

Dates for the Diary

Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Monday 8th July 2024

Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19th July 2024 - Students finish at 12:30pm

A Level Results Day

Thursday 15th August 2024

GCSE Results Day

Thursday 22nd August 2024

First Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 5th July



22,341
ALI



21,153
AUSTEN



15,428
HAWKING



15,382
SEACOLE

Leadership Message

This half term has been such a delight to behold as students have reached milestones in their educational journeys. At the beginning of the year, I asked the students and staff to be fiercely courageous, to embrace opportunities and make the most of their time at the school. I do believe that so many students have indeed risen to the challenge and worked hard to achieve their aspirational goals.

Each week in our staff briefing, we take a moment to celebrate the achievements of our school community, highlighting the key moments of exceptional performance, kindness, and selfless acts. This is evidenced through sporting prowess, creative art works, resilience and perseverance during the public examination series, celebrations at leavers' assemblies and the Prom to name but a few examples.

As we look to welcome our new Year 10 and 12 students to the Upper Academy, I look back on the past year with pride. Our value "Love is Love" is enacted daily as the care that is shown for each other is what lies at the very core of all we do as a school. I am so impressed by the school community who always rally together to provide endless support for each other, and I extend my gratitude to parents and carers for their support too.



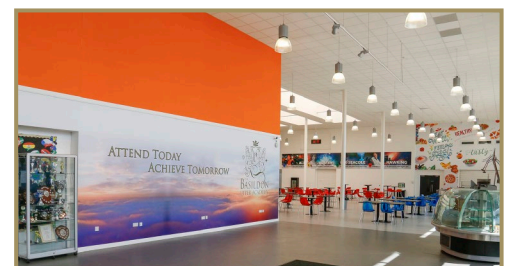
R. Rees - Headteacher



Parent Drop - Tuesday 9th July

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 9th July, between 8.30am-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.



Sports Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 3rd July, the academies hosted its annual Sports Awards Presentation Evening. The evening provided an opportunity to celebrate sporting success, commitment, and dedication throughout the year with the students and their families. The event honoured both team and individual achievements, as well as exceptional and outstanding performances.

“One of my favourite times of year is to look back on what the students have achieved in sport. From athletics to football, cross country to swimming, it was lovely having parents and carers join us to celebrate their child’s sporting success. As a department, we are so proud of how the students have represented us as an academy this year, with kindness, compassion, resilience and dedication” N.Moore - Leader of Sporting Excellence.



Open Parent Event

"Thank you to all the students, families and agencies that attended or supported our Open Event at the Upper Academy on Thursday 4th July, it was wonderful to welcome you all." S.Szuskiewicz – Deputy Headteacher

"The event was an indication to our community of the care and support we provide to each other. It was such a lovely evening that was attended so well. The comments from families were so positive, and there was a brilliant feeling around the site." R.Rees - Headteacher

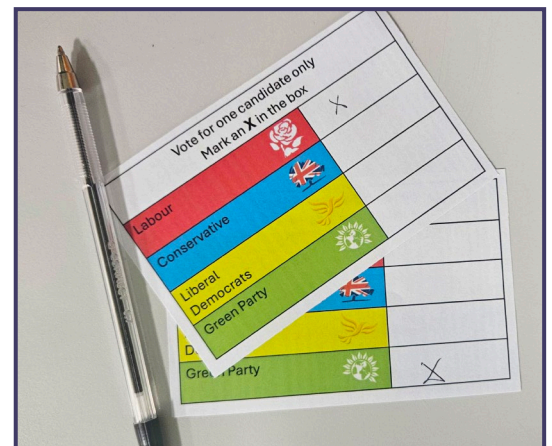


Students Engage in Political Process with Election Day Vote

On the same day as the general election, Upper Academy students participated in a ballot, mirroring the national process by voting for political parties. The voting took place during the Year 10 lunch period and the evening Open Parent Event, giving the community a chance to participate. The results are as follows:

- Labour: 41.25%
- Green: 35%
- Liberal Democrats: 15%
- Conservative: 8.75%

This mock election provided students with a valuable opportunity to engage with the democratic process.



SEND Department Coffee Mornings

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss their child's progress. Coffee mornings are held at the Upper Academy from 11am – 12pm every Tuesday.

To book an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Upper Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.



Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following student who has been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 1st July 2024.

★ Year 10 - Helen.D (R10E2)

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.

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

Friendly WiFi Award

The Upper Academy is delighted to announce that it has achieved the 'Friendly Wifi' accreditation.

Friendly WiFi is the government initiated safe certification standard for public WiFi, in partnership with the The UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS).

The Friendly WiFi symbol tells you where the public WiFi service meets minimum filtering standards, particularly in areas where children are present. This certification will help to ensure our students and visitors online experience is continues to be safe.

For more information about Friendly WiFi, please visit www.friendlywifi.com

Spotlight on: A Level Drama & Theatre



The Performing Arts industry contributes approximately Four Billion to the UK economy? Do you enjoy performing and would like to pursue a career in the Arts? Do you have a passion for the theatre?

This course is designed to create industry professionals for stage and screen and develop essential academic skills and knowledge needed for a future in performance related careers. You will develop performance skills including acting, voice and movement in a highly practical environment and develop essential research and written skills as you learn about different theatre companies and practitioner work.

Complementary subjects include English Literature, History and Psychology.

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

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 can be found:

Every Wednesday
Breaktime

Location:
The Medical Room



Job of the Week: Geochemist

What does a Geochemist do?

A geochemist is a scientist who studies the chemical composition and processes of the Earth and other planets¹. They use principles of chemistry, physics, and geology to understand the Earth's structure, composition, and evolution, as well as its natural resources such as minerals, oil and gas, and water. You may analyse the age, conduct sample tests and work with a range of specialist equipment.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 97,714
- Essex jobs: 1,751
- Top 5 LEAs: Cambridgeshire (4,830), Oxfordshire (4,457), Hertfordshire (2,914), Surrey (2,392), Hampshire (2,379)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

To become a geochemist, you need at least a primary degree in a related subject, such as geology, physical/environmental chemistry, or chemical/mineral engineering. An undergraduate degree in geochemistry, geology, environmental sciences, chemical engineering or a related subject is required for this career choice. Some careers in industry may not require an advanced degree

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £35,186



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

8th July 2024- 12th July 2024
Bastille Day - 14th July

Monday:	Accomplishment: Éacht in Irish an act or instance of carrying into effect; fulfilment.
Tuesday:	Competence: قابليت in Kashmiri the quality of being competent; adequacy; possession of required skill, knowledge, qualification, or capacity.
Wednesday:	Expertise: 전문성 in Korean expert skill or knowledge; expertness; know-how.
Thursday:	Proficiency: विशेषज्ञता[सम्पादन गर्ने] in Nepali well-advanced or competent in any art, science, or subject; skilled.
Friday:	Aptitude: Uzdolnienie in Polish capability; ability; innate or acquired capacity for something; talent.



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.

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.
- Parents/carers must provide medical evidence to support all absences due to illness or medical appointments.
- Wherever possible parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours but if this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.
- If no appropriate medical evidence is provided then the Academies cannot authorise an absence. (ie. medical appointment card, prescription, doctor's letter.)

For further information and guidance regarding attendance and absence please visit our website:

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.



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.

Essex ACTIVate

**Free activity clubs across Essex and Thurrock
for eligible primary and secondary
school children that also offer:**

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, locally trusted organisations
- ✓ Family support
- ✓ Resources and guidance

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Run by Active Essex, Essex ActivAte offers fun and exciting activity clubs for school aged children (4-16 years) during the holidays! Run by our fantastic organisations across Essex and Thurrock, all of our clubs are unique and offer different activities, helping to keep young people active, support their mental wellbeing and allow children to socialise with others, as well as support parents out of term time.

Children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or are from income-related benefit households, can be booked onto our holiday clubs for FREE! Although, clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!

www.activeessex.org



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