

Dates for the Diary

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

Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Monday 8th July 2024

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July 2024

A Level Results Day

Thursday 15th August 2024

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 28th June



Leadership Message - Summer Safeguarding Support

Safeguarding our children is always a priority that I am proud to say, we all work together to do, whether we are at school or at home. Over the longer holiday periods it can be more challenging for us as a school, so we want to share some tools that you might find useful.

Resources for online issues:

Report Remove

Report Remove is a partnership between Childline and the Internet Watch Foundation which helps children to confidentially report sexual images and videos of themselves; and have them removed from the internet. Children can select their age range on the Childline website and follow the instructions to make a report. Information about what nude images are, and a video showing how the system works is also available here: www.childline.org.uk/report-remove/

Social media access

Several organisations provide guidance about the minimum age requirements that apply to apps such as TikTok, YouTube and WhatsApp. Guidance for parents/carers on how to apply privacy and safety settings is also provided. If children are using social media; to help them stay safe online, information can be found here:

- [Internet Matters](#)
- [NSPCC](#)
- [CEOP \(Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre\)](#)

Qustodio: Qustodio's parental control tools to keep kids' screen time safe and balanced on every device - from one easy to use dashboard. www.qustodio.com

Resources to support Mental Health

Kooth: Free online support for young people provided by a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers. www.kooth.com

NHS Better Health: Expert advice and practical tips to help you stay on top of your mental wellbeing. www.nhs.uk/better-health/

Every Mind Matters: Mental wellbeing tips, including lots of advice and guidance. www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/

S.O'Neill
Designated Safeguarding Lead & Senior Student Development Lead

Parent Open Event - Invitation - 4th July

We are delighted to invite you to join us on Thursday 4th July from 3.45pm to 6pm for a Parent Open Event, at The Basildon Upper Academy.

During the evening, you will have the chance to explore the exciting opportunities to that lie within our KS4 and KS5 offer.

The schedule for the event is outlined below:



3.45 - 6pm	Stalls in the canteen include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers, KS5 Bursary, attendance, safeguarding, RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education), enrichment, uniform, Yr. 10 work experience, Duke of Edinburgh Award, university outreach, KS4 Prom, EAL, Young Carers, School Nurse. Sweet treats to sample created by KS5 Catering and Hospitality students. 	
4 - 5pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tours of the school with colleagues and KS5 students. Drop-in sessions with our SEND and Well-Being teams. 	
5pm	Pizza for everyone to enjoy together.	
5.20 - 6pm	KS4 welcome, expectations, transition plan and Yr. 10 "Keeping Momentum" launch in the main hall.	Yr. 12 transition plan explained in the 6 th Form study room.

There will be a chance to meet with one of our governors and see how you too can become a School Governor. Staff will be available to answer any questions you may have about all the opportunities available at the academies.

Transition Information

From Monday 8th July:

- Students in Year 9 become Year 10 and their day will be 8.30am until 3pm.
- Students in Year 10 become Year 11 and their day will finish at 3.30pm.

Year 9, KS4 students will transition to the Upper Academy on Monday 8th July. All their lessons will be taught at BUA for the last two weeks of this academic year in readiness for 2024-5.

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

There are 32 external agencies that the school have been successful in engaging to deliver provision through their wellbeing centres in addition to their own programmes and this is all carefully mapped and evaluated.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2024

Year 11 Leavers Assembly

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on successfully completing their time here at the Academies. We are very proud of their resilience and the friendship they have shown to each other throughout their exams. We wish you all the best of luck with your futures!

S.Killick - Quality of Education Leader Year 11



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

Essex Sexual Health Service have web pages 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.

<https://essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Parent Drop - Thursday 4th July

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 4th July, between 1.30pm-2.30pm.

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.



Academies Celebrates Pool's Grand Reopening with Paralympic Gold Medallist

The Basildon Academies Trust celebrated the grand opening of its newly refurbished Lower Academy swimming pool on June 24th, continuing its commitment to providing top-tier facilities for its students and the local community.

The refurbishment project, which took six months to complete, boasts state-of-the-art facilities and eco-friendly features. The project, undertaken by swimming pool specialists Centurion Leisure and construction company Herronway Ltd, included extensive upgrades to both the pool and the changing areas.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony with Paralympian Danny Crates

The highlight of the event was the ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Paralympian Gold Medallist Danny Crates. A fully qualified diving instructor, Crates not only formally opened the pool but also engaged with students in an inspiring talk and Q&A session. His presence added a touch of prestige to the celebration, motivating students and guests with his story of perseverance and success.

"It was a great privilege to officially open the refurbished pool at The Basildon Academies. Sport, recreation, fitness and wellbeing, has always played a significant part in my life. Seeing the pool, which I have to say is more as you would expect to see at a high-end health club rather than a school, will give the students the opportunity to engage in sport and activity, at whatever level works best for them." Danny Crates



Community Engagement and Future Plans

The academy welcomes returning local primary schools and swimming clubs; such as Elite Swimming, who have already praised the new facilities. The upgraded pool promises to provide an exceptional environment for learning, training, and community events.

"The previous facilities were over 50 years old and in need of a huge upgrade. The work undertaken represents a significant capital investment project from our trust. The new state of the art pool and changing facilities will ensure that our current, and future students, along with our local community and clubs, are able to enjoy swimming here for another 50 years. I would like to thank our own Academy Operations Team, along with Centurion Leisure, Academy Estates Consultants and Herronway Ltd, for all their efforts and expertise in completing the project." Gary Smith - CEO, The Basildon Academies Trust.

"We are thrilled with the results of the refurbishment. The new pool offers a warm, inviting atmosphere and is now one of the most impressive facilities in Essex. The feedback from our users has been overwhelmingly positive. The academy should be proud of this remarkable achievement." Alex Stewart, Managing Director of Billericay based Elite Swimming.

Inspirational Talk

Following the opening ceremony of the pool, our special guest Danny Crates gave a motivational speech to a group of our students.

Danny shared his remarkable journey to success, speaking about the commitment required to succeed, how to set personal goals, and most importantly, how to achieve them. Danny engaged with the students in a Q&A session, which gave our students the opportunity to ask questions, and gain further insights into Danny's experiences and strategies for overcoming challenges.



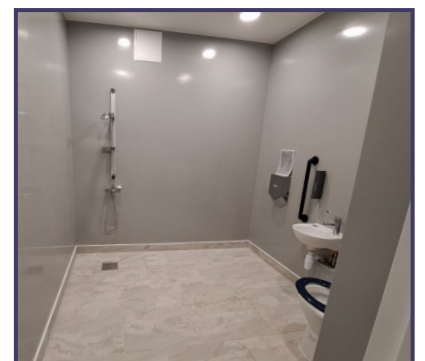
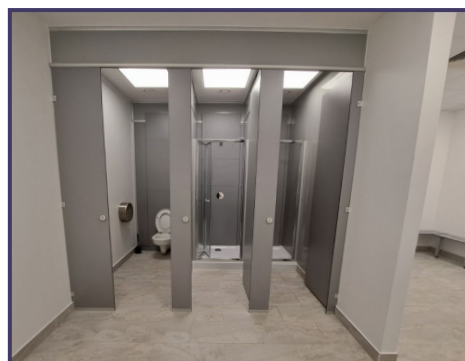
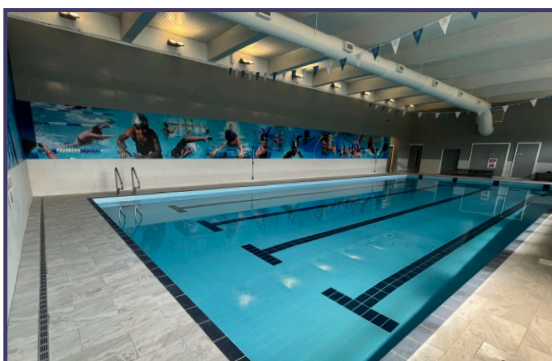
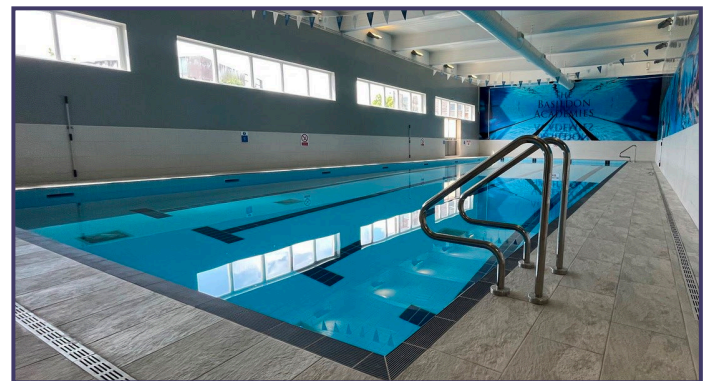
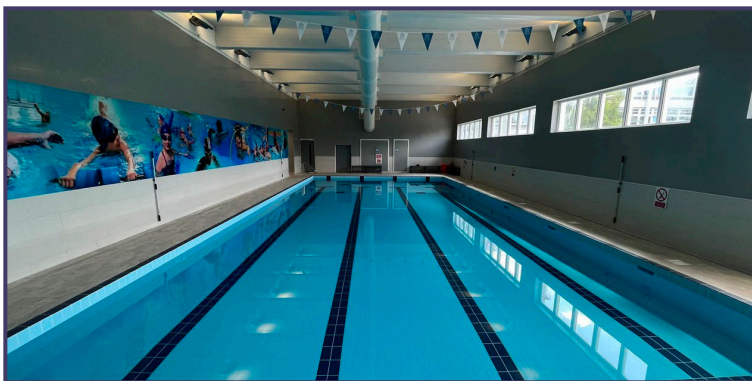
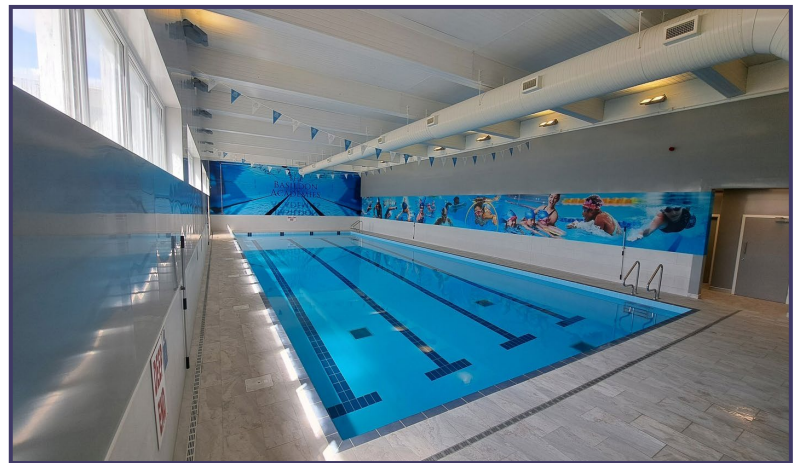
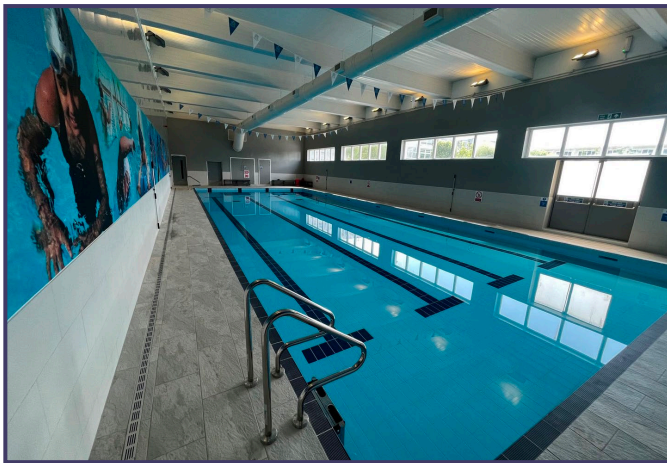
"Danny's speech motivated me because he has taught me to keep going and follow my dream. He is a very spectacular guy!"
Elisha.P – Year 8

"Meeting Danny was very inspirational and hearing his story of rising to fame was inspiring and, to see where he is now."
Lee.M – Year 9

"I found it motivational and a great speech about why we should carry on doing what we love and enjoy, even when bad things happen." Tanaya.E – Year 7

"Danny taught me to never give up, even if you go through a lot and to never lose hope and follow your dream." Kabwe.M – Year 7

"It was inspiring to hear how Danny never gave up and pushed forward to reach the goals he set himself, he took part in the sports he loved even though he was different to some people." Audrey.E – Year 7



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 24th June 2024.

★ Year 10 - Teddy.K (R10Y2)

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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 12 Students Experience Immersive Health Department Taster Day at ARU

Last week, a group of Year 12 students completed an immersive taster day at the Anglia Ruskin University Health Department. Students took the opportunity to network with professionals in their desired field and get involved in medical practical simulations.



Spotlight on: A Level Textiles



A level Textiles is not just about generating clothing, it's a versatile subject that entails the formation and manipulation of a range of materials. This practical design course in Fashion and Textiles takes a broad experimental approach to a range of textiles practices including dye, print, digital, stitch and embellishment.

Through a series of creative projects you will learn how to develop ideas by engaging with drawing and research, how to create textiles samples and realise your ideas into final outcomes. Learning about artists, designers and textiles from diverse cultures will underpin your independent projects and trips to exhibitions will inspire your ideas.

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

LGBTQ+ Group Hosts Event to Celebrate Pride Month

Well done to our Sixth Form LGBTQ+ group for organising a Pride Event to celebrate the end of Pride Month, coinciding with this term's school value 'Love is Love' and School Diversity Week.

Thank you to Georgia.S, Sam.W & Lauren.N who were involved in the planning, and to our students and staff who engaged with the event.



Job of the Week: Fashion Designer

What does a Fashion Designer do?

Fashion designers design and make clothing for clothing companies, retailers, and manufacturers. You'll often work closely with garment technologists and sample machinists. You'll work to design instructions (a 'brief'), analysing or predicting trends in fabrics, colours and shapes. You could also work with manufacturers (often based overseas) to make sure that designs are reproduced accurately.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 70,300
- Essex jobs: 1,573
- Top 5 LEAs: Hackney (1,855), Surrey (1,830), Hertfordshire (1,827), Kent (1,733), Essex (1,573)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need a relevant higher education qualification, like a foundation degree, diploma, or degree. It might be helpful to study a course that teaches design and technical skills; look for accredited colleges or courses who belong to your country's fashion council. You'll often start as a design assistant before working your way up to a full designer role.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £40,503



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

1st July 2024 - 5th July 2024

Monday:	Autonomy : Autonomija in Luthuanian independence or freedom, as of the will or one's actions.
Tuesday:	Self-reliance: Berdikari in Malay relying on oneself or on one's own powers, resources, etc.
Wednesday:	Separation: വേർപിരിയൽ in Malayalam to keep apart or divide, as by an intervening barrier or space.
Thursday: (American Independence Day)	Self-sufficiency: 自給自足 in Japanese able to supply one's own or its own needs without external assistance.
Friday:	Liberation: Liberazione in Italian the act or fact of gaining equal rights or full social or economic opportunities for a particular group.



The school is determined that all pupils can access the curriculum. All pupils in key stage 4 now study French. 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. Teachers skilfully adapt the curriculum for pupils with SEND so that they become increasingly confident and knowledgeable.

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