

## Dates for the Diary

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> September



4,095  
AUSTEN



2,846  
HAWKING



2,830  
SEACOLE



2,227  
ALI

## Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5-7pm

The Basildon Academies Sixth Form Team wish to invite you to attend our Open Evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, at the Upper Academy.

This is an exciting opportunity for all students to find out what it takes to be a part of our sixth form and, provides the chance to explore over 30 courses we have available. Teachers will be showcasing their courses and will be available to answer any questions you have regarding the different pathways available within our sixth form.

I will be delivering a presentation alongside V.Oddy, Director of Enhanced Provision at 5.30pm, to explain our different pathways and routes to success.

Current sixth form students will be available to provide first-hand accounts of their experience of sixth form, and our catering students are delighted to be providing dessert tasters for our guests to enjoy.

During the event there will be refreshments and the opportunity to sit down and discuss the application process.

Applications to join for the sixth form will open on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October and, students and parents will have the opportunity to access the study centre during the evening to use the computers to complete an application form. Applications are completed online through our website and staff will be available to assist you with this process.

If you have a query regarding sixth form admissions, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for Sixth Form Admissions.

**K.McCarthy - Assistant Headteacher Key Stage 5**



## Students Gain Insight into Army Careers in Engaging Assembly

The Basildon Upper Academy recently welcomed soldiers from the Royal Armoured Corps, who delivered engaging and informative assemblies to our Year 10 and Year 11 students. The focus of the sessions was on careers in the British Army, with the two soldiers offering valuable insights into the opportunities available within the military.

Lance Corporals Liam and Elliott discussed the wide variety of job roles in the Army, highlighting the diverse career paths and global travel opportunities. They also spoke about the qualifications required to join, emphasising that recruits can continue to gain qualifications and training while serving in the Army.

In addition to their presentations, the soldiers brought along a fascinating collection of weapons, providing students with a closer look at armaments and sharing their knowledge of military equipment.

The assembly concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where students asked numerous questions, demonstrating their enthusiasm and interest in the topics covered.

"The Royal Armoured Corps gave us good advice and explained the different steps needed to join. We are very thankful that they came to speak to us." Kaili.R – Year 11

"The army delivered a very helpful assembly which included the benefits and education we could gain from joining the Royal Armoured Corps. The soldiers also spoke about their personal experiences and the positive effects it has had on their lives." Hayden.R – Year 11

"I really enjoyed the assembly that the Royal Armoured Corps gave. I think it accurately represented what life is like in the army and inspired people to think about joining." Phoenix.M – Year 11

"It was interesting and, I learned more about the way machines are made and how they are being tested. The assembly was really good and helpful." Prince.B – Year 11

"The army gave an exciting assembly and the soldiers shared fascinating experiences from their time in service." Temi.A – Year 11



## Harrison Earns Prestigious Scholarship from the London Institute of Banking & Finance

Congratulations to Year 13 student Harrison, who has been awarded a prestigious scholarship from the London Institute of Banking and Finance (LIBF). This fantastic opportunity comes as a result of Harrison's outstanding performance during Year 12, where he studied for the LIBF Financial Studies Level 3 qualification and achieved an impressive A grade.

In recognition of his outstanding achievement, the LIBF granted Harrison a scholarship for one of their undergraduate degree programmes. This honour opens doors to a future alongside esteemed alumni who have gone on to build successful careers at major institutions such as Barclays, HSBC, Deloitte, Thomas Reuters, and Goldman Sachs.

Harrison's dedication and hard work have been truly remarkable, and we are excited to see where this next chapter of his academic journey will take him.

"I am amazed to have achieved this and, while I would love to say it was all me, I couldn't have done it without the guidance and support of my teachers throughout my time at sixth form. The scholarship offer is amazing and I am seriously considering it; it is something I have worked hard to achieve, however, I am also looking into other opportunities available to me." Harrison.D





## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Evie.F (R10T2)
- ★ Year 11 - Michelle.A (R11U1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Shanoya.W (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](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.

## Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://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).



## Spotlight on: A Level Textiles



A Level Textiles is not just about generating clothing, it's a versatile subject that entails the formation and manipulation of a range of materials. This practical design course in Fashion and Textiles takes a broad experimental approach to a range of textiles practices including dye, print, digital, stitch and embellishment. Through a series of creative projects you will learn how to develop ideas by engaging with drawing and research, how to create textiles samples and realise your ideas into final outcomes.

Learning about artists, designers and textiles from diverse cultures will underpin your independent projects and trips to exhibitions will inspire your ideas.

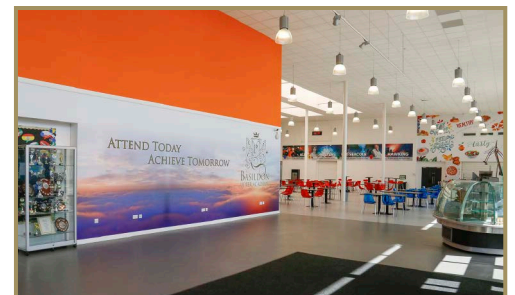
Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [A Level Textiles](#)

# Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Parent Drop - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October between 8:30am and 9:30am.

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.



# Basildon Academies Word of the Day

30<sup>th</sup> September- 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

National Vegetarian Week - Dyslexia Awareness Week

Monday:	<b>Community</b> (noun) – <b>Yaad in Jamaican Patois</b> <i>Definition:</i> A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common. <i>Example:</i> The coffee morning brought together the local community for a good cause.
Tuesday:	<b>Philanthropy</b> (noun) - <b>manushyasneham in Malayalam</b> <i>Definition:</i> The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes. <i>Example:</i> The philanthropy shown during the Macmillan Coffee Morning helped raise significant
Wednesday:	<b>Ethical Consumption</b> (noun) - <b>Naitika upabhōga in Nepali</b> <i>Definition:</i> Choosing products that are produced ethically, often with concern for environmental impact or animal welfare. <i>Example:</i> Ethical consumption was a major focus of discussions during National Vegetarian Week.
Thursday:	<b>Nutritional</b> (adjective) – <b>تغذیه in Pashto</b> <i>Definition:</i> Relating to the process of providing or obtaining the food necessary for health and growth. <i>Example:</i> Workshops during the week highlighted the nutritional value of vegetables and fruits.
Friday:	<b>Fusion</b> (noun) – <b>فیوژن in Persian</b> <i>Definition:</i> The process or result of joining two or more things together to form a single entity. <i>Example:</i> The fusion of African and European cooking techniques was showcased in the school's food promo.

## Job of the Week: Magazine Journalist

### What does a Magazine Journalist do?

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Going to meetings to plan the content of the magazine suggesting ideas for articles
- Interviewing and researching to collect information for articles
- Writing articles to suit the magazine's style
- Keeping up-to-date with developments and trends in the magazine's subject area

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 145,748
- Essex Jobs: 2,899
- Growth: +17%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Lambeth (4,751) 2. Surrey (4,541) 3. Wandsworth (4,396) 4. Hertfordshire (4,135) 5. Hackney (4,080)

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £40,762

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

There are no set requirements, but most new magazine journalists have an HND, degree or equivalent qualification.

Paid or unpaid work experience is a good way to build up your skills and a portfolio of published work to show employers. You could gain this with magazines or other publications, including student papers, fanzines, charity newsletters, websites or blogs.

Partnership and engagement with parents and the wider community is now seen as a strength of the school and has enhanced the school's reputation. Clear evidence of this is in the rising roll, migration into the school & the enhanced reputation of the school within the local community & wider education community.



Leading Parent Partnership Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels





## 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)

**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.

## Uniform Exchange Scheme

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.

*Healthy*

## NATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK

*Nutritious*

Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October

To celebrate Vegetarian Week all vegetarian main meals will be £1



CELEBRATING

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2024

TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, EACH WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER WE WILL BE SERVING AUTHENTIC DISHES IN THE DINING HALL

DISHES FOR WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER



TRINIDADIAN BEEF STEW



JOLLOF RICE & CHICKEN



SWEET POTATO BUNDT CAKE