

Dates for the Diary

Year 12 AP1 Assessments

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th February 2025

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 3rd - Sunday 9th February 2025

National Apprenticeship Week

Monday 10th - Sunday 16th February 2025

Half Term

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

Year 11 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24th - Friday 28th February 2025

National Careers Week

Monday 3rd - Saturday 8th March 2025

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

House Points - Week Ending 31st January



26,111
AUSTEN



24,541
ALI



18,051
HAWKING



15,768
SEACOLE

Leadership Message - National Apprenticeship Week

**NATIONAL
APPRENTICESHIP
WEEK 2025** 10-16 February



From the 10th to the 16th of February 2025, National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) will celebrate the diverse opportunities and benefits of apprenticeships across the UK. For parents, this week provides an invaluable opportunity to explore how apprenticeships can play a key role in shaping their child's future. As the pressure for young people to pursue traditional university degrees continues to grow, NAW offers an alternative that combines earning while learning, hands-on experience, and a direct route to career success.



The week aims to raise awareness of the wide range of apprenticeship opportunities available in industries such as healthcare, engineering, construction, IT, and the creative industries. During NAW 2025, employers, training providers, and educational institutions across the UK will host events, webinars, and activities to encourage young people to consider apprenticeships as a viable and rewarding career path. Career Guidance interviews are also scheduled to take place for students to discuss and explore the different routes available to them.

The information on page 2 of this newsletter highlights some local events that you may wish to explore with your child.

K. Boyce-Charman - Assistant Headteacher



Pathways' Apprenticeship Fair

Pathways will be holding their annual fair ahead of National Apprenticeship Week.

This is a chance to meet training providers offering **apprenticeships in a wide range of sectors** as well as employers with their own apprenticeships.



Pathways' Apprenticeship Fair is on **Thursday 6th February, 2:30pm-4:30pm**, in the entrance foyer of the **Basildon Centre**, St. Martin's Square, Basildon, SS14 1DL.

Booking to attend is encouraged, although drop-ins are welcome. Relatives accompanying young people, or those attending in a professional capacity, are not required to book. Interest in apprenticeships can be registered here:

[Apprenticeship Fair Tickets, Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 2:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Apprenticeship Hub Padlet

Please visit [The Apprenticeship Hub Padlet](#) link where you will find lots of information, events, and vacancies. Registration will ensure you receive regular updates.

National Apprenticeship Website

To search for apprenticeships and setup job alerts on the National Apprenticeship Website please register here:

www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch

Apprenticeship Applications

Make sure with each apprenticeship application you demonstrate how you match the job requirements and skills, as well as having the personal attributes the employer is looking for, this will give you the best possibility of an interview offer.

Let us know you have an interview or assessment centre invitation, so we can help you prepare.

Online Event

The Essex Apprenticeship Hub 'Searching for an Apprenticeship' online event is being held on **Wednesday 12th February, 6.30pm - 7.15pm**.

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/essex-searching-for-an-apprenticeship-2/>



Useful Websites

Activate job alerts on as many websites as possible!

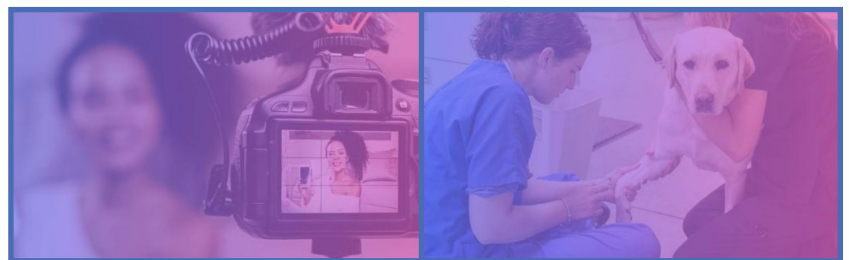
www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.ucas.com/apprenticeships

<https://uk.indeed.com/>

www.essexopportunities.co.uk

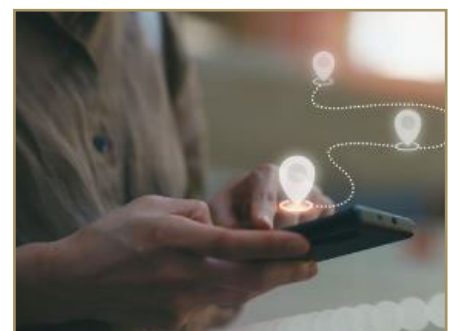


Online Safety Hub: Location-Tracking Apps: Spying or Good Parenting?

When it comes to deciding whether to use a location-tracking app on your child's device, it's not just a matter of convenience; it's a debate that often stirs mixed emotions. Some parents may worry about invading their child's privacy, while others find peace of mind knowing where their children are, especially as they start to become more independent. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to location-tracking apps.

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](#)



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 27th January 2025.

- ★ Year 10 - La-Toya.E (R10T1)
- ★ Year 11 - Yani.F (R11E2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Tomas.M (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: BTEC Level 3 Esports



Do you enjoy gaming? Do you love the idea of competitive gaming and the challenge of difficult games? Would you like an understanding of how the professional Esports industry works? Perhaps you'd like a career as a professional gamer or to study Esports at university? Endorsed by The British Esports Association, the Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Esports will give you a solid foundation in understanding how the Esports industry works.

Equivalent to one A Level, and as part of our Esports pathway, this qualification can only be studied alongside two other qualifications worth 1.5 A Levels each, such IT or Computing.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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.

The logo for Young Minds, featuring the word "YOUNG" in yellow and "MINDS" in grey, with a small yellow dot above the 'i' in "MINDS".

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/



Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Boys Basketball Team Show Great Spirit in Away Fixture

The Upper Academy Boys Basketball team recently faced Woodlands School in a closely contested away fixture. Despite a strong effort, the team narrowly lost 51-38.

The boys displayed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the game, representing the Academy with pride. Well done to the team for their determination and commitment!

A special mention to Thomas.E, our talented Year 11 GCSE Photography student, for capturing some incredible action shots from the game. His photos truly brought the intensity of the match to life.



Tassomai – Homework Learning Platform

Tassomai is our designated homework platform for English, Maths, and Science. It provides students with daily challenges to support and reinforce their learning in these key subjects.

Parent/Carer Login:

All parents/carers should have received an email invitation sent to the primary contact address listed on our MIS system. If you have not received this email, you can easily reset your password here:

<https://app.tassomai.com/password/reset>

Student Login:

Username : school email address

Password: SmartWayToStudy

Students can change their password once they log in.

We encourage parents to support their children in regularly using Tassomai to complete these daily challenges, which are a valuable tool for academic progress. For more information about Tassomai, please visit:

<https://www.tassomai.com/blog-content>



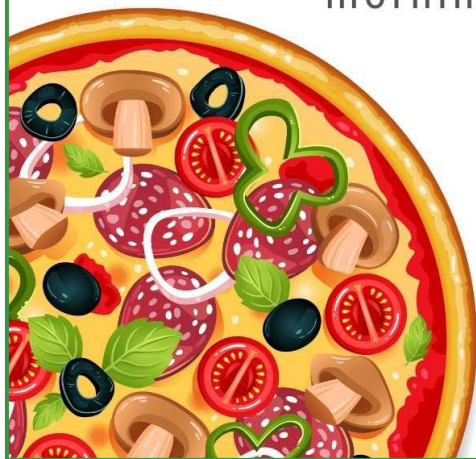
NATIONAL PIZZA DAY



FEBRUARY 7TH

To celebrate National Pizza Day on Friday 7th February the Dining Hall will be serving pizza during morning breaktime for just 50p per slice

Pizza toppings available:
Cheese & Tomato
Vegetable
Pepperoni



Important Notice: Smoke and Vape-Free Policy

The Basildon Academies is a smoke and vape free organisation. This prohibits the use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes on, or in, any Basildon Academy property. This is in place to protect staff, students, and visitors from the effects of second-hand smoke in its buildings and grounds.

Please be reminded that parents and visitors are not permitted to use any smoking products on the grounds of the academies, this includes in our carparks.



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

3rd – 7th February 2025
Children's Mental Health Week

Monday:	Resilience (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness. <i>Example:</i> Building resilience is a key focus during Children's Mental Health Week, helping children cope with challenges.
Tuesday:	Empathy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The ability to understand and share the feelings of another. <i>Example:</i> Encouraging empathy among peers is vital for supporting mental health during Children's Mental Health Week.
Wednesday: World Nutella Day	Well-being (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy. <i>Example:</i> Children's Mental Health Week emphasizes the importance of overall well-being in promoting healthy development.
Thursday:	Intervention (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The action or process of intervening, especially to improve a situation. <i>Example:</i> Effective mental health interventions are critical for supporting children during times of stress.
Friday: National Pizza Day Charles Dickens Day	Literary (Adjective) <i>Definition:</i> Concerning the writing, study, or content of literature. <i>Example:</i> Charles Dickens Day celebrates the literary contributions of one of England's most famous novelists.

Job of the Week: Dental hygienist

What does a Dental hygienist do?

You'll encourage patients to look after their teeth and gums by:
demonstrating tooth brushing and flossing to individuals and groups
giving advice on diet

You'll provide treatments and use dental instruments for:
scaling teeth (at times under local anaesthetic)
removing plaque, cleaning and polishing teeth to help prevent gum disease

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 106,915
Essex Jobs: 2,684
Growth: +87.5%
Top 5 LEAs: 1. Kent (2,863) 2. Essex (2,684) 3. Hampshire (2,599)
4. Lancashire (2,461) 5. Hertfordshire (2,047)

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need to complete a diploma, training programme, foundation degree, or bachelor's degree in a relevant subject, such as:
dental hygiene
dental therapy
oral health science

The programme may need to be approved by the relevant professional body in your country

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £25,978

Ofsted
Good
Provider

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



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



Essex County Council
Education

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!





BASILDON UPPER ACADEMY PRESENTS

Prom 2025

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE
5:30 - 10PM

WELCOME DRINKS ON ARRIVAL

PARTY DJ

FOOD & DRINKS

AND MUCH MORE

ATTENDANCE MUST BE ABOVE 90% TO
RECEIVE AN INVITATION

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH
PARENTPAY

DRESS TO IMPRESS

PLEASE LET MISS ALLEN KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART
OF THE PROM COMMITTEE 2025

FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY 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. Contact one of our clubs to book a space!

Kidbusterz (4-13 years)

Janet Duke Primary School, 105 Markhams Chase, Basildon SS15 5LS
info@kidbusterz.com / 07539066665
Wed 19th, Thu 20th & Fri 21st Feb (10am-2pm)

Kidbusterz (4-13 years)

Whitmore Primary School, Whitmore Way, Basildon SS14 2NN
info@kidbusterz.com / 07539066665
Wed 19th, Thur 20th & Fri 21st Feb (10am-2pm)

Crafty Katie's Make and Move Holiday Club (4-11 years)

Abacus Primary School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS129GJ
Email, text or call to book - quoting Essex ActivAte in first communication
Craftykatie10@gmail.com / 07929044959
Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-1pm)

Camp 4 Champs (4-14 years)

Mayflower High School, Stock Road, Billericay, CM12 ORT
bookings@camp4champs.co.uk / 02081030101
Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-4pm)

Premier Education, Basildon Sport & Leisure Club (5-12yrs)

Gardiners Way, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3UJ
RClark@premier-education.com / 07387196392
Mon 17th, Tues 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-3pm)

Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years)

North Crescent Primary School Wickford, SS12 9AP
jackofallsports@btinternet.com / 07919888093
Mon 17th - Friday 21st Feb (9am-3pm)

ATF - King Edwards, Tea Time Club (11-17 years)

King Edwards School, King Edwards Road, Laindon, Basildon, SS15 6GY
kherring@atfcommunity.com / 07701365822
Fri 21st Feb (5pm -7pm)



ATF Vange Teen (11-16yrs)

Vange Primary School, London Road, Basildon, SS16 4QA
smartin@atfcommunity.com / 07989515757
Thurs 20th Feb (1-3pm)

Flex Youth (11+ years)

3 Gibcracks, Basildon SS14 1PE Call to book
info@flexyouth.com / 07342469249
Thurs 20th and Fri 21st Feb (1-4pm)

5 Elements Kickboxing MMA & Boxing (11+ years)

Adams Business Centre, Cranes Farm Rd, Basildon SS14 3J
01268330049
Contact provider for half term information

ATF Briscoes Primary School (5-12 years)

Briscoe Primary School, Felmores End, Basildon, SS13 1PN
c.mcalden@heartsacademy.uk / 07956770446
Mon 17th, Tue 18th & Wed 19th Feb (9am-1pm)

ATF Vange Primary School (5-12 years)

Vange Primary School, London Road, Basildon, SS16 4QA
smartin@atfcommunity.com / 07989515757
Thurs 20th & Fri 21st Feb (9am-1pm)

JTD ARTS SEND Level 1-3 (5-14yrs)

Northlands Primary School, 45 Winifred Rd, Basildon SS13 3JQ
activejtd@hotmail.com / 07856869296
Mon 17th & Tues 18th Feb (10am-1pm)

Butterflies Club SEND Level 1-5 (8-16 years)

James Hornsby School, Leinster Rd, Laindon, Basildon SS15 5NX

To attend any activities with Butterflies Club, you must have attended a family stay and play session with your child.

jasmine@Butterfliesclub.co.uk / 07884700124

Mon 17th Feb (10am-2pm)

and

Wed 19th Feb (8:30am-12:30pm)

Presidents Hall, Hoover Drive SS15 6LF

Find out more: activeessex.org



Support with your Education, Health & Care Needs Assessment (EHCNA)

When

4 February 2025

Time 10.30am – 12.30pm

Where

King Edward Community Centre

King Edward Road

Laindon

Basildon

SS15 6GY

Experienced Family Support Advisers will walk you through the EHCNA application process, offering clear guidance on when and how to make your request, what supporting evidence you'll need, and the next steps to take.

To book your place please [CLICK HERE](#)

or email us at basildonp4p@outlook.com

or call us on 07923 426502



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SKILLS LAB

Practice your
skills at taking
basic medical
obs!



The Health and Care Academy is working with Medical Mavericks to provide a fantastic hands on workshop where you can explore careers in the NHS whilst getting the opportunity to practice your skills and take basic medical obs!

Activities include...

- Record and print an ECG from your heart
- Use a needle to take fake blood from a dummy arm
- Try your hand at keyhole surgery
- See inside your body with an ultrasound machine.
- Scan your retina with a ophthalmoscope.
- Listen to your pulse with a pulse doppler.
- See your veins under a vein scanner.
- Take basic medical obs.

This opportunity is available to students in Years 10 - 13, who are thinking of a career in healthcare.

REGISTER HERE!



The workshops are available on Friday 21st February and Saturday 22nd February, for a morning session 9am - 12pm or an afternoon session 1pm - 4pm, at Brentwood Community Hospital, Crescent Dr, Brentwood, CM15 8DR

Follow the QR code to book a place.