

Dates for the Diary

National Careers Week

Monday 3rd - Saturday 8th March 2025

British Science Week

Friday 7th - Sunday 16th March 2025

Year 10 & 12 Parents Evening (Online)

Wednesday 12th March 2025 (3.45pm-6.25pm)

Year 13 AP2 Assessments

Monday 10th - Friday 14th March 2025

Year 11 Individual & Group Photos

Tuesday March 11th 2025

Presentation Evening

Wednesday 2nd April 2025 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

House Points - Week Ending 28th February



29,444
AUSTEN



27,386
ALI



19,579
HAWKING



17,169
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students will be going out on work experience between 28th April and 9th of May 2025 as follows:

Teaching Groups 1	Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May
Teaching Groups 2	Tuesday 6th May - Friday 9th May

Students were encouraged to find their own placements to ensure they secured roles that matched their interests. Some of the placements secured include a library assistant at Laindon Library, a role in environmental services at Basildon Council, and an engineering placement at New Holland Tractors for a student aspiring to pursue a Level 3 Apprenticeship in Engineering. These opportunities will provide valuable insight into potential future careers and pathways within these sectors.

We are aware that some students have not yet secured a suitable placement; They now have another opportunity to do so through a limited selection of options that will be available via the BEP Portal. Students should start applying for these jobs immediately as they will be competing with students from other schools in Essex.

Please look out for letters being sent out this week containing the username and PIN needed to log into the BEP Portal, along with instructions on how to start applying. You can access the BEP Portal here: [Veryan Webview - Student Log In](#)

We are also encouraging students to engage with the Unifrog portal as it contains valuable information about careers, personal development and further study beyond GCSEs. The portal lists many free events including upcoming webinars featuring career taster sessions, skills development sessions and apprenticeships.



All students have been given log-in details to the portal and should to visit regularly. The Unifrog portal can be accessed here:

[Unifrog - The universal destinations platform](#)

If you would like to discuss Year 10 work experience further or have any queries regarding careers, please use the Contact Us page on the school website and select 'General Enquiries.'

H.Williams
Work Experience Leader

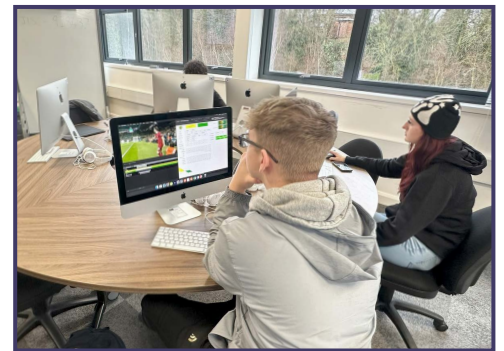
Sports Studies Students Gain Insight at University of Suffolk

Upper Academy Sports Studies students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit the University of Suffolk for a day of hands-on learning and exploration of their state-of-the-art facilities.

The day began with a guided campus tour led by student ambassador Zach, giving students a firsthand look at the university environment. They attended an engaging workshop on sports science nutrition, gaining a deeper understanding of how nutrition impacts athletic performance.

One of the standout experiences was visiting the university's impressive 3D motion capture studio, where students saw how advanced technology is used to analyse movement in sports. They also took part in a session with a performance sports analyst who works with Norwich FC. During this workshop, they were challenged to analyse a football match, focusing on set pieces and the positioning of defenders.

Students also had the opportunity to speak with a university lecturer, who provided insight into student life and the university's course structure. They learned that students focus on one topic intensively for four weeks before completing an assessment and progressing to the next module.



"The university had facilities for every aspect of sports science, making it an amazing place for anyone looking to pursue a career in sport or a related industry. Overall, it was a really interesting experience, and I'd highly recommend this university to anyone passionate about sports." Charlie.C - Year 11

"The trip was really enjoyable, and we were given a warm welcome. The sports science facilities were incredible, especially the 3D motion capture studio. The session with the sports analyst was a great insight into real-world performance analysis. I would definitely consider studying here, as they genuinely care about their students and have top-tier sports equipment." Michael.J - Year 11

"The university was helpful for me as it gave me an overview of what I would be doing at university. The equipment was cool and helpful and the university was arranged nicely." Eduard.S - Year 11

Essex Local Offer Roadshows – Supporting Families with SEND

The Essex Local Offer Roadshows are returning, providing a great opportunity for parents and carers to ask questions and access support for children and young people with SEND. These drop-in events feature a morning marketplace for parents of children aged 0 to 25 and an afternoon session focused on early years support.

- Basildon Drop-In (Festival Leisure Park) – Tuesday 11th March 2025
- Morning session: 10:00am – 12:00pm (ages 0-25)
- Afternoon session: 1:00pm – 2:30pm (early years focus)

For more details and event dates, visit: [Essex Local Offer Roadshows](#)



Essex
County
Council

Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities

Year 11 Students Experience the Magic of Paris on Residential Trip



During half term, our Year 11 students embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to Paris, immersing themselves in the city's rich culture and iconic landmarks.

The trip was packed with memorable experiences, including a visit to the breathtaking Sacré-Cœur Basilica, where students took in the stunning views of the city from Montmartre. They also had the chance to explore a traditional Parisian market, soaking up the vibrant atmosphere and local culture.

The adventure concluded with an exciting day at Disneyland, where students enjoyed thrilling rides and magical moments.

The trip provided an incredible opportunity for students to explore, learn, and create lasting memories in one of the world's most beautiful cities.



"My most favourite moment in the trip was when we had gone to the market and climbed up to the Basilique du Sacré-Cœur de Montmartre." Micah.M

"The trip to France was an exciting experience and a fun thing to go do with my friends." Olivia.B



Parent Drop In - Friday 7th March

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Friday 7th March between 10am and 11am.

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 24th February 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - Max.H (R10X2)
- ★ Year 11 - Lilyan-Rose.M (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Roisin.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 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 Sociology



Do you have an interest in other people's lives, attitudes and behaviour, and are open to having your own ideas challenged, or challenging the ideas of others? Then this course could be for you.

Sociology is a wide-ranging subject involving many areas of social life, including: families and households, education, mass media and crime and deviance research methods. To enjoy sociology you need to be interested in the world around you and have an open, enquiring mind.

You will learn basic theories or ways of looking at society and develop the skills to assess different views and reach conclusions. You will expand and use knowledge to analyse modern society, critically assess different views on the way society works, explore the core themes of socialisation, culture and identity,

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

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

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.

Parent/Carer Online Safety Workshop - Monday 3rd March 7:30pm - 8:30pm

The Basildon Academies are committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of students. As part of this commitment, a workshop is being held to help parents and carers understand the risks young people face in their online lives and the practical steps that can be taken to support them.

Lyndsey Vaughton, Training Lead for Education & Wellbeing at SmoothWall, will provide valuable insights and tools, including:

- Information on the latest apps and games young people may have access to.
- The harmful content young people may be exposed to.
- Ways to help young people safely navigate online risks.
- Access to the brand new and FREE Online Safety Hub, with dedicated guidance for parents.
- An introduction to a parental app that allows control over what young people see online, plus other important features.

Attendees will also have the chance to win an enhanced license provided by Smoothwall to cover children's devices.

Join the workshop online by clicking the following link: [Parent/Carer Online Safety Workshop](#)

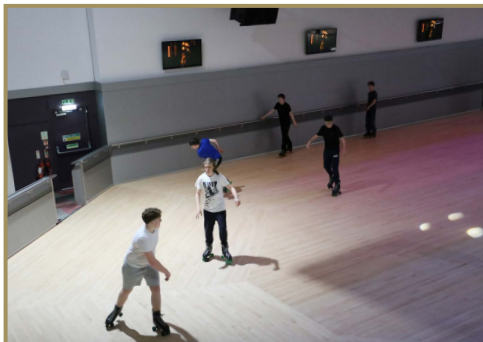
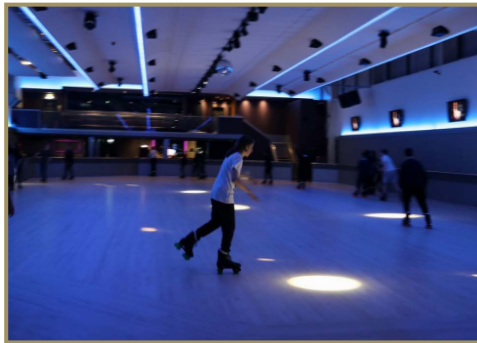
Year 10 Business Students Gain Real-World Insights at RollaCity

Year 10 Business Studies students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit RollaCity skating rink in Rochford. The trip provided them with a real-life business case study for their controlled assessment exam, allowing them to explore how a successful enterprise operates, the role of entrepreneurs, and the challenges businesses face in an ever-changing environment.

During their visit, students experienced the activities and services RollaCity provides to its customers while gaining valuable insight into the operational management required to run the business. They also had the privilege of meeting James Sinclair, the owner of RollaCity and a successful entrepreneur with multiple businesses in various industries.

In a fascinating Q&A session, students asked probing questions about business growth, managing profit and loss, seasonal trends, and the challenges of running multiple enterprises. They were particularly interested in learning how he started out, the strategies he used to grow his businesses, and how he coped during the COVID-19 lockdown.

The visit also included a chance to enjoy an open skate session, followed by a fantastic lunch provided by the venue. The day ended with another open skate, giving students the perfect opportunity to reflect on their experience while having some fun.



This trip gave students a valuable first-hand look at what it takes to run a successful business and provided key insights for their coursework. They left inspired and equipped with practical knowledge to apply in their studies and future careers.

"We found the skating really enjoyable and it was interesting to meet the owner of the business." May.G and Yanna.I

"The skating was a fun experience and I enjoyed asking questions to the owner." Rhys.C

"This was my first experience of roller skating and I found it fun. The venue was very spacious and impressive. The CEO Q&A session helped me understand more about our Enterprise course. Overall, it was a banger of a trip!" Jeethwara.J

"The skating was very enjoyable and the talk with James Sinclair was enlightening." Alpha.J






The trip was fully funded by the Basildon Academies and reinforced our commitment to integrating careers education within the curriculum.

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

3rd- 7th March 2025
British Pie Week

National Careers Week and International Women's Day (8th March 25)

Monday: <i>World Wildlife Day</i>	Conservation (Noun) išsaugojimo in Lithuanian Definition: The action of conserving something, particularly wildlife and natural resources. Example: World Wildlife Day highlights the importance of conservation efforts to protect endangered species.	
Tuesday: <i>Pancake Day</i>	Gastronomy (Noun) gastronomía in Spanish Definition: The art of choosing, cooking, and eating good food. Example: Pancake Day is a celebration of gastronomy, showcasing a variety of delicious pancake recipes.	
Wednesday: <i>World Book Day</i>	Literature (Noun) sastra in Indonesian Definition: Written works, especially those considered of superior or lasting artistic merit. Example: World Book Day celebrates literature by encouraging people to read and share their favourite books.	
Thursday:	Narrative (Noun) 敘事 in Cantonese (Traditional) Definition: A spoken or written account of connected events; a story. Example: The narrative explored on World Book Day helps to engage readers in diverse literary genres.	
Friday: <i>UA Sixth Form Admissions Event</i>	Imagination (Noun) ìrònú in Yoruba Definition: The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses. Example: World Book Day encourages students to use their imagination by creating their own stories and characters.	

Job of the Week: Game Designer

What does a Game Designer do?

You'll write the code that controls the game, using ready-made code and writing new code as needed. You'll be working on computer games that may take several months or years to produce.

Your day-to-day duties could include:

- working with other people, like game designers, to understand their needs
- writing code using programming languages like C++, C#, Python, Visual Studio, and DirectX

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 690,681

Essex Jobs: 15,902

Growth: +41.4%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Hampshire (23,133) 2. Surrey (22,283) 3. Hertfordshire (19,941) 4. Essex (15,902) 5. Kent (14,545)

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need an HND, foundation degree, or degree in one of these subjects:
computer game development
computer game design
computer game programming
computer science
games technology

A qualification that includes a work placement will give you an advantage.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £49,430

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.

Good attendance means:

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

Target 97%+



175

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

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

190

Days of education

184

Days of education

171

Days of education

162

Days of education

152

Days of education

143

Days of education

100%

0 days absent

97%

6 days absent

90%

19 days absent

85%

28 days absent

80%

38 days absent

75%

47 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.

Pancake Day - Tuesday 4th March



To celebrate Pancake Day on Tuesday 4th March, the Dining Hall will be serving pancakes in addition to the regular dessert menu options



3rd - 7th March 2025

To celebrate British Pie Week, the Dining Hall will be serving a different pie each day, alongside the usual lunchtime menu.

Monday: **Cheese, Onion & Potato**

Tuesday: **Steak & Kidney**

Wednesday: **Chicken**

Thursday: **Minced Beef**

Friday: **Chicken & Vegetable**



BASILDON FRAMES

Using stop motion animation
to explore identity, belonging and place.
Local workshops for young people in
basildon.

www.animatingeducation.co.uk/basildonframes

Contact: newwaverlystudios@gmail.com



**15TH & 22ND
MARCH**