

Dates for the Diary

National Apprenticeship Week

Monday 10th - Sunday 16th February 2025

Half Term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Year 11 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24th Friday 28th February 2025

National Careers Week

Monday 3rd - Saturday 8th March 2025

Year 13 AP2 Assessments

Monday 10th - Friday 14th March 2025

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

House Points - Week Ending 7th February



27,201
AUSTEN



25,474
ALI



18,668
HAWKING



16,404
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - Online Safety

Navigating how to keep our children safe online can be challenging, confusing and at times quite overwhelming. Here are some tips and guidelines you can talk to your child about;

Think before you share: What you share online can stick around for longer than we think, including our photos, videos, and comments. It's good to always keep this in mind.

Keep private info private: Keep things like your address, phone number, full name, school and date of birth private, and check what people can see in your privacy settings.

Know who you're chatting to: When chatting to others online, keep an eye out for red flags, fake profiles, or anyone who might not be who they say they are.

Spot the fakes: Not everything we see online is always going to be true. Spotting misinformation will help you feel more in control of your feed, your feelings, and your views of the world.

Talk it out: If anything happens or something you're not sure about, you don't need to hide it or pretend it hasn't happened. Chat to a mate, an adult you trust, or you can always contact Childline.

Parent/Carer Online Safety Workshop

We are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of our students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their young people face in their online lives and the practical things parents and carers can do to help. Details will be released soon and we hope you will be able to join us for this hour-long workshop in which Lyndsey Vaughton, Training Lead for Education & Wellbeing at SmoothWall, will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools, including:

- Information on the latest apps and games your young person may have access to.
- The harmful content your young person may be exposed to.
- How you can help your young person to safely navigate online risk.
- How to access our brand new and FREE Online Safety Hub with dedicated guidance for parents.
- An introduction to a parental app that allows you to control what your young person sees online, plus other important features.



By joining us, you can win an enhanced license provided by SmoothWall to cover your children's devices. **A link will be sent to parents and carers before the event.** We hope to see you there.

If however, you are unable to join us for the webinar remember to look at our website where you can find advice and guidance on our safeguarding page; www.basildonupperacademy.org.uk/safeguarding

S.O'Neill

Designated Safeguarding Lead & Senior Student Development Lead

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 3rd February 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - Rhiannon.D (R10S2)
- ★ Year 11 - Majdi.Y (R11Y2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Alfie.G (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.

School Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Wednesday
Breaktime

Location:
The Medical Room



Spotlight on: NCFE Level 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner



If you wish to pursue a career in caring for babies and young children, then this is the course for you. This course will provide you with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to seven years of age with applied knowledge in the early years 0-5 years. **Work experience is a compulsory element of this qualification.**

The qualification content meets the Department for Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [Level 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner](#)

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

Important Notice: Smoke and Vape-Free Policy

The Basildon Academies is a smoke and vape free organisation. This prohibits the use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes on, or in, any Basildon Academy property. This is in place to protect staff, students, and visitors from the effects of second-hand smoke in its buildings and grounds.

Please be reminded that parents and visitors are not permitted to use any smoking products on the grounds of the academies, this includes in our car parks.



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

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 In - Wednesday 12th February

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 12th February 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 AP2, commencing 24th February 2025

	AM (8:30am start)		PM (1:30pm start)	
Monday 24 th February	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Maths P1	1 hr 30
Tuesday 25 th February	English Literature P1	1 hr 45	Science C1	1 hr 15
Wednesday 26 th February	Maths P2	1 hr 30	English Language P2	1 hr 45
Thursday 27 th February	English Literature P2	2 hr 15	Science C2	1 hr 15
Friday 28 th February	Maths P3	1 hr 30	Geography	1 hr
			History	1 hr
Monday 3 rd March	Enterprise	2 hr	ICT	1 hr 20
	Sport *	1 hr 15	Sport *	1 hr 15

Sport - ICT candidates to sit Sport in morning, rest of cohort to sit Sport in afternoon.

Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

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

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.

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

10th – 14th February 2025
 LGBT+ History Month
 National Apprenticeship week 2025

Monday:	Advocacy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> Public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy. <i>Example:</i> LGBT+ History Month focuses on advocacy for equal rights and recognition.
Tuesday: Safer Internet Day International Day of Women & Girls in Science	Empowerment (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights. <i>Example:</i> The International Day of Women & Girls in Science highlights the importance of empowerment in achieving gender equality in STEM fields.
Wednesday: Darwin Day	Evolutionary (Adjective) <i>Definition:</i> Relating to the process of evolution or the theory of evolution. <i>Example:</i> Darwin Day is dedicated to celebrating evolutionary science and Charles Darwin's contributions to the field.
Thursday: Galentines & Palentines Day	Companionship (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The state of spending time together and enjoying each other's company. <i>Example:</i> Galentines & Palentines Day celebrates the value of companionship and friendship.
Friday: St. Valentine's Day	Affection (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A gentle feeling of fondness or liking. <i>Example:</i> St. Valentine's Day is a time to express affection and love for those close to us.

Job of the Week: Electrical engineer

What does a Electrical engineer do?

Your day-to-day tasks depend on the industry you're in, but could include:

- carrying out feasibility studies for new technical developments
- drawing up project plans and circuit diagrams using computer-assisted engineering and design software
- estimating costs and project timings
- coordinating the work of technicians and craftspeople
- testing installations and systems, and analysing test data

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 383,043
 Essex Jobs: 8,415
 Growth: +41.4%
 Top 5 LEAs: 1. Hampshire (11,941) 2. Lancashire (9,111) 3. Essex (8,415) 4. Surrey (8,334) 5. Hertfordshire (8,186)



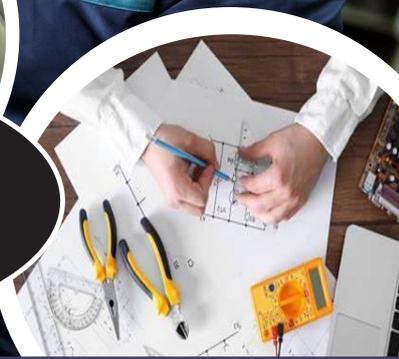
What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need to complete a foundation degree, HND or degree.

Courses include:
 electrical or electronics engineering
 building services engineering
 mechanical engineering
 applied physics
 aeronautical engineering
 mechatronics

Let's Talk Money

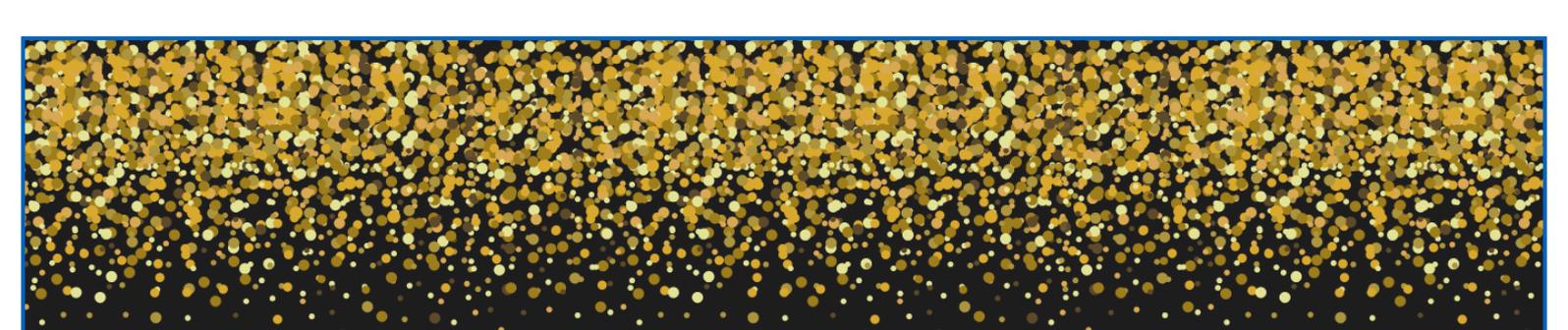
UK annual median: £53,488



Pupils in key stage 4 are well prepared for their next steps. They learn about a range of careers and, like students in the sixth form, they can study a range of vocational courses. Pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) who attend the school's own provision also receive highly effective support that improves their behaviour and well-being.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels





BASILDON UPPER ACADEMY PRESENTS

Prom 2025

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE
5:30 - 10PM

WELCOME DRINKS ON ARRIVAL

PARTY DJ

FOOD & DRINKS

AND MUCH MORE

ATTENDANCE MUST BE ABOVE 90% TO
RECEIVE AN INVITATION

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH
PARENTPAY

DRESS TO IMPRESS

PLEASE LET MISS ALLEN KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART
OF THE PROM COMMITTEE 2025

FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BASILDON!

Essex ActivAte helps to support eligible children and families during the school holidays and half term breaks, through free engaging and fun activities. Contact one of our clubs to book a space!

Kidbusterz (4-13 years)

Janet Duke Primary School, 105 Markhams Chase, Basildon SS15 5LS
info@kidbusterz.com / 07539066665
Wed 19th, Thu 20th & Fri 21st Feb (10am-2pm)

Kidbusterz (4-13 years)

Whitmore Primary School, Whitmore Way, Basildon SS14 2NN
info@kidbusterz.com / 07539066665
Wed 19th, Thur 20th & Fri 21st Feb (10am-2pm)

Crafty Katie's Make and Move Holiday Club (4-11 years)

Abacus Primary School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS129GJ
Email, text or call to book - quoting Essex ActivAte in first communication
Craftykatie10@gmail.com / 07929044959
Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-1pm)

Camp 4 Champs (4-14 years)

Mayflower High School, Stock Road, Billericay, CM12 ORT
bookings@camp4champs.co.uk / 02081030101
Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-4pm)

Premier Education, Basildon Sport & Leisure Club (5-12yrs)

Gardiners Way, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3UJ
RClark@premier-education.com / 07387196392
Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-3pm)

Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years)

North Crescent Primary School Wickford, SS12 9AP
jackofallsports@btinternet.com / 07919888093
Mon 17th - Friday 21st Feb (9am-3pm)

ATF - King Edwards, Tea Time Club (11-17 years)

King Edwards School, King Edwards Road, Laindon, Basildon, SS15 6GY
kherring@atfcommunity.com / 07701365822
Fri 21st Feb (5pm -7pm)



ATF Vange Teen (11-16yrs)

Vange Primary School, London Road, Basildon, SS16 4QA
smartin@atfcommunity.com / 07989515757
Thurs 20th Feb (1-3pm)

Flex Youth (11+ years)

3 Gibcracks, Basildon SS14 1PE Call to book
info@flexyouth.com / 07342469249
Thurs 20th and Fri 21st Feb (1-4pm)

5 Elements Kickboxing MMA & Boxing (11+ years)

Adams Business Centre, Cranes Farm Rd, Basildon SS14 3J
01268330049
Contact provider for half term information

ATF Briscoes Primary School (5-12 years)

Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
c.mcalden@heartsacademy.uk / 07956770446
Mon 17th, Tue 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-1pm)

ATF Vange Primary School (5-12 years)

Vange Primary School, London Road, Basildon, SS16 4QA
smartin@atfcommunity.com / 07989515757
Thurs 20th & Fri 21st Feb (9am-1pm)

JTD ARTS SEND Level 1-3 (5-14yrs)

Northlands Primary School, 45 Winifred Rd, Basildon SS13 3JQ
activejtd@hotmail.com / 07856869296
Mon 17th & Tues 18th Feb (10am-1pm)

Butterflies Club SEND Level 1-5 (8-16 years)

James Hornsby School, Leinster Rd, Laindon, Basildon SS15 5NX
To attend any activities with Butterflies Club, you must have attended a family stay and play session with your child.
jasmine@Butterfliesclub.co.uk / 07884700124
Mon 17th Feb (10am-2pm)
and
Wed 19th Feb (8:30am-12:30pm)
Presidents Hall, Hoover Drive SS15 6LF

Find out more: activeessex.org

SKILLS LAB

Practice your
skills at taking
basic medical
obs!



The Health and Care Academy is working with Medical Mavericks to provide a fantastic hands on workshop where you can explore careers in the NHS whilst getting the opportunity to practice your skills and take basic medical obs!

Activities include...

- Record and print an ECG from your heart
- Use a needle to take fake blood from a dummy arm
- Try your hand at keyhole surgery
- See inside your body with an ultrasound machine.
- Scan your retina with a ophthalmoscope.
- Listen to your pulse with a pulse doppler.
- See your veins under a vein scanner.
- Take basic medical obs.

This opportunity is available to students in Years 10 - 13, who are thinking of a career in healthcare.

REGISTER HERE!



The workshops are available on Friday 21st February and Saturday 22nd February, for a morning session 9am - 12pm or an afternoon session 1pm - 4pm, at Brentwood Community Hospital, Crescent Dr, Brentwood, CM15 8DR

Follow the QR code to book a place.