

Students Perform Street Dance at Christmas Community Event

On Saturday 3rd December the Lower Academy Street Dance Team performed at a Christmas Community Event in Pitsea. Our students performed a series of well-rehearsed street dance routines to members of the public; well done to all for such an amazing performance.

"I loved the experience; it was fun and we got to interact with members of the community. I am so happy I signed up. My Mum and Dad were really proud." **Olivia.U**

"Although I was a little nervous, it was a thrilling and exciting experience and I had a really good time." **Hayden.J**

"I found the dance fun and exciting. I was very nervous because lots of people were watching including my family. Taking part was lots of fun and I would like to do it again if I had the chance. I am grateful for members of staff for helping us." **Crystal.O**



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).

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

Dates for the Diary

UK Disability History Month

Wednesday 16th November - Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Thursday 15th December 2022

Winter Wonderland Christmas Concert

Thursday 15th December 2022 - 3:30-5pm

Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December 2022

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 16th December 2022 - *Students finish at 12:30pm*

First Day of Spring Term

Thursday 5th January 2023

World Religion Day

Sunday 15th January 2023

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 2nd December



15,262
ALI



15,146
AUSTEN



14,666
HAWKING



13,773
SEACOLE

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.

Assessment Point Dates

- Year 9 – w/c 23rd January 2023

These assessment points are crucial in helping us to support students in closing any learning gaps, providing stretch and challenge. Please contact our Quality of Education team if you need any advice on how to support home learning in the lead up to these assessments, via the [Contact Us](#) page found on the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Home Learning/Homework.

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 Thursday Breaktime

Location: The Lower Academy Wellbeing Centre



Winter Wonderland Christmas Concert

We are excited to announce that we are holding our annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Concert at the Lower Academy on Thursday 15th December, 2022. The event is open to all parents, careers, families and students and will take place from 3:30 – 5pm.

Some of our Lower Academy Students will be working hard in choir rehearsals over the coming weeks and will be performing a selection of festive songs. The event will see Christmas stalls being run by students and staff who have been working diligently during enrichment lessons to create games and items to sell for the event with donations going to our chosen charity, Save the Children.



SEND Department Coffee Afternoons Every Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss your child's progress. Coffee afternoons are held at the Lower Academy from 2:30 - 3:30pm 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.

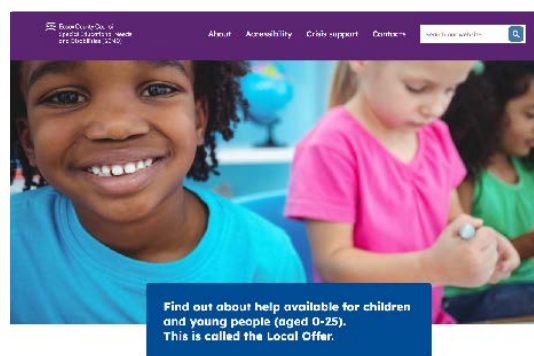
Year 9 Options Selection

We are now heading into the time where Year 9 will need to consider their option choices for their transition to the Upper Academy on Monday 10th July 2023. Whilst this may seem a little while away, the preparation work to get students ready for making those selections will start with assemblies this half term. Please do begin to have conversations at home about student interests ready for us to open the selection process in the Spring Term.

SEND Information website launched

The new look Essex Local Offer website has recently been launched. This has been developed following research with families and practitioners. The website includes information about SEND services & how to access them. The aim is to help families & professionals understand the breadth of support & early help on offer.

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/> Essex County Council



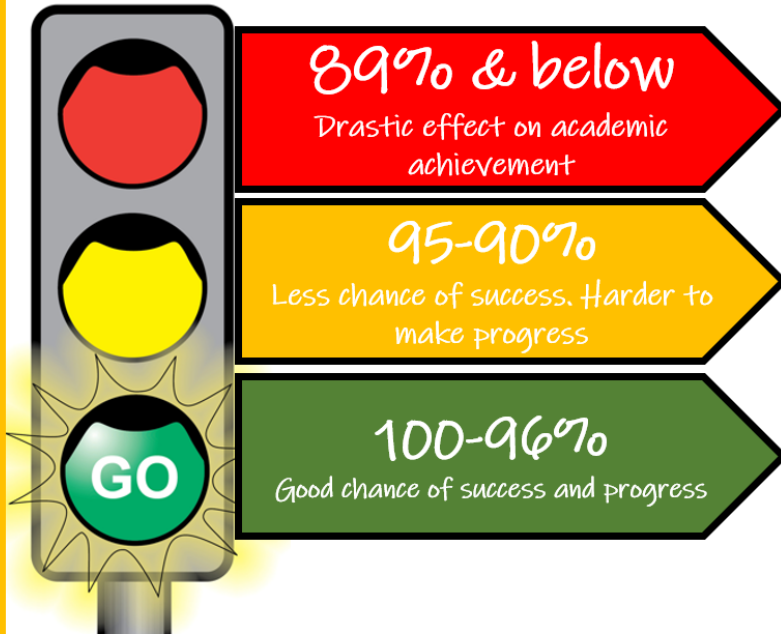
Attendance Expectations

There is a clear link between academic success and attendance and as such our expectations for attendance are that:

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends regularly.
- Students should have 100% attendance each year.
- Students with attendance below 95% are of concern.

ATTENDANCE

Every Minute Counts!



Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

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

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 or back into a normal timetable after a period of difficulty.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025



Every Monday the weekly student briefing has content based on UNICEF UK's Article of the Week. Students spoke knowledgeably about why some children are unable to access their rights, mentioning challenges resulting from climate change, the impact of war and the consequences of fast fashion.

Unicef RRS Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

Year 7 Students of the Week

English Scholar of the Week	Ava R
Super Scientist of the Week	Lillian M
Historian of the Week	Aaliyah S
Geography Genius of the Week	Ellie-Mae R
RE expert of the Week	Max B
Chef of the Week	Reggie A
Artist of the Week	Denisa O
Engineer of the Week	Kaci C
RSHE champion of the week	Olivia D

Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Ricky K
English Scholar of the Week	Teady J
Scientist of the Week	Loredana C
Sporting legend of the Week	Silviu Z
Historian of the Week	Annie R
Geography Genius of the Week	Grace S
Chef of the Week	Kai H
Performer of the Week	Hayden J
RSHE Champion of the Week	Rebecca B

Year 9 Students of the Week

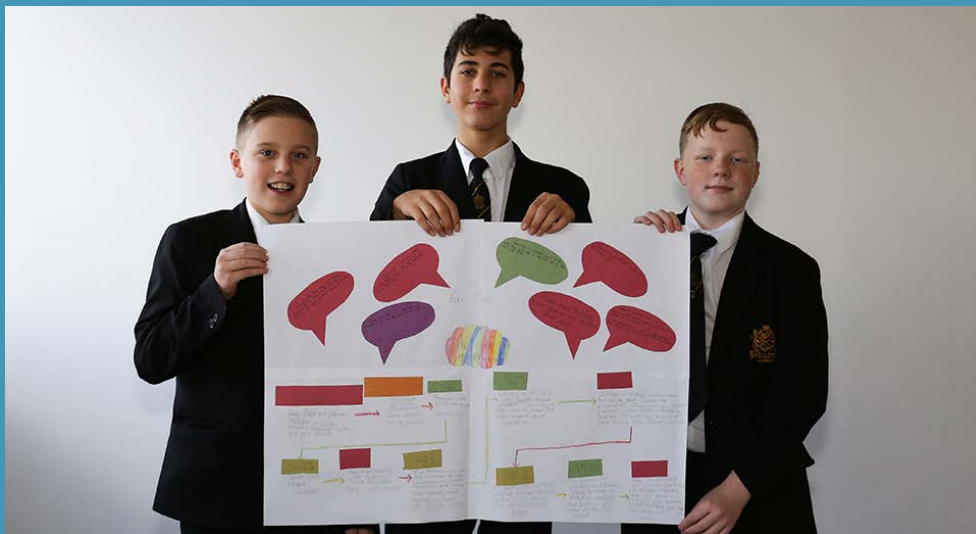
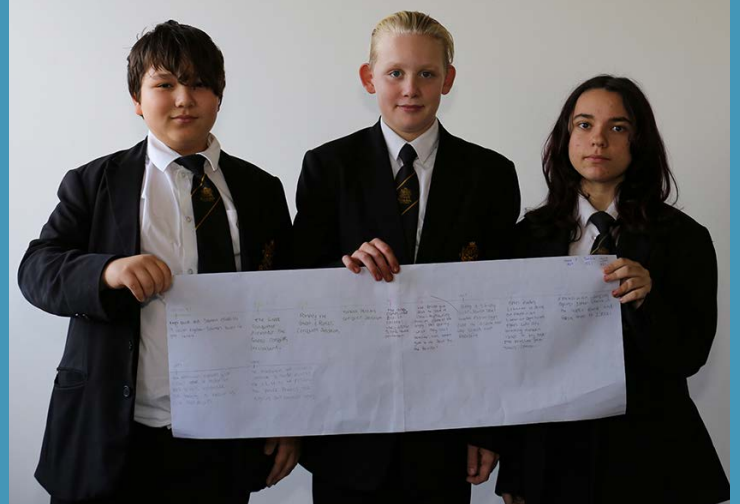
Mathematician of the Week	George R
English Scholar of the Week	Rachel A
Scientist of the Week	Kieran H
Sporting legend of the Week	Alfie R
Historian of the Week	Megan C
Geography Genius of the Week	Veronica K
Chef of the Week	Ieva B
Artist of the Week	Charlie M
Performer of the Week	Melisa N
Engineer of the Week	Terani G
Computer Scientist of the Week	Tegan C
RSHE Champion of the Week	Maria P

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Year 8 RE Work

Our Year 8 RE students have recently been learning about the Israeli–Palestinian conflict, dating back from Roman times until the present day. Students have created detailed timelines to reflect their learning.



Free school lunch for all students Friday 9th December

A free school lunch is a hot meal or sandwich/baguette/roll and a dessert





Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th December

Main Meal

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets
or
Quorn Roast

Served with: Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,
Brussel Sprouts, Yorkshire Puddings,
Stuffing & Gravy

Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding
Mincemeat Slice
Chocolate Crackle Pudding
Meringue Snowmen
Trifle

Christmas Dinner comes with fresh
fruit juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting students online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends



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Online
Safety®

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Be #OnlineSafetySavvy

Keep up with the latest apps games and tech your children are using, with the worlds most comprehensive online safety app for parents.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/basildon-academies> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>