

Dates for the Diary

Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy
Monday 8th July 2024

Summer Celebration Presentation Event
Thursday 11th July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Cultural Fayre
Tuesday 16th July 2024 - 3.30pm-5pm

Sports Day
Thursday 18th July 2024

Last Day of School Term
Friday 19th July 2024 - Students finish at 12:30pm

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 5th July



Leadership Message

It was a great experience to visit all of our feeder primary schools this half term. They all gave me a warm welcome and I was able to observe students in their Year 6 environment to help better understand their needs for transition to secondary school at the Basildon Lower academy.



As a follow up to the visits, we invited all our prospective Year 6's to the Lower academy, during a 3 day transition period. Whilst the children became acquainted with the site, they were also able to experience a variety of activities; including several sports sessions with external coaches, cooking shortbread and making personalised profile cubes. At the end of each day the students were able to ask questions to Mrs Sherman and myself. The whole process was an absolute pleasure.

T.Smith - Assistant Headteacher

Sports Presentation Evening

Last week, the Lower Academy hosted its annual Sports Awards Presentation Evening, providing an opportunity to celebrate sporting success, commitment, and dedication throughout the year. The event honoured both team and individual achievements.

"It was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us and celebrate their child's sporting success. As a department, we love celebrating the success of the students and what they have achieved throughout the year." L.Gray, Sporting Excellence Lead for KS3.





Cultural Fayre – Tuesday 16th July

Join us on Tuesday July 16th, for an afternoon of cultural celebration. From 3:30pm to 5:00pm, we welcome parents, carers, families, and students to experience a fayre filled with fun activities, exciting games, and a charity raffle. Enjoy live performances by our Samba Band and the Lower Academy Street Dance Team. There will also be plenty of food and drink available throughout the event.

The Lower Academy Street Dance Team have been busy rehearsing with our guest choreographer Ellen, who has been putting the team through their paces before their performance.



LanguageNut Top Achievers

Throughout June, students at the Lower Academy took part in the LanguageNut Secondary Competition. Overall, as a school we came 56th in the UK! Certificates were awarded to the Top 10 Linguists in every year group, well done to all who participated!



Friendly WiFi Award

The Lower 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

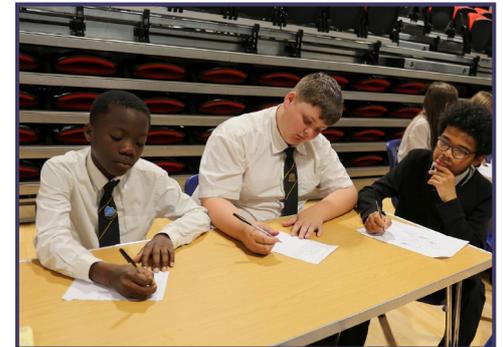
Students Excel at SSAT Leadership Training

On Monday 1st July, the Lower Academy was joined by Sylvia King from SSAT. Sylvia delivered a full day of training with a range of students who hold leadership positions, in both the Student Executive and UNICEF groups.

Students worked to develop and understand their leadership skills, supporting each other throughout the day. The day concluded with each student being able to demonstrate their skills by delivering a short speech. They demonstrated remarkable resilience and courage throughout the day.

"The training was brilliant, and also helpful for me to learn how to be a good school leader in the future." Harsimran.K – Year 7

"It was really helpful for us as future leaders and it will help us become excellent leaders." Safreen.S – Year 7



Learn to drum and perform in our Samba Band in preparation for our Cultural Event after school on Tuesday 16th July



Your parents/carers have been emailed a link to sign you up to the workshop, so please speak to them if you want to join

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 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

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 Tuesday &
Thursday Breaktime

Location:

The Wellbeing Centre



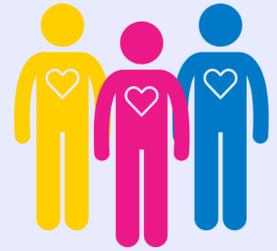
Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue: Learning Support Centre



Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

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.

YOUNG MINDS

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.
- 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.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance



Follow The Basildon Upper Academy on our social media channels





EVERY DAY COUNTS



Why is attendance important to my child's education?

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.

143

Days of education

75%

47 days absent

152

Days of education

80%

38 days absent

162

Days of education

85%

28 days absent

171

Days of education

90%

19 days absent

184

Days of education

97%

6 days absent

190

Days of education

100%

0 days absent

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.

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.

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.



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



EssexActivAte

