

Dates for the Diary

Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th November 2023

Progress Review Day - Year 7, 8 & 9

Friday 1st December 2023

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Year 7 - Tuesday 12th December

Year 8 - Wednesday 13th December

Year 9 - Thursday 14th December

Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 19th December 2023 - 3:30-5pm

Last Day of Autumn Term

Wednesday 20th December 2023

Student Value of the Term

NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

House Points - Week Ending 24th November



10,800
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Message from Headteacher

It was wonderful to visit classrooms last week and see the great work our students have been producing.

In Geography, Year 9 had been focusing on developing case studies on flooding in the Somerset Levels. This is a skill they will require when they begin to study GCSE Geography at the Upper Academy next year.

Our budding scientists in Year 7 and 8 expanded their knowledge of the structure of the Earth, in particular the composition of the 7 different layers.

I was also privileged to observe a Year 9 boy's Dance lesson. The group were really engaged and enjoyed themselves, whilst demonstrating excellent rhythm and timing.

School Choir and Dance Club rehearsals have started in earnest in preparation for our upcoming Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre next month. It is lovely to see our young people excelling outside of the curriculum too.

And finally, best of luck to our Year 8 students who start their AP Assessments this week.

L.Sherman



Year 8 Drama students explored the play Refugee Boy, gaining a practical understanding of the importance of what's happening in the world at the present time.



Year 8 Catering students preparing ingredients for their North African Vegetable Tagine.

Progress Review Day - Friday 1st December

In response to feedback from parents, please see below details for our Progress Review Day being held during the school day.

On Friday December 1st, we will hold a Progress Review Day for students in Years 7-9.

Students can attend school by appointment only with their parent/carer or, they can be booked into our onsite provision for the day. Appointments have been sent via email.

This will be an opportunity for you to discuss the progress your child is making and raise any concerns you may have regarding your child's academic progression or, pastoral support queries.

If you require your child to access the onsite provision, please click [this link](#) and submit the form before 7am on Friday 1st December.

Spotlight on: Respect Ambassadors

A Respect Ambassador is a student who takes on a leadership role in promoting respect and positive behaviour within our school community.

Respect Ambassadors are chosen by their peers or appointed by our Staff Respect Champion. The primary role of a Respect Ambassador is to encourage a culture of respect, kindness and inclusivity among students, teachers and staff.

"It is a great honour to be helping around the school. I am proud to be someone who can show respect to everyone."
Safreen.S – Year 7

"I am proud to be a Respect Ambassador and help to make the Lower Academy a great place to be." Riley.C – Year 7

"I love being a Respect Ambassador because I have a special role of helping other students. I feel proud doing my job and making everyone feel safe at the Lower Academy." Oluwadarasimi.A – Year 7

"I enjoy being a Respect Ambassador because students have someone to talk to when they are upset, so that makes me feel glad they have someone to talk to. It's also a great place to sit and talk to people in meetings." Ellaouise.J – Year 8

"Having the responsibility of leadership is good because it is nice to lead the way. It is important to me that I am a good role model and show a path of success and kindness." Luke.Z – Year 7

"I enjoy my role as an ambassador and being part of Student Voice because it enables me to help my peers and be there for others." Maddison-Rose.R – Year 7

"Respect is key and everyone should feel comfortable at school. Being an ambassador helps me to support others."
Mason.W – Year 8



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

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.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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.



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

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GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!



Five minutes late per day soon adds up to three days of lost school time



Christmas Dinner

Year 7 - Tuesday 12th December

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Main Meal

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets
or
Cauliflower Pithivier

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

Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding
Mince Pies
Chocolate Yule Log
Mini Blackforest Gateau
Jelly

Christmas Dinner comes with fresh
fruit juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

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