

Dates for the Diary

Year 11 Mock Exams

Monday 18th November - Friday 29th November 2024

Year 13 AP1 Assessments

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Presentation Evening

Wednesday 18th December 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20th December 2024

First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 22nd November



16,928
AUSTEN



16,401
ALI



12,379
HAWKING



9,983
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

We are excited to share some key updates and initiatives for the upcoming half term, as we continue to work together to support our students' success.

Behaviour Curriculum

This half term, we have launched Part 2 of our Behaviour Curriculum; which focuses on positive framing strategies to further enhance the ways we promote and support positive behaviour across the school. Staff have been equipped with strategies to create a supportive and constructive environment for all students.

Rewards and Celebrations

We are thrilled to share that an incredible **41,770** rewards were logged during HT1! This is a testament to our students' hard work, dedication, and positive attitudes. To celebrate these achievements, we are planning rewards trips which will take place either at the end of this term or, at the beginning of HT3 in January. Further details will be shared soon.



Careers and Future Planning

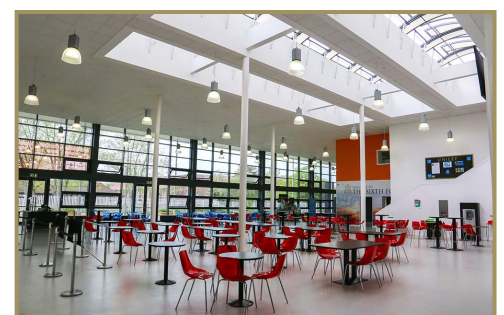
Looking ahead, we are excited about the mock interviews planned for February and March, which aim to prepare students for their future career paths. We have confirmed 180 spaces for these invaluable sessions, and planning is well underway to ensure the experience is meaningful and impactful for all participants.

K. Boyce-Charman
Assistant Headteacher

Parent Drop - Tuesday 26th November

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 26th November between 9am and 10am.

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.



Sixth Formers Explore Future Pathways at University & Apprenticeship Fair

On Friday, 15th November, Year 12 and Year 13 students attended the UK University Search Fair held at Chelmsford City Racecourse. The event provided an invaluable opportunity for students to explore options for higher education and apprenticeships.

Students had the chance to engage with representatives from a wide range of universities and apprenticeship providers, including prestigious Russell Group institutions, red brick and modern universities, local colleges, and leading apprenticeship providers.

The fair also featured insightful seminars on key topics such as writing UCAS personal statements, choosing the right university course, exploring higher and degree apprenticeships, and understanding student finance.

"It was a good day, I got to talk to lots of universities and apprenticeship providers." Sky.P - Year 12

"The fair was informative, and there were lots of options to discuss. The fair has helped me know for certain what I want to do in the future and what route I need to take." Emily.W - Year 12



All photos taken by Year 13 student Alfie.G



RIGHTS
RESPECTING
SCHOOLS



GOLD - RIGHTS RESPECTING

Wellbeing is prioritised for everyone in the school. As well as extensive curriculum content, the leadership have funded Wellbeing Centres on both sites. This support was spoken of very positively by students. Some have timetabled access but "There are break and lunchtime drop ins... anyone can go for help with any problem...it's very accessible."

Unicef RRS Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware

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>



Online Safety Hub Recommended Resource of the Week: Modelling Healthy Digital Habits to your Children

In today's digital age, technology permeates every part of our lives; therefore, it's vital young people learn responsible digital citizenship. Children learn through observation, so it's essential parents lead by example and model healthy online habits themselves. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to modelling healthy digital habits to your children.

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](#)



TESCO



Stronger Starts



The Basildon Academies - Rethink Your Drink

Support the academies to encourage students to swap
Their sugar filled drinks for a healthier option

WHY?

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500

Pick up your tokens at local stores between 1st October – 15th January:

Rayleigh Exp Small unit SS6 7BY

Pitsea Extra Large unit SS13 3JU

Silva Isl Wickfrd Exp Large unit SS12 9NR

Wickford S/End Rd Exp Small unit SS11 8EE

Lond Rd Sth Benfl Exp Small unit SS7 5TH

Rayleigh Ldn Rd Exp Small unit SS6 9BN



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 18th November 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - William.R (R10T2)
- ★ Year 11 - Harry.R (R11E1)
- ★ Sixth Form - Keira.H (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.

School Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse

Every Wednesday
Breaktime

Location:
The Medical Room



Spotlight on: NCFE Level 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner



If you wish to pursue a career in caring for babies and young children, then this is the course for you. This course will provide you with the knowledge and understanding of babies and young children from birth to seven years of age with applied knowledge in the early years 0-5 years. Work experience is a compulsory element of this qualification.

The qualification content meets the Department for Education's (DfE) Level 2 full and relevant criteria for a Level 2 Early Years Practitioner in the workforce.

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Full course information can be found by visiting the following link on our website: [NCFE Level 2 Diploma Early Years Practitioner](#)

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

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

The Essex Sexual Health Service now offers dedicated web pages designed to support parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources including FAQs, insights into RSE and advice on how to have those important conversations.

<https://essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/>



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	AM (8:30am start)		PM (1:30pm start)	
Monday 18 November	English Language P1	1 hr 45	Biology P1	1 hr 15
Tuesday 19 November	History P2	2 hrs	Chemistry P1	1hr 15
	Geography P1	1 hr 30		
Wednesday 20 November	Maths P1	1 hr 30	Geography P2	1 hr 30
Thursday 21 November	English Language P2	1 hr 45	Physics P1	1 hr 15
Friday 22 November	Maths P2	1 hr 30	History P1	1 hr
			Geography P3	1 hr 30
Monday 25 November	English Literature P2	2 hr 15	Biology 2	1 hr 15
Tuesday 26 November	Maths P3	1 hr 30	Chemistry P2	1 hr 15
Wednesday 27 November	English Literature P1	1 hr 45	Physics P2	1 hr 15
Thursday 28 November	Catering	1hr 20	Statistics	1 hr 45
	ICT	1hr 20		
	Engineering	1 hr 30		
Friday 29 November	French Listening	35 (f) 45 (h) mins	Enterprise	2hrs
	French Reading	45 (f) mins 1 hr (h)	Hair & Beauty	1hr 40
Monday 02 December	French Writing	1 hr (f) 1hr 15 (h)	Option clashes	Various
Tuesday 03 December	Art Practical 11A-ART (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start			
	Engineering Practical 11A (All day) 8:30am start			
	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given			
Wednesday 04 December	Art Practical 11B and D-AR (All day) 8:30am start			
	Engineering Practical 11B (All day) 8:30am start			
	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given			
Thursday 05 December	Performing Arts 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
	Art Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
	Engineering Practical 11C (All day) 8:30am start			
Friday 06 December	French speaking exam – Individual time slot to be given			
	Engineering Practical 11D 1 and 2 (All day) 8:30am start			
	Photography Practical 11B and D (All day) 8:30am start			
Monday 09 December	Home language Listening and Reading	Various	Home language Writing	Various

Year 13 AP1 Timetable

PRACTICALS	
Monday 25th November	Length
3D	5 hours
Textiles	5 hours
Drama	6 hours
Tuesday 26th November	Length
3D	5 hours
Textiles	5 hours
Wednesday 27th November	Length
Art	5 Hours
Graphics	5 Hours
Thursday 28th November	Length
Art	5 Hours
Graphics	5 Hours
Photography	5 Hours
Creative Media	5 hours
Friday 29th November	Length
Photography	5 Hours
Creative Media	5 hours

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 jumpers, 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.



Pupils learn about, and understand, the importance of respecting themselves and others. The personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum teaches pupils how to look after their physical and mental well-being. Pupils meet a range of employers and representatives from further education colleges. This helps pupils make well-informed choices about their next steps.

BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

25th - 29th November 2024

Monday: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	Advocacy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> Public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy. <i>Example:</i> Advocacy for gender equality is a central theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.
Tuesday:	Empowerment (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights. <i>Example:</i> Empowerment initiatives are vital for addressing violence against women on this international day.
Wednesday: Lancashire Day	Heritage (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> Property that is or may be inherited; a special or individual possession; an allotted portion. <i>Example:</i> Lancashire Day celebrates the region's rich heritage and historical contributions.
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day	Gratitude (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. <i>Example:</i> Thanksgiving Day is a time for expressing gratitude for the blessings of the past year.
Friday:	Feast (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A large meal, typically a celebratory one. <i>Example:</i> The Thanksgiving feast is a central tradition of the holiday.

Job of the Week: Utility Manager

What does a Utility Manager do?

- They work for a company or community to manage their utilities. I.e. electricity, water, gas and recycling of waste
- They oversee utility staff ensuring the company or community uses their essential resources as efficiently as possible

Labour Market Information

- 8,415 jobs in the local area of Essex
- Hertfordshire 8,186 jobs
- Surrey 8,334 jobs
- Kent 8,186 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

- A degree in engineering, urban planning or public administration
- Specialised degrees in water resource technology or electrical engineering
- Experience in this sector is highly valued
- There are opportunities to work up to this position from entry level roles such as utility operators and workers

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£40,000

Regular feedback is sought from parents, staff, and pupils to identify what is working well, where adjustments are needed and where there are opportunities to enhance provision further. This includes the use of confidence checkers to ensure students have taken on the learning and to identify areas where further teaching is needed.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

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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



 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!

