

Dates for the Diary

Year 7 AP Assessments

Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Year 8 AP Assessments

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th May 2024

Year 9 Options Evening - Parent Consultation

Monday 13th May 2024 - 4pm-5.30pm

Half Term

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2024

Student Value of the Term

**CLIMATE CHANGE
IS REAL**

House Points - Week Ending 19th April



34,413
HAWKING



33,958
ALI



29,930
SEACOLE



26,521
AUSTEN

Leadership Message

We have had an exciting start to half-term five with a variety of different activities taking place around the Lower Academy site this week.

Our Year 9 students have now selected their options in preparation for their transition to the Upper Academy. It is an exciting period for our students as they work towards their final AP on the Lower Academy and their journey into Key Stage 4.

We will be celebrating National Numeracy Day as part of our Year of EBacc during this half term. National Numeracy Day is an annual campaign to celebrate numbers and how they are used in everyday life. In May, we will have drop down session where students will have an opportunity to build their confidence and skills with maths and numbers.



We will be visiting our feeder primary schools during this term as we prepare to welcome our new Year 7 students, with various Year 6 transition programmes planned. This will be an opportunity for students to gain an insight into our school day, our school values, student progression and, how we celebrate inclusion and diversity at the Academies.

Our Year 7 and 8 students are also working hard in preparation for their upcoming AP exams in the coming weeks. Students will have assemblies with respective Quality of Education Leads to get them ready for their exam periods and provide, them with revision tips and out of hours learning tools. We wish them every success!

E Cahill
Deputy Headteacher

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.



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.

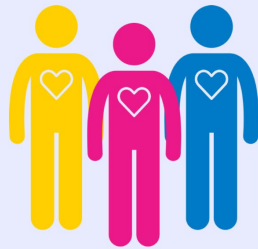
www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding

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.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.

Resilience Voyage Workshops

Lower Academy students recently boarded the 'Drugs Bus', to participate in preventative workshops, delivered by Emma & Kerry from Resilience Voyage.

Students engaged in challenges and activities linked to the sensitive topics of offending, substance misuse and knife crime. In one of the challenges, students were locked in a mock up prison cell and were tasked with solving a series of clues to unlock the cell door.

"I found the drug bus entertaining and useful because it taught me how to problem solve. The prison cell was fun as we had to check every corner looking for clues. On the top deck of the bus there were pictures of drugs houses and a life size doll that was a representation of someone who didn't care about life." Abdi.A – Year 7

"We learned a lot about the dangers of drugs and the reasons why people take them." Isabel.S – Year 9

"I learned about how taking drugs and being involved with knife crime can affect your life. We also saw what a room in a drugs house looks like." Lui.D – Year 7

"The escape room challenge was difficult, but I enjoyed trying to solve the puzzles to get out of the room. I learned that mental health is very important." Archie.C – Year 9



There is a real drive to ensure that TAs are highly skilled and deployed effectively to meet the needs of learners. TAs feel well valued and were able to articulate how they are given opportunities to develop their skills through CPD and often receive public recognition through the 'Star of the week'.



Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026

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

 Essex County Council
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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!



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

22nd April - 26th April 2024
MS Awareness Week

Monday:	Infection: An infecting with germs of disease, as through the medium of infected insects, air, water, or clothing. Infección in Spanish
Tuesday: St. George's Day	Malady: Any disorder or disease of the body, especially one that is chronic or deep-seated. علة، داء، مرض in Arabic
Wednesday: (Stop Food Waste Day)	Contagion: The communication of disease by direct or indirect contact. infekce in Czech
Thursday:	Endemic: (of a disease) persisting in a population or region, generally having settled to a relatively constant rate of occurrence. স্থানীয় in Bengali
Friday:	Infirmity: A physical weakness or ailment. தளர்ச்சி in Tamil

Job of the Week: Textile Designer

What does a Textile Designer do?

Your day-to-day duties may include:

- producing initial sketches by hand, or on a computer using design software
- reworking designs until they meet the customer's needs
- making up samples or having them made by technicians
- researching design trends to decide what will sell
- working with clients, technical staff, marketing and buying staff
- keeping up-to-date with developments in manufacturing technology

If you're self-employed, you'll also need to manage your own business activities like marketing, finances and your website.

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 70,300
Essex Jobs: 1,573
Top 5 LEAs:
Hackney (1,855), Surrey (1,830), Hertfordshire (1,827), Kent (1,733), Essex (1,573)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set requirements, but most textile designers have a relevant degree in:

- fashion
- art and design
- textiles
- surface design

You may be able to start in a textile operative role and then work your way up.

You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £40,503



There are well established systems to listen to and respond to the views of parents as key partners. This includes a parents forum led by a parent governor and regular questionnaires. The school use the "We Asked - You Said - We Did" mechanism effectively to ensure parents understand when changes are made in response to their input.



Leading Parent Partnership Award

2023-2026

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