

The Basildon Lower Academy Newsletter

26th June 2023

Dates for the Diary

Year 9 AP2 Assessments Monday 26th June - Tuesday 4th July 2023

Student Work Celebration Event Thursday 29th June 2023: 3:45pm - 6:30pm

School Production of Matilda JrWednesday 5th & Thursday 6th July 2023: 6:30pm - 8pm

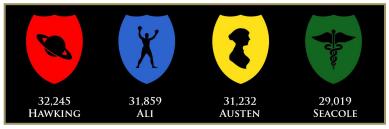
Year 9 Sports Day Friday 7th July 2023: 2pm - 3:30pm

Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy Monday 10th July 2023

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 23rd June



Solve for Tomorrow - Next Gen Science Challenge

During the last few weeks, our Year 7 Scientists have been taking part in the 'Solve for Tomorrow: Next Gen' challenge.

The project is part of a nationwide competition run by Samsung and the National Schools Partnership. The focus of this year's challenge is on inclusivity.

The challenge set for students was to engineer a piece of technology that would benefit everyone in their local community, regardless of ability.

Using their imagination, creativity and innovative skills, our students have developed some wonderful ideas. One group have designed ear bud headphones connected to tinted glasses to help people with migraines. The glasses automatically dim and have sensors to detect sound and noise levels. Another group have invented an app for homeless people, which has a sheltered accompdation locator.















Young people show agency in accessing their right to learn. They discussed that teachers involve them in their learning in a range of ways and that peer support is important to their learning. One group described a structured system for seeking help: Book – Board – Friend – Teacher.

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



The range of provision available has been widened for those with greater need both through the SEN department and the wellbeing centre. The school has invested in key staff to run targeted groupings for students who find school difficult and need support to transition into the school.



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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 blazers, 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.

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 Lower **Academy Wellbeing** Centre



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 should 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

Year 9 Sports Day

We are delighted to confirm that Year 9 Sports Day will be taking place on Friday 7th July and we would like to invite the parents, carers and families of students taking part.

Sports Day will be held at The Lower Academy on the field at the rear of the school and will run from $2-3:30\,\mathrm{pm}$.

Parents, carers and family members are invited to attend from 1.45pm but please be advised there is no available parking on site so alternative access arrangements should be made. Access to the event should be made via the gates at far end of Timberlog Close (past the school entrance) and not through the main school, directions will be signposted on the day.

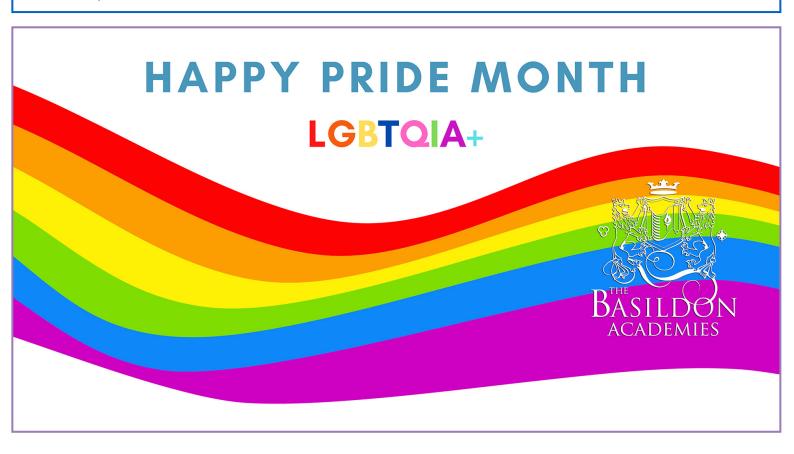


Your child will be able to sign up for all sporting events during school this week by speaking with the PE department, only students who have registered for events will be able to participate.

On the day students who have signed up must bring their own PE kit as we will be unable to lend any kit on this day. If your child has a suitable top that represents the same colour as their 'house' then they can wear it instead of their black PE top.

Please ensure your child brings their water bottle, some sun lotion and a suitable hat to school on the 7th July if the weather is scheduled to be hot as we will be outside for the afternoon. The school field offers limited shade so please consider this and, also that you will be on a grass field when attending yourselves.

If you have any queries regarding the event, please contact me using the <u>Contact Us</u> page on the school website, selecting General Enquiries.



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