

Dates for the Diary

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Year 10 - Wednesday 18th December 2024

Year 11 & Sixth Form - Thursday 19th December 2024

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20th December 2024

First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Year 10 AP1 Assessments

Monday 20th - Friday 31st January 2025

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 29th November



18,099
AUSTEN



17,620
ALI



13,233
HAWKING



11,158
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

The SEND department at the Basildon Upper Academy values your partnership and insights as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for our students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). To better understand your experiences and improve our support, we kindly invite you to complete our SEND Parent/Carer Feedback Form.

By sharing your thoughts and experiences, you help us:

- Understand what's working well.
- Identify areas where we can improve.
- Ensure that every student receives the support they need to thrive.

To make sure we have a holistic understanding, we'll also be gathering feedback from students and staff. This comprehensive approach will allow us to identify strengths and address any challenges collaboratively.

We've made it simple for you to complete. Just use your smartphone or tablet to scan the QR code provided below or click the following link: [SEND - Parent/Carer Feedback Form](#)

This will take you directly to the feedback form. If you have more than one child at the Upper Academy, please repeat this process. If you have any trouble accessing the form or require assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We kindly ask that you complete the form by **Thursday 19th December at midday**. Your input is greatly appreciated, and it will directly influence the development of our SEND strategies and practices.

Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and for your continued support of our school community.

C.O'Keefe

Assistant Headteacher & SENCO



SEND - Parent/Carer
Feedback Form

The school repeatedly demonstrate they are prepared to go the "extra mile" to find the right solutions for their students. Creative examples include developing an eGaming suite, opening the school facilities on a Saturday to enable students to study (including the art facilities), and providing catering sessions for parent and child providing the opportunity to cook cost effective healthy meals together.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 25th November 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Luca.M (R10T1)
- ★ Year 11 - Chloe-Louise.G (R11EPPM)
- ★ Year 11 - Ese.E (R11EPAM)
- ★ Sixth Form - Hazel.C (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

Every Wednesday
Breaktime

Location:
The Medical Room



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Spotlight on: BTEC Level 1 Construction Introductory Award and Certificate



The Pearson BTEC Level 1 Introductory Award and Certificate in Construction focus on hands-on abilities and tasks, emphasising learners showcasing their practical skills rather than theoretical knowledge.

These qualifications provide learners with a chance to gain and enhance versatile, applicable, and industry-specific skills. This enables them to effectively carry out tasks and demonstrate an accomplishment level that prepares them for further learning opportunities.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [BTEC Level 1 Construction](#)

Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) 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

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

The Essex Sexual Health Service now offers dedicated web pages designed to support 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/>



Students Spread Holiday Cheer with Gift Donations

Last week, our Basildon Academies Charity Committee, led by the Sixth Form members, wrapped Christmas presents generously donated by staff for the Southend FOOD Club. Year 10 students added a personal touch by writing individualised gift tags for the recipients.

"As I was wrapping the Christmas presents, I felt so fulfilled and happy that I was able to do something that would put a smile on someone's face this Christmas." Kayla.O – Year 13



Online Safety Hub Recommended Resource of the Week: Review of Social Media Platform TikTok

TikTok is a social media app where users can create, share, and view short videos. TikTok hosts all kinds of content and whilst parents are generally familiar with the viral dances and lip syncing challenges, they may be unaware that inappropriate content is rife. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to the social media platform TikTok.

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](#)



English Breakfast Day Friday 6th December

To celebrate English Breakfast Day
the Dining Hall will be serving
All Day Breakfasts as the main meal
option on Friday 6th December



Vegetarian option

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

2nd – 6th December 2024

Monday: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Abolition (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The action or an act of abolishing a system, practice, or institution, especially slavery. <i>Example:</i> The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery highlights the importance of continuing the fight for abolition.
Tuesday: International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Accessibility (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The quality of being easily reached, entered, or used by people with disabilities. <i>Example:</i> Improving accessibility is crucial for ensuring that public spaces are usable by everyone on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
Wednesday:	Inclusion (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure. <i>Example:</i> The focus of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities is on promoting inclusion and equal opportunities.
Thursday: International Volunteer Day	Philanthropy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the donation of money to good causes. <i>Example:</i> International Volunteer Day is an occasion to recognize the role of philanthropy in community service.
Friday: St. Nicholas Day	Patron (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, cause, or activity. <i>Example:</i> St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, and his day is celebrated with various charitable activities.

Job of the Week: Veterinary Nurse

What does a Veterinary Nurse do?

- speaking to animal owners to find out the problem
- taking blood and urine samples from animals
- taking x-rays
- preparing animals for treatment and assisting vets during treatment
- giving injections, medication, and removing stitches
- taking care of in-patient animals
- supervising and helping to train other assistants
- updating records

Labour Market Information

- 586 jobs in the local area of Essex
- National jobs 597,000
- Growth +92.3% in East of England, an increase of 48,143 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

- complete high school or secondary school-level qualifications (in some countries, like the US, this must include a science subject and/or biology)
- study a Level 3, foundation degree, or degree level qualification in veterinary nursing
- complete work experience in an animal setting, like a veterinary practice, kennels, or animal welfare centre
- be registered with an accredited veterinary organisation in your country, like the RCVS (UK) or EAEVE (Europe), which can include taking an exam (in the US)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£24,370

Ofsted
Good Provider

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.

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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

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.



Christmas Dinner

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Main Meal Options

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets
Vegan Wellington

Served with: Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Brussel Sprouts, Yorkshire Puddings,
Stuffing & Gravy

Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding
Mince Pies
Chocolate Yule Log
Mini Blackforest Gateau
Jelly

Christmas Dinner comes with
Fruit Juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

FREE WINTER TEEN HOLIDAY 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. Book a space using your emailed HolidayActivities voucher code or contact one of our clubs to book a space!

ATF - Briscoe Teen Session (11-16 yrs, SEND Level 1)

Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
kherring@atfcommunity.com & 07956770446
23rd December 1-3pm | 2nd and 3rd January 1-3pm

ATF - Vange Teen Session (11-16 yrs, SEND Level 1)

Vange Primary School, London Road, Basildon SS16 4QA
smartin@atfcommunity.com & 07989515757
23rd December 1-3pm | 2nd and 3rd January 1-3pm

ATF - King Edwards (11-16 years, SEND Level 1)

King Edwards Community Centre, King Edwards Road, Laindon, Basildon, SS15 6GY
kherring@atfcommunity.com & 07701365822
3rd January 5-7pm

ATF - Markhams Chase Saturday Session (11-16 yrs, SEND Level 1)

Markhams Chase Park, SS15 5LU
kherring@atfcommunity.com & 07701365822
28th December 1-3pm

Future Of Sport (11-16 years)

Legends Experience
thefutureofsport@icloud.com & 07358612611
2nd January 6-8pm





FREE WINTER TEEN HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BASILDON!

Future Of Sport (11-16 years)

James Hornsby School, Leinster Rd, Laindon, Basildon SS15 5NX
thefutureofsport@icloud.com & 07359612611
23rd December 1pm-5pm | 2nd January 1pm-5pm

Active Essex Foundation Flex Youth (11-16 years)

3 Gibcracks, Basildon SS14 1PE
info@flexyouth.com & 07342469249
20th, 21st, 23rd December | 3rd January

Active Essex Foundation I-UP (11-16 years)

Southernhay Youth Centre, 16-20 Southernhay, Basildon, SS14 1FN
23rd December 7-9pm | 2nd January 7-9pm
louise@1upcollective.com

Active Essex Foundation Five Elements (11-16 years)

Adams Business Centre, Cranes Farm Rd, Basildon SS14 3JF
contact 01268330050 for dates/times

If you are eligible for income-based free school meals, you can book your spot by emailing us at haf@activeessex.org to receive your booking code.

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Scan the QR code
to find out more!