

## Dates for the Diary

### UK Parliament Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Year 13 AP1 Assessments

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN  
IS ILLEGAL**

## House Points - Week Ending 15<sup>th</sup> November



15,459  
ALI



15,292  
AUSTEN



11,567  
HAWKING



9,072  
SEACOLE

## Leadership Message

As the Director of Enhanced Provisions, I'm excited to share how our Core Strengths Programme is supporting students with SEMH needs across all key stages, from KS2 through KS5. This programme is at the heart of what we do, helping our students build essential skills that will support them throughout their educational journey and beyond.

One of the key areas we focus on is resilience. We teach our students how to bounce back from challenges and setbacks, helping them develop a growth mindset that encourages perseverance. Alongside this, we work on emotional regulation, giving students the tools to understand and manage their feelings. This helps them express themselves appropriately and stay calm in stressful situations.

Empathy is another important aspect of our programme. We encourage students to connect with one another by understanding different perspectives. Through group activities and role-playing, they practice empathy, which not only enhances their social interactions but also fosters a supportive community within our school.

Self-awareness is something we nurture as well; We guide students to identify their strengths and areas for improvement, helping them reflect on their personal growth. This self-awareness allows them to set achievable goals and take ownership of their learning journey.

Motivation plays a vital role in our students' success. We strive to inspire them to find their passion and drive, celebrating their achievements, no matter how small. This encouragement empowers them to pursue their interests and take initiative in their education.



Finally, we place great importance on developing social skills. We provide opportunities for collaboration and communication, helping students build positive relationships with peers and adults alike.

Our dedicated key workers are instrumental in this process. They create a safe and nurturing environment where students feel comfortable expressing themselves and taking risks in their learning. It's truly rewarding to see our students grow in confidence as they embrace these core strengths.

**V. Oddy**  
Director of Enhanced Provisions

## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Grace.S (R10Y1)
- ★ Year 11 - Kaili.R (R11X1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Jack.S (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](http://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](http://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.

## District Athletics

Well done to the following Year 10 and Year 11 students who competed at last week's District Athletics event at Basilon Sporting Village, Gloucester Park; Abel.A, Adrian.B, Adrijus.P, Ana.S, Caleb.H, Ese.E, Franchesca.B, Joseph.O, Joshua.O, Kaili.R, Lee.M, Luka.D, Michael.J, Michelle.A, Marijus.D, Phoenix.M, Tegan.C, Toal.A and Victoria.S.

Our standout performer in the girls' event was Victoria.S, who secured an impressive 20<sup>th</sup> place overall, while Adrijus.P excelled in the boys' event, achieving an outstanding 7<sup>th</sup> place finish.



## Online Safety Hub Recommended Resource of the Week: Support for Families Relating to Predators on the Internet

In the digital age, predators use the internet to groom and sexually exploit children through coercion and manipulation, making any child with online access a potential victim. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to predators on the internet.

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



## Spotlight on: A Level Chemistry



Chemistry is a rewarding but demanding course, which sets the subject within a relevant and modern-day framework. It suits those of you who like to ask the questions 'why'; 'how' and 'what' and are keen to find out the answers. The key emphasis is on an enjoyable challenge throughout the course, combining topics which stretch even the most able with a healthy dose of traditional investigative Chemistry where pupils learn the skills of working in a lab hands-on.

Chemistry remains one of the most highly regarded A levels by top universities which one can study.

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

# Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Catering Students Awarded Chef Whites

Congratulations to a group of Year 11 Catering students who have recently been awarded chef whites.

The students have shown remarkable commitment and dedication to the course. Their resilience and ability to support their peers while working in the kitchen have truly stood out. They should be incredibly proud of their achievements.

"I feel proud of myself and surprised to have received my chef whites, I guess all my effort in the kitchen has paid off. Thanks to all the Catering teacher's advice and encouragement." David.D

"I am really happy to have received my chef whites after nearly two years of hard work toward this achievement, including practicing at home." Thomas.E

"Cooking is one of my passions. I love the freedom I feel in the kitchen, and catering really lets me explore that." Holly.K



Luka.D, Teah.D & Erii.A



Holly.K



Thomas.E



David.D

## Tassomai – Homework Learning Platform

Tassomai is our designated homework platform for English, Maths, and Science. It provides students with daily challenges to support and reinforce their learning in these key subjects.

### Parent/Carer Login:

All parents/carers should have received an email invitation sent to the primary contact address listed on our MIS system. If you have not received this email, you can easily reset your password here: <https://app.tassomai.com/password/reset>

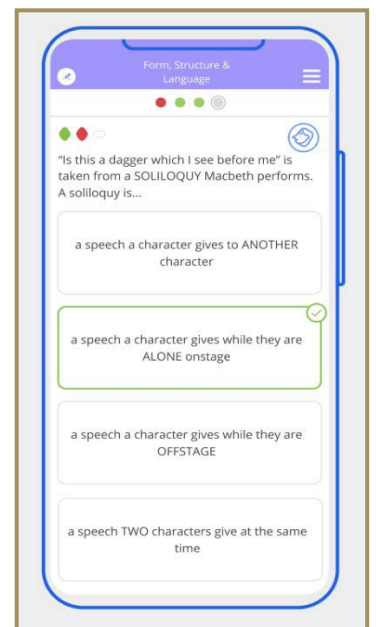
### Student Login:

Username : school email address (e.g.: 2002xxxx@basildonacademies.org.uk)

Password: SmartWayToStudy

Students can change their password once they log in.

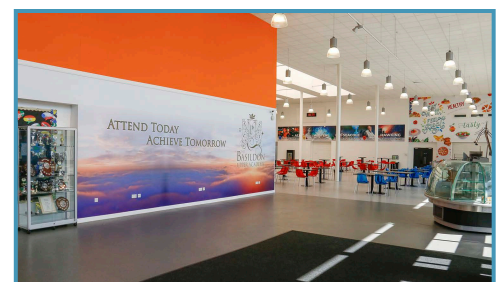
We encourage parents to support their children in regularly using Tassomai to complete these daily challenges, which are a valuable tool for academic progress. For more information about Tassomai, please visit: <https://www.tassomai.com/blog-content>



## Parent Drop - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November between 2pm and 3pm.

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.



## Year 11 Mock Examinations, commencing 18th November 2024

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	AM (8:30am start)		PM (1:30pm start)	
Monday 18 November	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Biology P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 19 November	History P2	2 hrs	Chemistry P1	1hr 15
	Geography P1	1 hr 30		
Wednesday 20 November	Maths P1	1 hr 30	Geography P2	1 hr 30
Thursday 21 November	English Language P2	1 hr 45	Physics P1	1 hr 15
Friday 22 November	Maths P2	1 hr 30	History P1	1 hr
			Geography P3	1 hr 30
Monday 25 November	English Literature P2	2 hr 15	Biology 2	1 hr 15
Tuesday 26 November	Maths P3	1 hr 30	Chemistry P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 27 November	English Literature P1	1 hr 45	Physics P2	1 hr 15
Thursday 28 November	Catering	1hr 20	Statistics	1 hr 45
	ICT	1hr 20		
	Engineering	1 hr 30		
Friday 29 November	French Listening	35 (f) 45 (h) mins	Enterprise	2hrs
	French Reading	45 (f) mins 1 hr (h)	Hair & Beauty	1hr 40
Monday 02 December	French Writing	1 hr (f) 1hr 15 (h)	Option clashes	Various
Tuesday 03 December	<b>Art Practical 11A-ART (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Photography Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Engineering Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given</b>			
Wednesday 04 December	<b>Art Practical 11B and D-AR (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Engineering Practical 11B (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given</b>			
Thursday 05 December	<b>Performing Arts 11C (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Art Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Photography Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Engineering Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
Friday 06 December	<b>French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given</b>			
	<b>Engineering Practical 11D 1 and 2 (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
	<b>Photography Practical 11B and D (All day) 8:30am start</b>			
Monday 09 December	Home language Listening and Reading	Various	Home language Writing	Various

# Year 13 Mock Examinations Commencing 18th November

## WRITTEN EXAMS - 18th November

Monday	Subject	Length
AM	English Lit Paper 1	3 hours
AM	Accounting	3 hours
AM	Chemistry - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours
PM	Sociology - Paper 1	2 hours
PM	Sport	2 hours
PM	Physics - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours

Tuesday	Subject	Length
AM	Psychology- Paper 1	2 hours
AM	Business	2 hours
AM	Chemistry - Paper 2	1 1/2 hours
PM	English Lit Paper 2	1 hour
PM	Biology - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours

Wednesday	Subject	Length
AM	IT	2 hours
AM	Biology - Paper 2	1 1/2 hours
PM	Sociology - Paper 2	1 hour
PM	A Level Maths - Paper 1	2 hours
PM	Engineering - Paper 1	1 1/2 hours

Thursday	Subject	Length	
AM	Psychology - Paper 2	2 hours	
AM	Computing	2 hours	
PM	Finance	1 hour	ONLINE
PM	Physics - Paper 2	1 1/2 hours	

Friday	Subject	Length	
AM	Sociology - Paper 3	2 hours	
AM	Finance	2 hours	WRITTEN
AM	Criminology	4 hours	ONLINE
PM	A Level Maths - Paper 2	1 hour	
PM	Engineering - Paper 2	1 3/4 hours	
PM	Hairdressing	1 1/2 hours	

## PRACTICAL - 25th November

Monday	Length
3D	5 hours
Textiles	5 hours
Drama	6 hours

Tuesday	Length
3D	5 hours
Textiles	5 hours

Wednesday	Length
Art	5 Hours
Graphics	5 Hours

Thursday	Length
Art	5 Hours
Graphics	5 Hours
Photography	5 Hours
Creative Media	5 hours

Friday	Length
Photography	5 Hours
Creative Media	5 hours

## Young Minds

[Young Minds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/) 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.



**YOUNG**MINDS

# BASILDON ACADEMIES

## WORD OF THE DAY

18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024  
UK Parliament Week

Monday:	<p><b>Legislation (Noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> Laws, considered collectively.  <i>Example:</i> During UK Parliament Week, students learn about the process of creating legislation.</p>
Tuesday:	<p><b>Constituency (Noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> A district or area represented by an elected official.  <i>Example:</i> The MP addressed concerns from various constituencies during UK Parliament Week.</p>
Wednesday:	<p><b>Debate (Noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> A formal discussion on a particular topic in a public meeting or legislative assembly.  <i>Example:</i> The debate in the House of Commons was a highlight of UK Parliament Week.</p>
Thursday:	<p><b>Legislation (Noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> The process of making or enacting laws.  <i>Example:</i> Understanding the intricacies of legislation is a key component of UK Parliament Week.</p>
Friday:	<p><b>Electorate (Noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> All the people entitled to vote in an election.  <i>Example:</i> The electorate's engagement is crucial for a functioning democracy, a point emphasised during UK Parliament Week.</p>

## Job of the Week: Talent Agent

### What does a Talent Agent do?

- arranging auditions and bookings for clients
- negotiating contracts and fees
- organising tours and booking venues
- advising clients, like advising actors which roles to audition for
- arranging publicity and promotion
- handling media enquiries, fan mail and requests for personal appearances
- dealing with travel arrangements and work permits

### Labour Market Information

- 6,251 in your local area of Essex
- Hackney 8,587 jobs
- Hertfordshire 8,120 jobs
- Kent 8,466 jobs

### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set requirements. Your experience, enthusiasm and ability to make contacts are more important than academic qualifications.

You could start as an administrator or assistant in an agency or artist management company and work your way up. Voluntary work experience can be as useful as paid experience.

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:  
£37,485

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.



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Development Award

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## 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](http://www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/attendance)

**Did you know?** **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

MISSING **1 DAY A WEEK**



LOSING **ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.**

**Target 97%+**

## Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184 days** a year.



**175**  
days are **NOT**  
spent in school  
each year.\*

\* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.



### SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

### VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

### WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.