

## Dates for the Diary

### 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

### Armistice Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Year 9 AP1 Assessments

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## House Points - Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> October



20,937  
ALI



18,718  
SEACOLE



17,028  
AUSTEN



12,935  
HAWKING

## Leadership Message - Enhanced Provisions

As Director of Enhanced Provisions, I'm excited to share the extensive support we offer to students with Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs from KS2 through to KS5. Our provisions are designed to provide tailored support for both academic and emotional development.

In KS3, students receive personalised support from a dedicated key worker, using our Core Strengths Curriculum, which focuses on building resilience and emotional regulation. Through transition classes, students are gradually reintegrated into mainstream lessons, ensuring they feel supported every step of the way.

For our KS4 students, we offer three distinct pathways to meet their individual needs. The Enhanced Provision pathway continues personalised support with a key worker, helping students thrive academically and emotionally. Our Nurture Pathway provides targeted support with Teaching Assistant's in classroom environments, ideal for students who benefit from a smaller, nurturing environment while still accessing mainstream education. Finally, the Engage 14-19 pathway focuses on equipping students with practical skills, ensuring they are prepared for the next stages of education or employment.

Led by Mrs Hullyer in KS3 and Miss Stoddart in KS4/5, our dedicated teams work closely with students and families to create individualised plans, ensuring each student can succeed and grow in their learning journey.

For further information regarding our Enhanced Provision please visit:

<https://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/enhanced-provisions>

**V.Oddy**

**Director of Enhanced Provisions**



The schools RSHE programme is fully compliant but is also adapted to meet the specific needs of the school community. It is taught in discrete weekly timetabled lessons by teachers with an active interest and the skills and expertise to manage open discussions supported by the lead who develops the lesson material and provides training and support for staff.



Excellence in Pupil  
Development Award

2023-2026

## Cenett Shines in Support of Young Carers on Global's Make Some Noise Day

Year 9 student Cenett.Y, a dedicated young carer, recently took part in a national event supporting the work of local charity Kool Carers. Cenett, an active member of the Kool Carers club, enjoys taking part in fun activities such as camping, crafts, laser tag, and rock climbing. The charity provides essential support for young carers like Cenett, who balance caring for family members with their daily lives.

On Friday, October 11th, Cenett had the incredible opportunity to be interviewed by Radio X host Toby Tarrant as part of Global's Make Some Noise Day, an annual event that raises money for small charities making a big impact in their communities. During the interview, Cenett shared her experiences of being a young carer, including how it affects her daily life and mental health. Her family, listening from Australia and Turkey, tuned in to the live broadcast.

In addition to the interview, Cenett joined Toby for a special challenge, where he raised over £250,000 for charity by pedalling more than 50 miles along the Thames in a giant unicorn pedalo. Cenett pedalled alongside him for half a mile of the journey. After the challenge, she also beat Toby in a friendly game of pool!

Reflecting on the experience, Cenett said; "Meeting and being interviewed by Toby Tarrant on Radio X was amazing, and having the chance to help with the Thames Challenge was brilliant. It's important to me because it raises awareness for young carers and the Kool Carers charity."



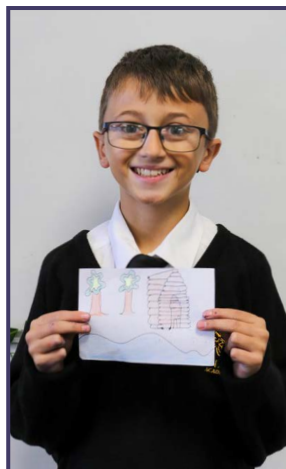
## Year 7 Students Embark on Global Adventures in Geography Lessons

Year 7 have been busy globe-trotting in their recent geography lessons! Students explored different countries and created amazing postcards to showcase their learning.

"I liked the lesson because I learned more things about Madagascar, and it was also fun to draw." Jack.W

"The lesson was fun and exciting; thank you to my teacher, who was really helpful." Desire.N

"I loved this lesson because I love learning about countries and also because I like drawing." Shanie.A



The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

2022-2025

## Hate Crime Awareness Week

During this year's Hate Crime Awareness Week, students explored the impact and consequences of prejudice and hostility toward others. They learned that hate crimes can involve discrimination based on race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender identity. To demonstrate their support, students wrote messages on large posters, which will be displayed prominently around the school.

"If you commit a Hate Crime you may end up in jail which could ruin your life." Divine.U - Year 7

"It is bad to be rude and hurtful to people, and it can affect their lives because of hate." Elsie-Mae.L - Year 7

"Hate Crime Awareness is important because everyone deserves kindness and respect, no matter who they are." Molly.N - Year 7

"You should never bully people; it is rude and disrespectful." Ralph.B - Year 7



## Smoothwall Online Safety Hub Now Live

The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent/carer.

The hub includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

You can access the Online Safety Hub here:  
[www.basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/](http://www.basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/)

Smoothwall are also offering parents, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any 1 device and, free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world, block dangerous content, introduce screen free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more.

Follow the link to create your free account:  
[www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special](http://www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special)



The range of opportunities for parents to be involved and/or get involved is constantly growing and at all levels the school are actively seeking to develop the opportunities they provide for families to be involved in the life of the school.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026

## 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 Lower Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

## 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.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding)

## Student 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 Thursday  
Breaktime

Location: The SEND  
Department



## 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.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.

## Academic Progress Information Event - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October

On Monday 21st October 2024, we are hosting an Academic Progress Information Event on the Lower Academy site between 4-5pm. This will be an opportunity for parents/carers to speak to their child's mentor, view how we promote both Reading and Numeracy across all subjects at the Lower Academy, and learn how to best support your child for their assessment points throughout the year. Parents/carers will also be provided with details of upcoming EBacc events and an overview of our Personal Development Curriculum.

There is no requirement to book a time slot for this event.

Mentors for all year groups will be available for the duration of the event, with Year 7 mentors situated in the main hall and years 8 & 9 in the canteen area.

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

Essex Sexual Health Service has launched new web pages 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.

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



# MDL Marinas Sail Training Awards 2025

*the reward is onboard..*

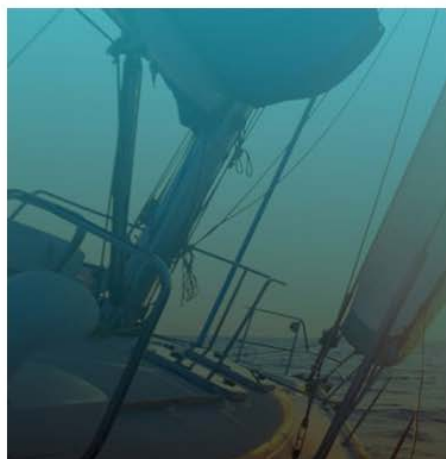
## Award Winners

Please nominate young people between the ages of 12 and 18, who you feel should be rewarded for their achievements or inspiration and support to others around them; those who have overcome adverse personal circumstances or shown other exceptional accomplishments.

Those in contact with young people are invited to send in nominations, including teachers, guide or scout leaders, youth group leaders, friends and employers. Anyone can nominate, apart from parents, guardians or close family.

Past winners have included young people who have been outstanding achievers, as well as those who have been involved in voluntary work, those who have never had the chance to travel abroad, and those with added family responsibilities.

Winners will be selected from the regions in which MDL Marinas are located; the South West, Dorset, Hampshire, Thames Valley and East Coast.



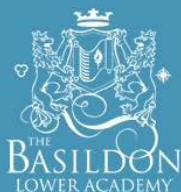
## The Sailing Experience

The winners will spend 5 nights and 6 days living and sailing on board an OYT sail training yacht and will become involved in all aspects of life on board, including hoisting sails, helping with maintenance, sailing the boat at night and cooking and cleaning with the rest of the crew. This is an unforgettable sailing experience, departing from and returning to Southampton in April 2024.

## Nominations close on 17th January 2025

For more information please visit:

[www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/about-mdl-marinas/sail-training-awards/](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/about-mdl-marinas/sail-training-awards/)



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Lunchtime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football (courts)</li> </ul> <p><b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archery (Sign up required)</li> <li>Football – Girls (all year groups)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lunchtime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football (courts)</li> </ul> <p><b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugby - Boys &amp; Girls</li> <li>Fitness / Cross Country</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lunchtime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball (courts)</li> </ul> <p><b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football – Year 7 Boys</li> <li>Football – Year 8 Boys</li> <li>Football – Year 9 Boys</li> <li>Gym – Year 9</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lunchtime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis (courts)</li> </ul> <p><b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lunchtime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pick your sport (courts)</li> </ul>

# BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
Black History Month

Monday:	<p><b>Civil Rights Movement (noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> A movement in the 1950s and 1960s in the United States aimed at ending racial discrimination and ensuring equal rights for African Americans.  <i>Example:</i> Black History Month commemorates key figures of the Civil Rights Movement, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who fought for justice and equality.</p>
Tuesday:	<p><b>Segregation (noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> The enforced separation of different racial groups in a country, community, or establishment.  <i>Example:</i> Black History Month reflects on the harmful effects of segregation and celebrates the heroes who fought to dismantle these unjust systems.</p>
Wednesday:	<p><b>Pan-Africanism (noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> The belief that African peoples, both on the continent and in the diaspora, share a common history and destiny and should unite for political, economic, and social progress.  <i>Example:</i> Pan-Africanism is a key topic during Black History Month, as it highlights the global unity of African descendants.</p>
Thursday:	<p><b>Reparations (noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> The compensation provided to individuals or communities who have suffered harm, particularly in the context of the descendants of enslaved Africans seeking financial or social compensation for the injustices of slavery.  <i>Example:</i> Discussions about reparations for African Americans often take centre stage during Black History Month, highlighting the lasting impact of slavery and systemic racism.</p>
Friday:	<p><b>Patrimony (noun)</b>  <i>Definition:</i> Patrimony refers to property or assets inherited from one's ancestors or heritage. It can also refer to cultural or historical heritage passed down through generations.  <i>Example:</i> The museum's collection of ancient artifacts is a testament to the rich patrimony of the region, preserving the traditions and history of past generations.</p>

## Job of the Week: Palaeontologist



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

You'll usually need:

- a degree in botany, Earth sciences, geology, palaeontology or zoology
- 3 A levels, including maths and physics
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C) including maths, English and science

You could also do an integrated master's qualification, like an MGeol, MBIol or MSci.

### What does a Palaeontologist do?

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- Collecting data and samples on field trips
- Managing volunteers on field trips
- Examining and testing samples in the lab
- Doing research and publishing your findings
- Planning and delivering lectures and developing courses and workshops



### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 97,714
- Essex Jobs: 1,751
- Growth: +41.4%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Cambridgeshire (4,830) 2. Oxfordshire (4,457) 3. Hertfordshire (2,914) 4. Surrey (2,392) 5. Hampshire (2,379)

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £47,289



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# Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower 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.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance](http://www.basildonloweracademy.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 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.



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 23RD OCTOBER



JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN



SOUTHERN STYLE MAC & CHEESE



COCONUT CAKE WITH LIME GLAZE

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



### WHEN?

1st October – 15th January

### WHERE?

Pick up your tokens at local stores:

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





# SPOOKTACULAR FOOD



TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN THE DINING HALL  
WILL BE SERVING CAKES & BISCUITS AT BREAK  
& LUNCHTIME ON FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER



TO CELEBRATE GUY FAWKES NIGHT THE  
DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING FIREWORKS  
THEMED FOOD AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME  
ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



## SEND Department Coffee Afternoons Every Wednesday 3pm - 4pm

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 afternoons are held at the Lower Academy from 3pm – 4pm every Wednesday.

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

