

Dates for the Diary

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 21st October 2024: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024

Armistice Day

Monday 11th November 2024

Anti- Bullying Week

Monday 11th November - Friday 15th 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 18th October



12,899
AUSTEN



8,401
ALI



7,624
HAWKING



7,105
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - Enhanced Provisions

As Director of Enhanced Provisions, I'm excited to share the extensive support we offer to students with Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs from KS2 through to KS5. Our provisions are designed to provide tailored support for both academic and emotional development.

In KS3, students receive personalised support from a dedicated key worker, using our Core Strengths Curriculum, which focuses on building resilience and emotional regulation. Through transition classes, students are gradually reintegrated into mainstream lessons, ensuring they feel supported every step of the way.

For our KS4 students, we offer three distinct pathways to meet their individual needs. The Enhanced Provision pathway continues personalised support with a key worker, helping students thrive academically and emotionally. Our Nurture Pathway provides targeted support with Teaching Assistant's in classroom environments, ideal for students who benefit from a smaller, nurturing environment while still accessing mainstream education. Finally, the Engage 14-19 pathway focuses on equipping students with practical skills, ensuring they are prepared for the next stages of education or employment.

Led by Mrs Hullyer in KS3 and Miss Stoddart in KS4/5, our dedicated teams work closely with students and families to create individualised plans, ensuring each student can succeed and grow in their learning journey.

For further information regarding our Enhanced Provision please visit:

<https://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/enhanced-provisions>

V.Oddy

Director of Enhanced Provisions



Sixth Form Students Excel in UK Maths Trust Challenge

Congratulations to our sixth form students who recently participated in the prestigious UK Maths Trust Challenge competition! This national online challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and problem-solving skills.

We are proud to highlight the outstanding performances of Myleene.D, Vanessa.O and Victor.E who each received the Bronze Award. A special mention goes to Jan.S and Migle.B who achieved the Gold Award and have been invited to participate in the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo 2024 follow-on round - a remarkable accomplishment!

Well done to all participants for their hard work and dedication. The academy is extremely proud of your achievements!

"I found the test challenging in a way that tested my abilities and that allowed me to see my potential. It was a good extracurricular experience and helpful for UCAS applications. I am very pleased with my award." Migle.B - Year 13



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 14th October 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Ria.J (R10Y1)
- ★ Year 11 - Cory.W (R11E2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Shanoya.W (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 the option for General Enquiries.

Spotlight on: A Level Drama & Theatre



The Performing Arts industry contributes approximately Four Billion to the UK economy? Do you enjoy performing and would like to pursue a career in the Arts? Do you have a passion for the theatre?

This course is designed to create industry professionals for stage and screen and develop essential academic skills and knowledge needed for a future in performance related careers. You will develop performance skills including acting, voice and movement in a highly practical environment and develop essential research and written skills as you learn about different theatre companies and practitioner work.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Parent Drop In - Wednesday 23rd October

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 23rd October between 1.30pm and 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.

Lee Completes 10k Run with Impressive Time

Congratulations to Year 10 student Lee M., who recently completed the Burnham-on-Crouch 10k run. Lee has been training incredibly hard, regularly attending the Parkrun Fitness Club to improve his running endurance. His hard work paid off as he impressively finished the 10k in under an hour - a fantastic achievement for such a demanding distance!

Well done, Lee, for this incredible accomplishment and for being a great example of determination and perseverance.

"I'm delighted to be able to say that I completed the 10k and look forward to building up to longer distances in the future and being able to compete and beat Mr Kirsh in the future as well!" Lee.M



Academic Progress Information Event - Monday 21st October

On Monday, 21st October, the Basildon Upper Academy will be hosting an Academic Progress Information Event from 4pm to 5pm. During this event, we will provide important information about assessments and examinations for the academic year, along with guidance on how to best support your child in preparing for them.

There will also be take-home resources to assist with revision, as well as samples of revision guides available for purchase through ParentPay.

In addition to information on examinations, there will be a presentation for Year 10 parents from the BEP group regarding Year 10 Work Experience. The BEP group, our delivery partner for work experience, will deliver an assembly to Year 10 students during the day and will stay afterward to explain the process to parents and carers.

An outline of the event is detailed below:

Time	Year 10 Information	Year 11 Information
4pm - 4.30pm	Work experience talk in main hall.	Opportunity to meet with Heads of Department, collect resources, view sample revision guides in canteen area.
4.30pm - 4.45pm	Examination and assessment process and support talk in main hall.	Examination and assessment process and support talk in main hall.
4.45pm - 5pm	Opportunity to meet with Heads of Department, collect resources, view sample revision guides in canteen area.	Staff available for questions.

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

Parent/Carer Survey

We are always keen to listen to parents and carers and receive feedback. Please scan the QR code to fill in the short survey, this will also be available at the Academic Progress Information Event this afternoon. We are particularly interested in knowing if you would like us to start reporting on your child's learning characteristics and some suggestions on what this may look like are included in the survey.

The survey will close at 3pm on Friday 25th October.

Many thanks for your ongoing support. **S.Szuskiewicz, Deputy Headteacher**



BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

21st - 25th October 2024
Black History Month

Monday:	<p>Civil Rights Movement (noun) <i>Definition:</i> A movement in the 1950s and 1960s in the United States aimed at ending racial discrimination and ensuring equal rights for African Americans. <i>Example:</i> Black History Month commemorates key figures of the Civil Rights Movement, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who fought for justice and equality.</p>
Tuesday:	<p>Segregation (noun) <i>Definition:</i> The enforced separation of different racial groups in a country, community, or establishment. <i>Example:</i> Black History Month reflects on the harmful effects of segregation and celebrates the heroes who fought to dismantle these unjust systems.</p>
Wednesday:	<p>Pan-Africanism (noun) <i>Definition:</i> The belief that African peoples, both on the continent and in the diaspora, share a common history and destiny and should unite for political, economic, and social progress. <i>Example:</i> Pan-Africanism is a key topic during Black History Month, as it highlights the global unity of African descendants.</p>
Thursday:	<p>Reparations (noun) <i>Definition:</i> The compensation provided to individuals or communities who have suffered harm, particularly in the context of the descendants of enslaved Africans seeking financial or social compensation for the injustices of slavery. <i>Example:</i> Discussions about reparations for African Americans often take centre stage during Black History Month, highlighting the lasting impact of slavery and systemic racism.</p>
Friday:	<p>Patrimony (noun) <i>Definition:</i> Patrimony refers to property or assets inherited from one's ancestors or heritage. It can also refer to cultural or historical heritage passed down through generations. <i>Example:</i> The museum's collection of ancient artifacts is a testament to the rich patrimony of the region, preserving the traditions and history of past generations.</p>

Job of the Week: Palaeontologist



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need:

- a degree in botany, Earth sciences, geology, palaeontology or zoology
- 3 A levels, including maths and physics
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) including maths, English and science

You could also do an integrated master's qualification, like an MGeol, MBiol or MSci.

What does a Palaeontologist do?

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Collecting data and samples on field trips
- Managing volunteers on field trips
- Examining and testing samples in the lab
- Doing research and publishing your findings
- Planning and delivering lectures and developing courses and workshops



Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 97,714
 - Essex Jobs: 1,751
 - Growth: +41.4%
- Top 5 LEAs: 1. Cambridgeshire (4,830) 2. Oxfordshire (4,457) 3. Hertfordshire (2,914) 4. Surrey (2,392) 5. Hampshire (2,379)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £47,289



Smoothwall Online Safety Hub Now Live

The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent/carer.

The hub includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

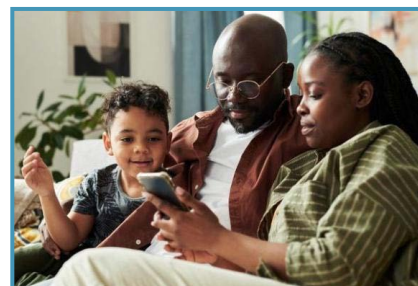
You can access the Online Safety Hub here:

www.basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/

Smoothwall are also offering parents, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any 1 device and, free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world, block dangerous content, introduce screen free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more.

Follow the link to create your free account:

www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special



MDL Marinas Sail Training Awards 2025 *the reward is onboard...*

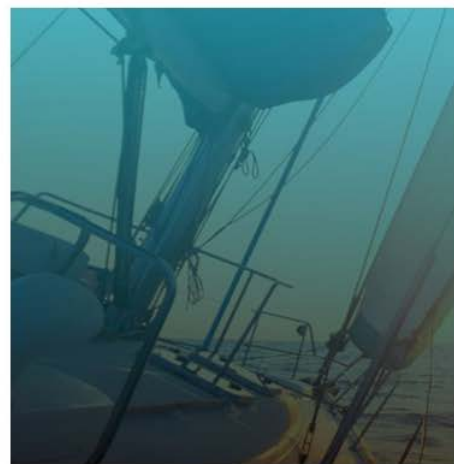
Award Winners

Please nominate young people between the ages of 12 and 18, who you feel should be rewarded for their achievements or inspiration and support to others around them; those who have overcome adverse personal circumstances or shown other exceptional accomplishments.

Those in contact with young people are invited to send in nominations, including teachers, guide or scout leaders, youth group leaders, friends and employers. Anyone can nominate, apart from parents, guardians or close family.

Past winners have included young people who have been outstanding achievers, as well as those who have been involved in voluntary work, those who have never had the chance to travel abroad, and those with added family responsibilities.

Winners will be selected from the regions in which MDL Marinas are located; the South West, Dorset, Hampshire, Thames Valley and East Coast.



The Sailing Experience

The winners will spend 5 nights and 6 days living and sailing on board an OYT sail training yacht and will become involved in all aspects of life on board, including hoisting sails, helping with maintenance, sailing the boat at night and cooking and cleaning with the rest of the crew. This is an unforgettable sailing experience, departing from and returning to Southampton in April 2024.

Nominations close on 17th January 2025

For more information please visit:

www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/about-mdl-marinas/sail-training-awards/



MDL MARINAS

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 23RD OCTOBER



JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN



SOUTHERN STYLE MAC & CHEESE



COCONUT CAKE WITH LIME GLAZE



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"> Gym Club (Max 30 spaces) 	<p>After School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Netball Year 10 Badminton Boys Football 	

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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

SPOOKTACULAR FOOD



TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN THE DINING HALL
WILL BE SERVING CAKES & BISCUITS AT BREAK
& LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER



TO CELEBRATE GUY FAWKES NIGHT THE
DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING FIREWORKS
THEMED FOOD AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME
ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



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