

Dates for the Diary

Year 10 & Year 12 AP2 Assessments
Monday 24th - Friday 28th June 2024

Year 11 Prom
Friday 28th June 2024 - 5.30pm-10pm

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

Presentation Evening
Friday 10th July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 24th May



Leadership Message

As the Director of Enhanced Provisions, I also serve as the Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO for students under the care of the EP. I am supported by our dedicated Centre Leads, who act as Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads, ensuring that our safeguarding measures are robust and effective. At the Basildon Academies, we pride ourselves on our fully inclusive ethos. Our in-house Enhanced Provisions (EP) are specifically designed to offer support to ensure our students receive the care and guidance they need.

Each group in our Enhanced Provision is assigned a dedicated key worker, who will guide them throughout their journey on the EP pathway, ensuring personalised support, so that when the time is right, students can transition to mainstream classes. Our staff provide support in various settings, including in-class assistance, mainstream environments, and through regular 'touch base sessions'. All EP staff members actively participate in the assess, plan, do, review process, ensuring comprehensive support for our students.

Student progress and plans are continually monitored by staff to ensure their reintegration into mainstream education is a positive experience. We are committed to providing a supportive and enriching environment for all our students.



V. Oddy - Director of Enhanced Provisions & Designated Safeguarding Lead for Enhanced Provisions

Parent Drop - Wednesday 5th June

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 5th June, between 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

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.



Sixth Form Students Experience Engineering Insights at the House of Lords

A group of Year 12 A Level Engineering students recently had an incredible opportunity to participate in an All Party Parliamentary Engineering Group held at the House of Lords.

During the event, students heard first hand from world leading university academics specialising in engineering, AI, and the biomedical sectors. Our students listened to the guest speakers' experiences and insights while enjoying a fabulous two-course lunch with stunning views of the Thames.

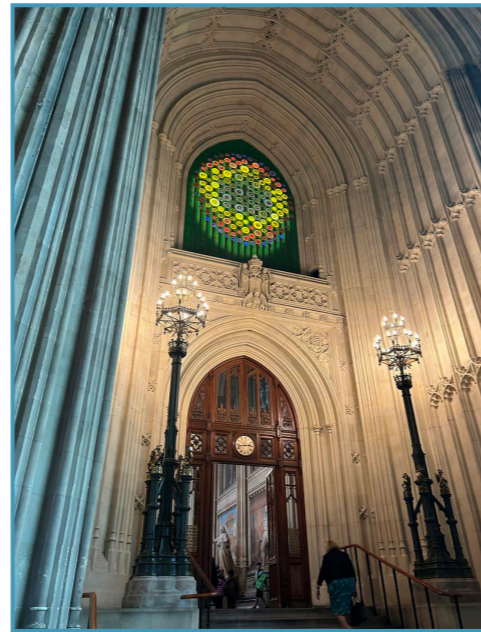
Students were joined at their table by event host Stephen Metcalfe MP and Shea Toomey from Laing O'Rourke, who shared experiences of pursuing a work-based degree with the company. Also present was John Lavery MVO MBA, Secretary for the Royal Commission of the Exhibition of 1851, who discussed the postgraduate fellowships and scholarships offered by the Commission, emphasising the importance of raising awareness among younger generations about the opportunities in engineering.

After lunch, the students were treated to a tour of Parliament, including the opportunity to watch proceedings in the House of Commons from the viewing gallery. This provided the students with a deeper understanding of both the engineering field and the workings of Parliament.

"Learning that AI is meant to improve workers experiences and efficiency, rather than replacing them, was eye opening." Diesel.T

"Being part of the parliamentary group was a new definitive experience which showed me perspectives on modern-day engineering and it's futuristic plans." Joseph.C

"It is fascinating that AI is not viewed as artificial nor intelligent by its creators." Nicole.I



"I am really glad that I had the opportunity to invite some aspiring Year 12 engineers to hear about some of the exciting routes into robotics and the opportunities presented by this fast-growing industry. We discussed the connection between robotics and artificial intelligence, the risks and possibilities, and it was great to hear their views. Many thanks to Ms Bowman for working to make this happen! It is fantastic that Basildon Upper Academy is working to expand students' horizons and give them insight into the world of opportunity that exists." Stephen Metcalfe MP

Students Exemplify Kindness by Aiding Woman in Medical Emergency

In a heart-warming display of compassion and community spirit, several students from the Academies exemplified our Student Value that "Kindness is Everything" by coming to the aid of a member of the public in need of urgent medical assistance.

The incident occurred on the morning of Tuesday, May 14th, at the bus stop on Whitmore Way, where a woman suddenly experienced a seizure. Our students at the bus stop demonstrated remarkable composure by placing the lady in the recovery position and calling for an ambulance. Our students waited with the lady and comforted her until the ambulance arrived.

The woman, who has now recovered, contacted the school to express her appreciation for the students. She praised them for being extremely respectful and thoughtful and commended them on how well they handled the situation.

My Child At School App

We are excited to announce the launch of our new app 'My Child At School' (MCAS).




Parents and carers who are registered as 'contact 1' on student's accounts will have received a link via email.

Please follow this link and create a password. Once registered you will have an overview of the following information:

- AP results - these will no longer be posted home and only available via the app.
- Attendance
- Behaviour (Negative consequences e.g., C5)
- Reward points
- Student Timetable
- Exam Timetable (during exam season)

If you have more than one child attending the academies, you will receive an activation email for **each child**.

You will need to complete the activation process **for each child** but once this has been completed, from the app you will simply be able to toggle between each child and between the upper and lower academies if you have children attending both schools.

 EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm		After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Basketball • Year 11 Sports Science/ Studies Catch up 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics • Badminton • Year 10 Sports Studies Catch up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Basketball 	

Leaders make highly effective use of a wide range of data to identify issues, track improvements and guide decision making both on individual pupils and collectively. Recently this played a part in identifying that uniform infringements were linked to the cost of living crisis and led to changes in the school's uniform.



2023-2026

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 20th May 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Riley.L (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - Keira.H (R11T1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Frederick.E (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

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Sport



If you love sport and want to develop your skills and knowledge in order to pursue a career in the sports and leisure industry, then this course is for you. It combines up to date knowledge of the sport and leisure industry with the right balance of practical learning and assessments delivered flexibly to develop skills needed for a sporting career or further education. We aim to equip every learner with the fundamental skills for a career in sport.

You will also be guaranteed funding of up to £150 towards a recognised professional qualification such as an officiating award of your choice.

This qualification is equivalent to three A-Levels .

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma Sport](#)

Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Job of the Week: Building Surveyor

What does a Building Surveyor do?

Building surveyors advise clients about the design, construction, maintenance and repair of buildings. You could work on a construction site, at a client's home or in an office. Your working environment may be at height, outdoors in all weathers and you may spend nights away from home. You may need to wear protective clothing.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 188,162
- Essex jobs: 6,637
- Top 5 LEAs: Essex (6,637), Kent (6,433), Hertfordshire (5,538), Surrey (5,386), Hampshire (5,283)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £43,349

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship.

It may be possible to work towards this role by doing a surveying technician apprenticeship. This will teach you some of the skills and knowledge required. You would then need to take further qualifications to gain chartered surveyor status.

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

3rd June - 7th June 2024
Child Safety Week

Monday:	Cherished- al-azizeh (العزیزہ) in Arabic to hold or treat as dear; feel love for.
Tuesday:	Protected: Protegido in Brazilian Portuguese to defend or guard from attack, invasion, loss, annoyance, insult, etc.; cover or shield from injury or danger.
Wednesday:	Safeguarded: surakshit in Bangla something that serves as a protection or defense or that ensures safety.
Thursday:	Invulnerable: I paprekshëm in Albanian incapable of being wounded, hurt, or damaged.
Friday:	Secure: amaanka in Somali free from or not exposed to danger or harm; safe.

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

Essex Sexual Health Service has launched new 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/>



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



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

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	

What to do

Advice on childhood illnesses



Go to school; if needed, get treatment as required



Some restrictions for school attendance



Don't go to school and see the GP

What it's called?	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Asthma flare up	Worsening of usual symptoms	➤	Follow your care plan	Stay off school if feeling too unwell
Chicken pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	➤	Pharmacy	Back to school five days after on-set of the rash, or when all lesions are crusted over
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	➤	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading*
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene*
German measles/ Rubella	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards	●	GP	Back to school four days after the rash has started, if feeling well enough. Please let the school know, as pregnant members of staff may be affected.
Glandular fever	High temperature, swollen glands, sore throat; usually more painful than any before	➤	GP	*
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	➤	GP	Attend school while monitoring symptoms
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	➤	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	GP	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, watery inflamed eyes, rash	●	GP	Back to school four days from on-set of rash, and if feeling well enough
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy, rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	➤	Pharmacy	
Scabies	Itching rash, commonly between fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	➤	GP	Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever	Fever, unwell, red tongue, sandpaper rash	●	GP	Exclusion period during first 24 hours of antibiotics*
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	➤	GP	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	➤	Pharmacy	Contact GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	➤	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis/ Strep throat	Intense sore throat for more than 1 day	➤	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow. Only need to stay off school if feeling too unwell
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, with a 'whoop'	●	GP	Exclusion period during first five days of antibiotics
Covid				Visit www.nhs.uk for latest guidance

*Attend school while monitoring symptoms.

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals. If you are unsure about your child's wellbeing, we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.

Working in partnership with

Should my child go to school/nursery today?
Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together for further information
<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/parentscarers>





Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities

The Essex Local Offer website

provides information about help available to children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can also find information on:

- support, groups and activities
- health and wellbeing
- help with learning
- housing and employment
- advice for young people
- financial support

Visit send.essex.gov.uk for more information and to sign up to our newsletter

