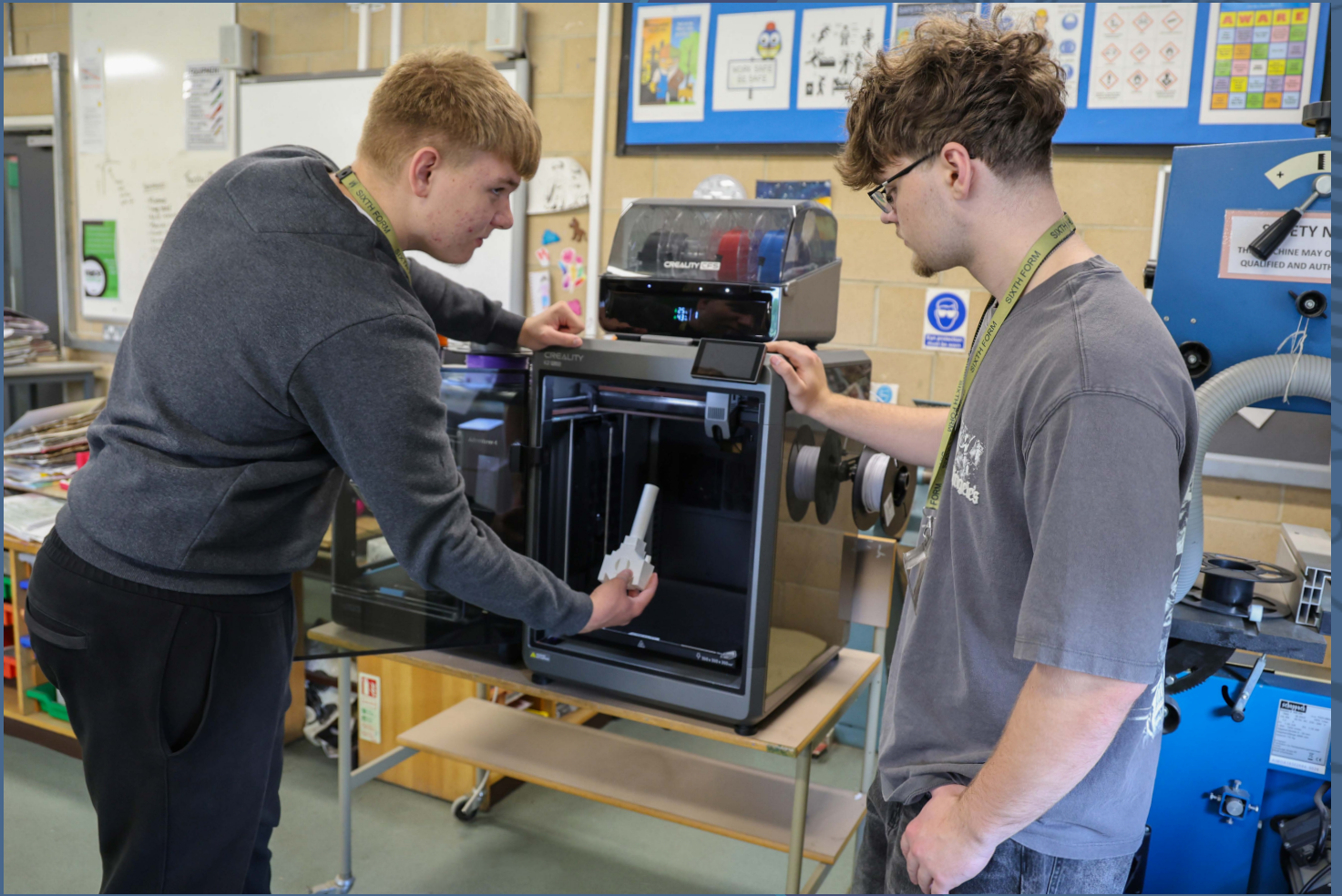
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"At the heart of our Sixth Form, I'm proud to serve as the Student Development Champion. Based in our dedicated study centre, I play a central role in supporting every student's academic progress and personal growth.

With an unwavering belief in the potential of each learner, I provide expert guidance through every step of Sixth Form life - from UCAS applications and bursary support to exploring apprenticeship and employment opportunities. My mission is to help every student not only succeed but thrive, fully prepared for life beyond school."



K.Hurd - Student Development Champion





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