

## Dates for the Diary

**Year 10 & Year 12 Individual Student Photographs**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Year 10 & 12 Settling Event**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 4pm-5pm

**Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

**Academic Progress Information Event**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024: 4pm - 5pm

**Half Term**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**Year 11 Mock Exams**  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## House Points - Week Ending 13<sup>th</sup> September



1,589  
AUSTEN



1,276  
HAWKING



1,117  
SEACOLE



749  
ALI

## Leadership Message

As we journey through the start of the first term, I wanted to share with you news of our behaviour curriculum that has been launched to staff and students in our school and how it benefits your child's overall development and learning experience.

The behaviour curriculum is designed to teach and reinforce positive behaviours, social skills, and emotional regulation in students. Much like academic subjects, behaviour is a skill that can be developed and improved with guidance and practice. We have established clear behaviour expectations and continue to provide consistent guidance, and opportunities for students to meet our expectations. The behaviour curriculum helps foster a positive and respectful learning environment. This not only reduces disruptions and behavioural issues but also enhances students' focus and engagement in their studies. Moreover, it encourages students to take personal responsibility for their actions and understand the consequences, promoting self-discipline and accountability.



I am excited for what this academic year holds in ensuring that through our behaviour curriculum we are able to equip students with essential life skills, ensuring they are well-prepared for both academic and real-world scenarios.

K. Boyce-Charman  
Assistant Headteacher

## Parent Drop - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 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.



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Ruby.P (R10E1)
- ★ Year 11 - Ryan.L (R11X2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Renay.H (R1213)

## Year 10 & 12 Settling Event

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 4pm - 5pm

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this academic year.

If you wish to attend the event, you will need to book an appointment by clicking on the relevant link below:

[Appointment Booking for Parent/Carers of Year 10 students](#)

[Appointment Booking for Parent/Carers of Year 12 students](#)

## 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.

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

The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

[www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/](http://www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/)

 Essex Sexual Health Service

## 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](#)

## Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.

## Aspire - Believe - Achieve



## Year 10 & Year 12 Ready Steady Cook with the Royal Navy

A group of Year 10 students recently had the opportunity to showcase their culinary talents in a 'Ready, Steady, Cook' challenge led by professional catering staff from the Royal Navy. The event, designed to promote teamwork and leadership skills, saw students guided by Navy representatives Ed and Jason as they were tasked with preparing a three-course meal.

Working in teams, the students were given 70 minutes to cook and present a complex menu, which included chicken Kiev, fondant potatoes, and sticky toffee pudding. Despite the time constraints and high expectations, all participants rose to the occasion with enthusiasm and dedication.

The visit was part of the academie's broader careers programme, allowing students to not only develop valuable practical skills but also explore potential career pathways in the Royal Navy's catering division.

"Cooking with Royal Navy was fun, & I learned a lot of new things I did not know. The staff spoke about careers in the Navy & the places they have travelled around the world." Beau.L

"I found the cooking challenge fun because it challenged me to cook within the time we were given. I was delighted that my team won the competition. Ed and Jason inspired me to start considering a career in the military." Benjamin.P

The food we cooked for the Royal Navy was delicious. I learned a lot furing the challenge such as how to use a hand mixer and an electric whisk. We learned that there are many different career paths you can take if you join the navy. I am considering becoming a cook in the Royal Navy." Kayla.R





# BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday: <b>Highland Games (Braemar Gathering)</b>	<b>Caber (noun)- Fit in German</b> <i>Definition:</i> A long, heavy log thrown as part of a traditional Scottish athletic competition. <i>Example:</i> The caber toss was the main event at the Braemar Gathering during the Highland Games.
Tuesday: <b>International Country Music Day</b>	<b>Yodeling (noun) – Jodłowanie in Polish</b> <i>Definition:</i> A form of singing in which the voice fluctuates rapidly between the normal voice and falsetto, common in country music. <i>Example:</i> Yodeling was a featured performance on International Country Music Day, highlighting its roots in the genre.
Wednesday: <b>World Patient Safety Day</b>	<b>Adverse Event (noun) - Kejadian Buruk in Malay</b> <i>Definition:</i> An injury caused by medical management rather than the patient's underlying condition. <i>Example:</i> World Patient Safety Day raises awareness of adverse events to promote safer practices in healthcare settings.
Thursday: <b>National Cheeseburger Day</b>	<b>Emulsification (noun) - 不良事件 in Chinese</b> <i>Definition:</i> The process of mixing two liquids that normally do not combine, often used in cooking sauces or condiments. <i>Example:</i> The secret to the perfect cheeseburger lies in the emulsification of the cheese sauce, creating a smooth, creamy texture.
Friday: <b>Youth Mental Health Day</b>	<b>Resilience (noun) – Sthitisthāpakatā in Bengali</b> <i>Definition:</i> The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness, especially in the context of mental health. <i>Example:</i> On Youth Mental Health Day, workshops focused on building resilience among young people to help them manage stress and anxiety.

## Job of the Week: K-9 Police Handler

### What does a K-9 Police Handler do?

A K-9 Police Handler responds to calls for police dog assistance, and provide expertise, tactical advice and support to officers on the frontline. The position involves searching for missing persons and illegal items, assisting in arrests and supporting officers in their investigations.

A K-9 Police officer trains, homes and cares for their specialist dog(s) to ensure they are healthy, happy and able to carry out their duties.

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 80,659
- Essex Jobs: 2,505
- Growth: +13.9%
- Top 5 LEAs: 1. Hampshire (2,906) 2. Essex (2,505) 3. Kent (2,448) 4. Suffolk(2,378) 5. Surrey (2,320)



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

There are no set requirements for this role, but you usually need; high school or secondary school qualifications, like a high school diploma, National or four to five GCSEs  
experience of caring for or working with dogs – for example, through volunteering at a rescue dog charity  
to pass a criminal records background check  
training and experience in the organisation you're interested in, if you're looking to work in the armed forces

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £25,421

There is a wide ranging and rich extra-curricular programme which runs before and after school. This is ever evolving to meet the wishes of pupils and the interests and passions of staff. Students report there is something for everyone!



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## Attendance Information

As we start the new academic year, we would like to ensure we support you and your children in accessing fulltime education. Student welfare, academic progress and achievement is at the heart of everything we do at our Academies.

Parents have a legal responsibility for making sure their children get a suitable, fulltime education, but we know there are sometimes other factors that might impede this from happening.

Our expectation is that all students attend promptly and regularly.

**All Upper Academy students arrive by 8.25am.**

These times apply to all students, unless there has been agreed alternative arrangements.

If your child is struggling to attend school for any reason, contact the attendance team who will be able to support you in making you an appointment with the relevant team to discuss support strategies.

The Department for Education (DfE) has released guidance for parents and carers that can be found [here](#).

## 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)

# GOOD TIMEKEEPING



### What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

