

## Dates for the Diary

### Parent Forum Meeting

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

### Sports Presentation Event

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 - 4pm-5.15pm

### Work Celebration Event

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - 4pm-6pm

### Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Summer Celebration Presentation Event

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

## Student Value of the Term

**LOVE IS LOVE**

## House Points - Week Ending 21<sup>st</sup> June



44,280  
ALI



42,077  
HAWKING



41,665  
SEACOLE



35,848  
AUSTEN

## Leadership Message

Working with parents and carers on our collective ambition of student success remains a key priority. Over the course of this academic year it has been great to engage with a variety of parents in an collaborative effort to secure the success of our students. We are continuing to increase opportunities for parents and carers to work with us in a collective way as increased parental engagement has multiple benefits such as enhanced academic achievement, improved behaviour and attitudes, encouraging lifelong learning habits and the increasing empowerment of parents.

There are a number of ways that you can engage with us:

- Parent Forum - a working group with a set agenda that aims to provide feedback to the school on initiatives and plans
- Parent Governors - please do refer to our website for when there are vacancies to become a Parent Governor
- Surveys - a key aspect of providing us with constructive feedback
- Communication - using the set communication channels to support a student's academic achievement
- Home learning - support the students academic achievement through engagement with our home learning platforms
- School events - attend school events, both celebratory and progress based



Over the next few weeks there are some specific events that you can get involved with, details of which will be emailed:

- Parent Forum - 1<sup>st</sup> July 4pm-5pm
- Student Work Celebration event - 4<sup>th</sup> July 4pm-6pm
- Cultural Fayre - 16<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm-5pm

**Z.Spencer**

**Assistant Headteacher - Personal Development & Parental Engagement**

Leadership and management of TAs is well organised and they play a very important role within Basildon Academy. Teaching and non-teaching staff work closely together on a day-to-day basis, "It is teamwork, we do it together" a teacher commented.



Best Practice with  
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026

## Year 9 Students Visit Reconstructed WW1 Trench

Year 9 students recently visited a reconstructed World War I trench system in Kent, gaining an authentic insight into life during the war. The 200-metre-long trench replica, featuring British and German lines, separated by 25 metres of no man's land with barbed wire and shell holes, offered a vivid historical experience.

The woodland-set trenches provided a realistic backdrop, and expert guides delivered engaging talks on various aspects of trench warfare. Several of our students participated in demonstrations which helped to enhance their understanding of their GCSE History 'Medicine Through Time' topic.

"The trip was really useful for my studies, especially for the History of Medicine topic. The replica trench was so realistic." George.C

"We got to learn about living conditions in which the soldiers lived, and a sneak peak into their day to day lives." Boglarka.B

"I enjoyed the trip as we got to learn more about how the war impacted on the development of medicine and surgery, which will really help with our History GCSE." Annie.R

"I really enjoyed walking around the trench it gave me an amazing insight into what life would have been like back then." Isabelle.P

"We got to see how trenches were constructed and learned about the strategies of trench warfare. The tour guide described the harsh living conditions, including rations soldiers endured; highlighting the significance of the First World War." Leon.S



## 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)

## 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

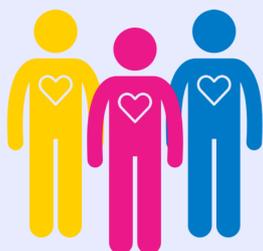


## Young Carers Club

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.

## PRIDE DAY

ON FRIDAY 28TH JUNE  
THE DINING HALL WILL BE  
SELLING CAKES & COOKIES  
AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME

RAINBOW CUP CAKES  
RAINBOW COOKIES  
SLICES OF RAINBOW CAKE  
50P EACH

LOVE IS  
LOVE



## Job of the Week: Environmental Engineer

### What does an Environmental Engineer do?

Environmental engineers minimise pollution in order to protect the environment. gathering data through site assessments, environmental monitoring, and third-party reports. Evaluating the environmental impact of the project, hazard or commercial operation. Presenting recommendations on the containment, clean-up process, remediation, recycling and waste disposal, to fix environmental issues.

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 38,911
- Essex jobs: 682
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (1,138), Devon (1,021), Kent (942), Oxfordshire (898), Surrey (869)

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £36,209

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

Although you don't usually need a postgraduate qualification, a master's degree in a specialist area (such as contaminated land) may help to give you an edge over other candidates. You can also work towards this career by completing a civil engineering technician advanced apprenticeship. You'll usually need: 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A\* to C), usually including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship



## National Thank a Teacher Day

To celebrate this year's National Thank a Teacher Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Lower Academy students showed their appreciation for their teachers and support staff by writing personalised messages of thanks. Several students also recorded their thank-you messages, with the videos shared on social media throughout the day. [Click here](#) to view the video.

"I really appreciate all my teachers for taking the time to get to know every little detail about us and to help make us the superstars we want to become. I thank them for being such good role models too and for making the school such a safe place to be in." Dara.A - Year 7

"I would like to thank my Student Development Champion for supporting and encouraging me in my role as Deputy Head Student." Luke.Z – Year 7

"I would like to thank my science teacher for making my lessons enjoyable and easy to understand." Alfie.B – Year 9

"I want to thank my science teacher for caring, understanding and respecting every in student in the school." Suzie-Lou.G – Year 8

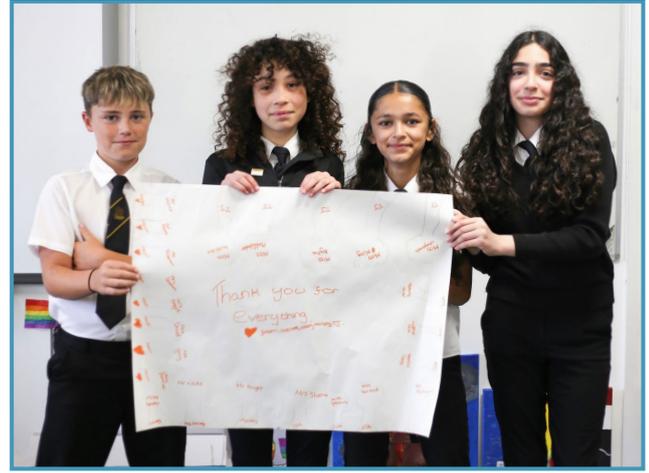
"One of my favourite teachers is my science teacher because he always make me laugh and so nice. One of my other favourite teachers' is my art teacher because she never fails to put a smile on my face and always loves my art work no matter how bad or funny my artwork is." Declan.P – Year 8

"For National Thank a Teacher Day I would like to nominate my performing arts teacher because she is confident and outgoing." Skye.M – Year 7

"I would like to thank my former maths teacher for always making every lesson fun and educational." George.C – Year 9

"I am really grateful for my science teacher because he always takes time to explain things to us." Safreen.S – Year 7

"I would like to thank my history teacher for supporting since Year 7 and helping me to achieve my full potential." Annie.R – Year 9



## THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
*International Day of Parliamentarism - June 30<sup>th</sup>*

Monday:	<b>Assemblage: Taron in Hausa</b> a group of persons or things gathered or collected; an assembly; collection; aggregate.
Tuesday:	<b>Council: सलाहकार परिषद in Hindi</b> an assembly of persons summoned or convened for consultation, deliberation, or advice.
Wednesday:	<b>Congress: Kongres in Indonesia</b> a formal meeting or assembly of representatives for the discussion, arrangement, or promotion of some matter of common interest.
Thursday:	<b>Parliament: Nzuko omeiwu in Igbo</b> the legislature of certain British colonies and possessions.
Friday:	<b>Senate: Sénat in Lingala</b> an assembly or council of citizens having the highest deliberative functions in a government, especially a legislative assembly of a state or nation.

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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.
- 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](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.