

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 30th September 2024: 4pm-5pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 21st October 2024: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024

Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 18th November - Friday 29th November 2024

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 6th September



589
AUSTEN



377
SEACOLE



364
HAWKING



177
ALI

Leadership Message

Welcome

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Nnoo Daalu

Bine ati venit

Witamy

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Kaabo

Sveiki

Bienvenue

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Benvenuta

Üdvözöljük!

Bienvenida

Willkommen

We are all excited to welcome you back and, in some cases, welcome you for the first time, especially if you are in Year 7 or Year 12. I am now the Headteacher of the Upper and Lower Academies and eagerly anticipate the personal and academic success we will all enjoy this coming year.

At the start of the school year, it is important to make clear our expectations that are encapsulated in The BA Way. We expect you all to be ready, responsible, and resilient to ensure you can make the most of the opportunities provided by the academies. We all need to **start as we mean to go on**. This means coming in every day, in school uniform or accepted attire ready to engage in the opportunities provided. Education should be joyous; you should want to attend and engage in your learning. If you need help to achieve this, we are willing and able.



We are always looking for reasons to smile, I make it a daily promise to myself and would encourage you to do that too. My smiles always relate to how well the school community is working together to achieve individual and collective success. Remember that *"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."* Nhat Hanh. From the tiniest to the most gargantuan step in realising success is a reason to smile.

Thank you in advance for giving us reasons to smile.

R.Rees
Headteacher

Attendance Information

As we start the new academic year, we would like to ensure we support you and your children in accessing fulltime education. Student welfare, academic progress and achievement is at the heart of everything we do at our Academies.

Parents have a legal responsibility for making sure their children get a suitable, fulltime education, but we know there are sometimes other factors that might impede this from happening.

Our expectation is that all students attend promptly and regularly.

All Upper Academy students arrive by 8.25am.

These times apply to all students, unless there has been agreed alternative arrangements.

If your child is struggling to attend school for any reason, contact the attendance team who will be able to support you in making you an appointment with the relevant team to discuss support strategies.

The Department for Education (DfE) has released guidance for parents and carers that can be found [here](#).

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

GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 2nd September 2024.

★ Year 10 - Kareem.A (R10T2)

★ Year 11 - Shaun.H (R11Y1)

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.

Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 30th 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.

To make an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams, please make that clear in your request.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

What the schools stand for and promote is highly visible and consistent on each site from the values agreed with students to the diversity represented by the key figures the school's houses are named after.

Spotlight on: A Level Engineering



Learning about engineering design at A Level strengthens learners' critical thinking and problem solving skills within a creative environment, enabling them to develop and make prototypes/products that solve real-world problems, considering their own and others' needs, wants, aspirations and values.

This A Level qualification requires learners to identify market needs and opportunities for new products, initiate and develop design solutions, and make and test prototypes/products. Learners should acquire subject knowledge in engineering design, including how a product can be developed through the stages of prototyping, realisation and commercial manufacture.

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

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 too.

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.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

Leadership Message - Parent Drop In

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.

The date and time of the first session is Thursday 12th September between 11am and 12pm.

- Wednesday 18th September: 2pm -3pm
- Friday 27th September: 9am - 10am
- Thursday 3rd October: 8:30am - 9:30am
- Thursday 8th October: 10:30am - 11:30am
- Wednesday 16th October: 10am - 11am
- Wednesday 23rd October: 1:30pm - 2:30pm
- Monday 4th November: 11am - 12pm
- Wednesday 13th November: 9am - 10am
- Tuesday 19th November: 2pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 26th November: 9am - 10am
- Monday 2nd December: 10:30am - 11:30am
- Friday 13th December: 9am - 10am
- Thursday 19th December: 2pm -3pm



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

BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

9th - 13th September 2024
Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday:	<p>Sustainability (noun) – Sustenabilitate in Romanian <i>Definition:</i> The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level, often referring to environmental balance. <i>Example:</i> Fairtrade Fortnight emphasizes sustainability in farming practices.</p>
Tuesday:	<p>Ethical (adjective) - ሥነ ጥበቃ in Amharic <i>Definition:</i> Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these. <i>Example:</i> Fairtrade products are ethical, ensuring that workers receive fair wages.</p>
Wednesday:	<p>Commodities (noun) - السلع الاساسيه () in Arabic <i>Definition:</i> Raw materials or primary agricultural products that can be bought and sold. <i>Example:</i> Coffee and cocoa are major commodities discussed during Fairtrade Fortnight.</p>
Thursday:	<p>Certification (noun) - Сертифициране in Bulgarian <i>Definition:</i> The action or process of providing someone or something with an official document attesting to a status or level of achievement. <i>Example:</i> Products with Fairtrade certification guarantee better prices and fair conditions for producers.</p>
Friday:	<p>Cooperative (noun) – Kooperativa in Albanian <i>Definition:</i> An organization owned and run jointly by its members, who share the profits or benefits. <i>Example:</i> Many farmers are part of cooperatives to ensure fair trade of their products.</p>

New Essex Sexual Health Service Webpages Dedicated to Secondary Parents & Carers

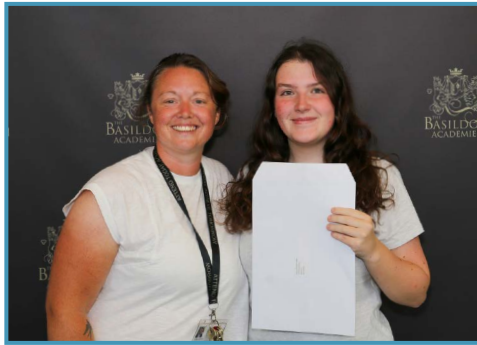
The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/



Exam Results

Congratulations to all of our students who received their exams results during the summer holidays.



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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Before School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Park Run (Open to all staff & students) 7.45am start <p>Lunchtime:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gym Club 	<p>After School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball 	<p>After School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Football Girls Football 	<p>After School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Year 10 Badminton 	<p>After School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Badminton

Job of the Week: Judicial Law Clerk

What does a Judicial Law Clerk do?

A judicial law clerk works closely with judges in the court system and provides essential support by:

- Conducting legal research
- Analysing case law
- Drafting legal memoranda
- Assisting in the preparation of court opinions or decisions
- Attending trials and other court proceedings
- Advising and making recommendations based on the law
- Handling administrative tasks

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 43,961

Essex Jobs: 1,362

Growth: +7.6%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Essex (1,362) 2. Hertfordshire (1,082) 3. Kent (1,072)
4. Hampshire (969) 5. Leeds (853)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need GCSEs or equivalent. Many firms also ask for A levels or a degree, although these don't have to be in law.

Relevant work experience in administration, legal secretarial work, accounts or management is beneficial. Paid or unpaid work experience in barristers' offices (chambers) may give you an advantage when applying for jobs.

Doing a college course in legal studies could also help you to prepare for this job.

You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £29,965



Lunch & Break Menus



LUNCH MENU WEEK 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole	Mexican Chicken Bun	BBQ Chicken	Creamy Sausage Tagliatelle	Fish Finger Sub with Lettuce & Mayo
Main Meal Option2	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Meatballs	Sweet Chilli Dogs	Cajun Chicken Traybake	BBQ Chicken Wings
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Veggie Wrap	Quorn Meatballs	BBQ Quorn Chicken	Cajun Vegetable Wrap	Vegetable Curry
Vegetarian Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Breadcrumb Veggie Burger	Sweet Chilli Quorn Dog	Spanish Frittata	Vegetable Finger Sub with Lettuce & Mayo
On the Side	New Potatoes Freshly Prepared Coleslaw Salad Peas	Mexican Potatoes Corn on the Cob Salad Pasta	BBQ Baked Beans Wedges Freshly Prepared Coleslaw	Spanish Pasta Salad Rice Salad	Skin-on Wedges Sweetcorn Savoury Rice
Pasta King Pot	Chinese Vegetable Curry Basilico	Sweet Chilli Chicken Arrabbiata	Amigo Meatballs Italian Mushroom	Spicy Sausage Zingy Peppers	Texan BBQ Meatballs Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Chilli Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Spicy Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese
Dessert	Fruit Trifle	Chocolate Pudding & Vanilla Ice Cream	Ring Doughnuts	Apple Crumble Sundae	Carrot Square Cakes



LUNCH MENU WEEK 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Sausages	Chicken Fajitas	Battered Sausage
Main Meal Option2	French Bread Pizza	Chinese Chicken Curry	Meat Feast Quiche	Loaded Chicken & Vegetable Quesadillas	Individual Meat Pie
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Tart	Vegetable & Noodle Stir Fry	Vegetable Quiche	Roasted Vegetable Fajitas	Battered Quorn Sausage
Vegetarian Meal Option 2	Roasted Vegetable Panini	Vegetable Curry	Veggie Sausage	Loaded Vegetable Quesadillas	Individual Vegetable Pie
On the Side	Garlic Bread Freshly Prepared Coleslaw	Super Veggie Spring Roll Chinese Fried Rice	Garlic Bread Peas New Potatoes Coleslaw	Mexican Corn on the Cob Mexican Potatoes Coleslaw	Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce
Pasta King Pot	Italian Mushroom Zingy Peppers	Pomodoro Vegetable Tikka	Bolognese Pomodoro	Mediterranean Pizza Spicy Sausage	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Chilli Vegetable Chilli Cheese	Toppings Mushy Peas Cheese Beans
Dessert	Apple & Cinnamon Cake	Fruit & Brownie Skewers	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Belgian Waffle with Strawberries & Chocolate Sauce	Rocky Road & Ice Cream

Lunch & Break Menus



LUNCH MENU WEEK 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Creamy Pepper Pasta	Crispy Chicken Burger	Chicken Korma	Chef's Special Meat Pie	Chicken Pitta Kebabs
Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Panini	Hot Dog & Onions	Chicken Tikka Pizza	Cornish Pasty	Cod Goujons
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Quiche	Breadcrumb Veggie Burger	Naan Pizza	Leak & Potato Pie	Quorn Goujons
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Cheese Quesadillas	Quorn Dog & Onions	Vegetable Balti	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Grilled Halloumi & Sweet Pepper Pitta Kebabs
On the Side	Garlic Bread Rainbow Coleslaw	New Potato Salad Onion Rings	Pilau Rice Naan Bread Coleslaw Salad	Mash Peas	Corn on the Cob Seasoned Wedges Salad
Pasta King Pot	Mediterranean Pizza Zingy Peppers	Piri Piri Chicken Italian Mushroom	Arrabbiata Chicken Korma	Spicy Sausage Italian Mushroom	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Spicy Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Cheese Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Pudding with Melted Centre	Pancakes	Banoffee Cake & Ice Cream	Strawberry Cheesecake	Beetroot Brownie



BREAK MENU



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PK Pockets	Chinese Chicken Wings	Sausage Roll Vegan Sausage Roll	Chocolate or Ham & Cheese Croissant	Egg & Bacon Muffin
Cheese Toasted Sandwich	Panini	Nachos & Salsa	Pizza	Garlic Bread French Sick
Ultimate Healthy Flapjack	Veggie Quesadilla	Ultimate Healthy Flapjack	Veggie Quesadilla	Ultimate Healthy Flapjack
Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot
Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots