

## Dates for the Diary

### Last Day of Summer Term

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Students finish at 12:30pm

### A Level Results Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### GCSE Results Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024

### First Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

# Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Student Value of the Term

# LOVE IS LOVE

## House Points - Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> July



22,959  
ALI



21,515  
AUSTEN



15,601  
HAWKING



15,490  
SEACOLE

## Leadership Message

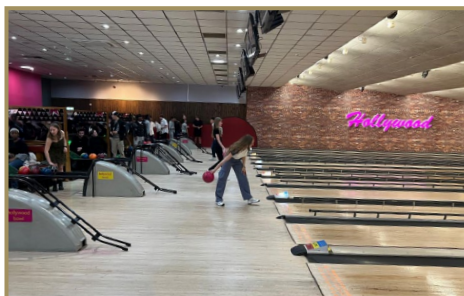
As we come to the end of the academic year, we have taken a moment to reflect on our proudest moments as members of the school community.

There have been so many reasons to smile but we have included a few key collective moments below:

- Year 11 and 13 resilience during the public examination series
- Celebrating the success of students at presentation evenings
- Successful transitions across KS3, 4 and 5
- Rewards trips
- Recruiting a new Assistant Headteacher/SENCO
- Implementation of The BA Way and introduction of The Hub as a response to its effectiveness
- Positive engagement of 6<sup>th</sup> form students within the careers curriculum
- Good Ofsted judgement

We look forward to seeing our brilliant students in September 2024. Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

## The Upper Academy Senior Leadership Team

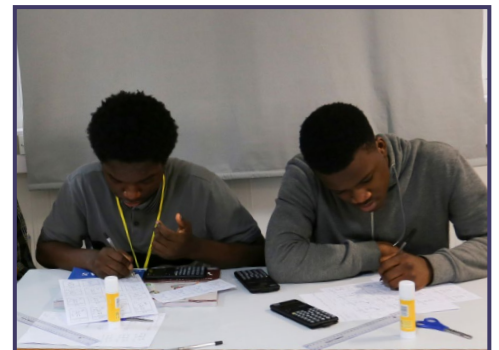


## Two-Week Taster Sessions Introduce Year 12 to Basildon Academies Sixth Form

Year 12 Taster Sessions commenced on Monday 8th July, marking the start of an exciting two weeks of exploration into what our Sixth Form has to offer.

This was a valuable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in A-level and vocational courses, providing them with an authentic experience of life at the Basildon Academies Sixth Form.

Throughout the week, students engaged in a diverse array of subjects, showcasing the expertise of our teachers and the extensive resources we offer. We were delighted to receive outstanding feedback, particularly from students who are new to our school. I am eagerly anticipating meeting them all on GCSE results day, when they will officially join our Sixth Form.



"The A Level Geography taster day was very enjoyable, and the teacher was amazing. I am looking forward to starting the sixth form in September." Darius.I

"I enjoyed discovering A Level 3D Design. It took me out of my comfort zone, and, with the guidance of my teacher, I created a design that I was proud of." Jonathan.S

"Mrs Stavrinides created a vibrant atmosphere by allowing us to actively engage in the lesson, whilst also teaching us crucial skills for the course." Elliott.K

"It was interesting and captivating, allowing me to understand what I will experience while studying A Level Maths." Akugbe.I

"The Criminology session has made me realise the interests I have in learning the topics that I really hope to learn in the next 2 years." Ellie-Rose.E

"This taster lesson has been helpful because it shows you the problems you could face which gives you an advantage before you even start." William.B

If students are still considering a place at the Basildon Academies Sixth Form, they will have a final chance to apply on GCSE results day; Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**K.McCarthy, Assistant Headteacher – Key Stage 5**



## Students of the Week

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded Student of the Week for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

- ★ Year 10 - Ruby.P (ZR10T1)
- ★ Year 11 - Megan.L (R10Z2)
- ★ Sixth Form - Callum.T (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.

## 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.



## Parent Drop - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

This week's Parent Drop In will be on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, between 1.30pm-2.30pm.

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.

## Spotlight on: A Level Psychology



Psychology literally translates as 'the study of the human mind' – but Psychology is more than this. Psychology is everywhere around us. It is intriguing, it is emotional, it is scientific and above all, it is thought provoking.

This course offers you the opportunity to learn about the science behind human behaviour by understanding how research is conducted and used to develop theories and laws about human behaviour.

This course will develop skills highly valued by Higher Education (HE) and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research skills.

Core maths must be taken alongside this course, if you are not taking A-Level Maths.

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

## 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: Health & Safety Inspector

## What does a H&S Inspector do?

Health and safety advisers help keep workplaces safe and reduce any injury or health risks for employees. You could work in many different industries including construction and engineering, mining, quarrying, oil and gas exploration and manufacturing and services and chemical processing. You could also work in public services like hospitals, education, arts venues, and local government.

## Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 71,683
- Essex jobs: 1,929
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (2,267), Kent (2,149), Essex (1,929), Lancashire (1,738), Hertfordshire (1,394)

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

You could get into this role by completing: an undergraduate degree, master's degree, or postgraduate diploma that's recognised by a health and safety institution, an apprenticeship or degree apprenticeship in health and safety, environmental health, or similar. It can also help to have work experience in a health and safety role – for example, in an education setting, theatre, or government agency

## Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £44,932

# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Monday:	<b>Summertime: Timpul verii in Romanian</b> the summer season.
Tuesday:	<b>Vacation: Likizo in Swahili</b> a period of suspension of work, study, or other activity, usually used for rest, recreation, or travel; recess or holiday.
Wednesday:	<b>Relaxation: thalarvu in Tamil</b> a relaxing or recreative state, activity, or pastime.
Thursday: (Nelson Mandela International Day)	<b>Merrymaking: Şenlik in Turkish</b> a joyful activity.
Friday:	<b>Recreation: Eré idárayá in Yoruba</b> refreshment of strength and spirits after work.



Pupils in key stage 4 are well prepared for their next steps. They learn about a range of careers and, like students in the sixth form, they can study a range of vocational courses. Pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs (SEMH) who attend the school's own provision also receive highly effective support that improves their behaviour and well-being.

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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.
- 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](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!





# 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](http://www.activeessex.org)



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