

The Basildon Upper Academy Newsletter

24th June 2024

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

Wednesday 10th July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term



House Points - Week Ending 21st June



Leadership Message - Careers Information

Navigating career choices can be daunting for students, but with the right tools, this journey can become an exciting exploration of possibilities. Our school is proud to introduce Unifrog, a cutting-edge career guidance platform that equips students with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions about their futures.

Unifrog offers a comprehensive suite of tools that enable students to explore university courses, apprenticeships, MOOCS (Massive Open Online Course) and career opportunities both in the UK and internationally. By comparing options based on factors like entry requirements, course content, and career prospects, students can find the paths that best align with their aspirations.

One of Unifrog's standout features is its personalised recommendations. Based on students' interests and academic performance, the platform suggests tailored opportunities, helping them discover options they might not have considered. Additionally, Unifrog supports the application process with tools for building professional CVs and personal statements, as well as providing interview preparation resources.



Parents can also play a crucial role by using Unifrog to monitor progress and support their child's career planning. Together, families can make well-informed decisions that pave the way for a successful future.

K.Boyce-Charman Assistant Headteacher

Parent Drop - Tuesday 25th June

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 25th June, between 1.30pm-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.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 17th June 2024.



Year 10 - Ruby.W (R10U2)



Sixth Form - All Year 13 students for completing their exams.

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 <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Spotlight on: A Level Engineering



Learning about engineering design at A level strengthens learners' critical thinking and problem solving skills within a creative environment, enabling them to develop and make prototypes/products that solve real-world problems, considering their own and others' needs, wants, aspirations and values.

This A Level qualification requires learners to identify market needs and opportunities for new products, initiate and develop design solutions, and make and test prototypes/products. Learners should acquire subject knowledge in engineering design, including how a product can be developed through the stages of prototyping, realisation and commercial manufacture.

Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: <u>A Level Engineering</u>

PRIDE DAY ON FRIDAY 28TH JUNE THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING CAKES & COOKIES AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME RAINBOW CUP CAKES RAINBOW COOKIES SLICES OF RAINBOW CAKE 50P EACH LOVE IS LOVE

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

The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

National Thank a Teacher Day

To celebrate this year's National Thank a Teacher Day on June 19th, Upper Academy students showed their appreciation for their teachers and support staff by writing personalised messages of thanks. Several students also recorded their thank-you messages, with the videos shared on social media throughout the day. Click here to view the video.

"My health studies teacher is really nice and makes the class engaging and interactive. Thanks for being supportive, not only to me, but to her peers. She is very helpful with my education also allows time for class discussion, so that everyone can learn from each other." Esther.U – Year 10



"My geography teacher encourages individuality by allowing students to participate in each of his lessons. He is also very patient and takes his time to ensure the students are comfortable and understand the topic he is teaching. He makes the lessons interesting which encourages me to put more effort in whenever I'm studying." Rejoice.A – Year 10

"I would like to thank a teacher who has encouraged and supported me throughout this year. She is always in good spirits and makes lessons fun, despite it being a hard subject. She is the best criminology teacher ever. Chanelle.H – Year 12

"We would like to thank our french teacher for making our lessons fun whilst always helping us revise." Silviu.P and Ciprian.C – Year 10





"I am delighted to give thanks to my biology teacher because she is extremely helpful, kind, high spirited and an all round great teacher. She puts her students above her own needs and makes sure we understand the content we are studying. I wouldn't be excelling as I am today if it wasn't for her. Kayla.O – Year 12

"I would like to thank my english teacher, who has been very supportive. She encourages me to try my best. I see her as a very good role model for me because she gives a lot of time to helping me and other students achieve our learning goals. Thank you." Juwon.A – Year 10





"We are nominating our geography teacher for National Thank a Teacher Day. He is always looking out for student's wellbeing and caters his lessons to support everyone's individual needs. He always brings good vibes to the classroom environment." Blessing.M, Neyla.T and Amira.C – Year 10

"I always feel nervous in maths because I know I am not very good at it but my maths teacher always encourages me to believe in myself and have confidence. That has really helped me to improve and achieve higher grades. She is bright and bubbly and always there for me outside and inside of class." Phoenix.M – Year 10

Year 10 Reward Trip

On Friday 21st June, 100 Year 10 students attended Hollywood Bowl for their reward trip to celebrate attendance punctuality, and for some, the significant improvements that they have made with these.



















District Athletics

Well done to all of our Year 10 students who participated in last week's District Athletics Competition, with some outstanding performances from the following students:



District Athletics



Jaaziah - 2nd place Shot Put
Jacob - 3rd place Shot put
Phoenix - 3rd place 100m
Ese - 1st place 300m
Victoria - 3rd place 1500m
Ese, Phoenix, Tegan & Neyla 3rd place Girls Relay

Job of the Week: Environmental Engineer

What does an Environmental Engineer do?

Environmental engineers minimise pollution in order to protect the environment. gathering data through site assessments, environmental monitoring, and third-party reports. Evaluating the environmental impact of the project, hazard or commercial operation. Presenting recommendations on the containment, clean-up process, remediation, recycling and waste disposal, to fix environmental issues.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 38,911
- Essex jobs: 682
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (1,138), Devon (1,021), Kent (942), Oxfordshire (898), Surrey (869)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Although you don't usually need a postgraduate qualification, a master's degree in a specialist area (such as contaminated land) may help to give you an edge over other candidates. You can also work towards this career by completing a civil engineering technician advanced apprenticeship. You'll usually need: 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), usually including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship



UK annual median: £36,209



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

24th June 2024 - 28th June 2024 International Day of Parliamentarism - June 30th Assemblage: Taron in Hausa Monday: a group of persons or things gathered or collected; an assembly; collection; aggregate. Council: सलाहकार परिषद in Hindi Tuesday: an assembly of persons summoned or convened for consultation, deliberation, or advice. Congress: Kongres in Indonesia Wednesday: a formal meeting or assembly of representatives for the discussion, arrangement, or promotion of some matter of common interest. Parliament: Nzuko omeiwu in Igbo Thursday: the legislature of certain British colonies and possessions. Senate: Sénat in Lingala Friday: an assembly or council of citizens having the highest deliberative functions in a government, especially a



There are a wide range of clubs and opportunities for pupils to contribute to the school and local community, for instance as charity ambassadors. This develops pupils' self-confidence. Well-chosen visitors help pupils learn how to keep themselves safe and healthy.

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels



legislative assembly of a state or nation.





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
- 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

Did you 90% of young people with 85% fail to get good grades.

MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK



LOSING ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.

Good attendance means:

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

Target

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

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

education

143 Days of education

> *75%* 47 days absent

Days of education

80% 38 days absent

Days of education

162

85% 28 days absent

90% 19 days absent

97% 6 days absent

184

Days of education

> 100% O days absent

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.