

The Basildon Lower Academy Newsletter

20th September 2022

Uniform Exchange Scheme

We have been overwhelmed with the volume of donations we have been receiving of pre-loved uniform and this has already made a huge difference to the families of many students so, thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed so far.

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.

Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please email: attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk

- 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.)

Dates for the Diary

Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 30th September 2022



Monday 3rd October 2022: 4pm - 5pm

First Aid Day

Tuesday 4th October 2022

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Literacy & Numeracy Information Event

Monday 17th October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

Half Term

Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022

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.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding

School nurse drop-in If students are worried about their health, would like a

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

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).

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 email:

remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

OCTOBER 2022 PARENT & CARER EVENTS

Settling Event: Monday 3rd October, 4-5pm

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this Academic Year. We can also provide tours of our facilities.

Please do contact our Academy reception team either via the contact us page (General Enquires) <u>The Basildon Academies - Contact Us</u> or via phone 01268 552536 to make your appointment. If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams please make that clear in your request.

Prospective Year 6 & Year 12 Open Evening: Thursday 6th October, 5-7pm

We are delighted to open both of our Academy sites to parents, carers and students on 6th October. This will be an opportunity for current Year 6 students to tour the Lower Academy and meet with key staff about what transition into Year 7 will look like in September 2023.

Current Year 11 parents, carers and students will be welcomed to the Upper Academy to meet with our Sixth Form teachers and select their Sixth Form options. Some of our courses are quickly filled so we would encourage all students to come and reserve their places on their favourite options! We will also have careers advice and guidance available to discuss Post 16 apprenticeships and college placements.

Year 7, 8 & 9 Reading & Numeracy Information Event: Monday 17th October, 4-5pm

Parents & carers are invited the Lower Academy hall to meet with our dedicated Numeracy and Reading teaching teams who will give a talk regarding what students learn at the Lower Academy, how to support their Reading and Numeracy at home and how we then assess for progress. There will also be plenty of resources for you to take away!

Please do come along and bring any questions you may have regarding this crucial area of the curriculum. Students continuing to develop these foundation skills learnt in primary school is a cornerstone of later success in GCSE assessments in Key Stage 4.

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 16th September





Staff understand and are committed to a child rights-based approach; one adult commented, "It's not 'shoe-horned' in, the rights flow naturally in all that we do." Parents, carers and governors are kept well informed of the school'srights respecting work in a variety of ways including a student led podcast series which links the school values with human rights.

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

The academies have built very strong links with external partners which enhances the wellbeing provision they have available to students. Much of this provision is delivered for them on site by external partners through the wellbeing centre.



Wellbeing Award for Schools



Lower Academy sports clubs

Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm		Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am	Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am	Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am	
	Archery (sign up required) Year 7 Football &	Trampolining (all years)Fitness (all years)	Fitness (all years)	Basketball (all years)	
	Elite Football - Boys & Girls		After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm	
•	Year 8 & 9 Rugby	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm	Boys Basketball (all years)	Volleyball (all years)	
•	Girls Football (all years)	Girls Basketball (all years)		Netball (all years)	
	Krav Maga (sign up required)	Year 8 and 9 Boys Football		- Netball (all years)	









Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Greta D
The Week	Grow D
English Scholar of the Week	Phoebe R
Super Scientist of the Week	Alfie B
Historian of the Week	Maira S
Geography Genius of the Week	Alfie O
RE expert of the Week	Salet B
Chef of the Week	Greta D
French Linguist of the Week	Chloe G
Computer Scientist of the Week	Ellaouise J
RSHE champion of the week	Alfie T

Year 8 Students of the Week

Historian of the Week	Tae S	Lealand G
Geography Genius of the Week	Lee M	Andrew J
RE Expert of the Week	Islah H	Leah F

Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Leah F		
English Scholar of the Week	Connor H		
Sporting legend of the Week	Iulius L		
Historian of the Week	Zachary K		
Geography Genius of the Week	Titas S		
RE Expert of the Week	Jayden W		
Chef of the Week	Rossi B		
French Linguist of the Week	Joshua O		
Artist of the Week	May M		
Computer Scientist of the Week	Amber R		

		LUNCH MENU WEEK 3					
	BASILDON	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Main Meal Option 1	Meat Free Monday Creamy Pepper Pasta	Build a Burger Tuesday Crispy Chicken Burger	Indian Style Wednesday Chicken Korma	Pie Thursday Chicken Pie	Fake Away Friday Chicken Pitta Kebabs	
	Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Panini	Hot Dog & Onions	Chicken Tikka Pizza	Cornish Pasty	Cod Goujons	
	Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Quiche	Grilled Halloumi Burger	Naan Pizza	Mushroom, Spinach and Potato Pie	Quorn Goujons	
	Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Cheese Quesadillas	Quorn Dog & Onions	Vegetable Balti	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Grilled Halloumi & Sweet Pepper Pitta Kebabs	
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	Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Spicy Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Cheese Beans	
	Dessert	Chocolate Pudding with melted centre	Pancakes	Indian Fruit Custard & Jelly	Dipping Doughnuts	Beetroot Brownie	