

Dates for the Diary

Year 7 Settling Event

Monday 30th September 2024: 4pm-5pm

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 21st October 2024: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 20th September



7,068
ALI



6,296
SEACOLE



5,447
AUSTEN



3,822
HAWKING

Leadership Message

Our students have made such a positive start to the new academic year. Year 7 students have settled into the Academies with ease and, are showing a fantastic attitude to learning around the school site. Our Year 8 & Year 9 students have returned ready to engage in a new year full of exciting opportunities and experiences.

Our first rewards event took place on Friday afternoon to recognise the successful return for our Year 9 students who have begun to access their foundational skills to prepare them for their GCSE examinations.



We will continue to celebrate our EBacc Curriculum this year and will have upcoming events dedicated to celebrating and promoting EBacc subjects and, inspiring our students to maximise their engagement levels and achievements. Each half term will highlight a specific EBacc subject and include a range of activities designed to embed and enliven our knowledge-rich curriculum. Further details of forthcoming events in our Year of EBacc will be communicated as we progress throughout the school year, which focus on the following subjects that form the English Baccalaureate: English, Geography, History, Science, Maths & French. Each subject is considered crucial in supporting the future options and careers of our young people.

E.Cahill
Deputy Headteacher

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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. Tours of our facilities are also available.

To make an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams, please make that clear in your request.

The admin team on both sites are welcoming to visitors and parents and have access to the new EAL translator tools which enable them to speak to each parent or child in their own language when needed.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

Lower Academy Awarded Prestigious Eco-Schools' Green Flag

Congratulations to our Eco Committee, who have recently received an international accreditation for their exceptional work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness amongst their peers.

Our dedicated group of students used the Eco-Schools framework to drive positive change within the school. The committee took the lead on several environmental initiatives, including establishing a wildlife garden, creating an allotment, planting trees, developing a sensory garden, and raising funds for various charities.



To further support the academy's sustainability efforts, the committee have launched several awareness campaigns aimed at educating our community about important environmental issues. These initiatives focus on topics such as plastic pollution and the protection of endangered species; encouraging everyone to take part in creating a more sustainable future.

"Congratulations on earning the Eco-Schools' Green Flag with Merit! Your Eco Committee are fantastic ambassadors for your school and the Eco-Schools' programme. They clearly demonstrate their passion, engagement, and confidence that they can create positive environmental impacts in their school, local community and beyond." Eco Schools Team.

"This award means a lot; we have achieved a lot in the last few years and we have been gifted our own tree! We have worked so hard. My favourite thing has been decorating the school garden. Well done to everyone in Eco!" Kaci.C

"This award is very special because it tells me I am a hard-working person and I am dedicated to my work as this is one of the hardest awards to get. I am really excited." Elisha.P

"This award makes me feel very happy and special because it is one of the best environmental awards we can get. It shows how hard we worked together and how dedicated we are to the Eco Committee." Ellaouise.J

"We worked so hard for this award and it's been a lot of fun. it's the best award to get and it shows our hard work and dedication." Gracie-Mae.M



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

Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 3rd October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

The Basildon Lower Academy will be welcoming students, parents and carers who will be transitioning to secondary education in September 2025. There will be an opportunity for visitors to tour the schools facilities, speak to key members of staff and meet our Leadership Team.

A complimentary car will be available for any of our visitors wishing to visit our Upper Academy.



Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

YOUNG MINDS

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.

Student 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 SEND
Department



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football (courts) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery (Sign up required) Football – Girls (all year groups) 	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football (courts) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rugby - Boys & Girls Fitness / Cross Country 	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball (courts) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football – Year 7 Boys Football – Year 8 Boys Football – Year 9 Boys Gym – Year 9 	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennis (courts) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basketball 	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick your sport (courts)

* Girls Football will start from Monday 30th September



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



On **Friday 27th September** the Basildon Academies will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

During breaktime a selection of cakes & biscuits will be available for students & staff to purchase in the Dining Hall. Each cake or biscuit will be 50p each, with all proceeds going to the cancer support charity.

Purchases will be made through ParentPay in the normal way.

New Essex Sexual Health Service Webpages Dedicated to Secondary Parents & Carers

The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/



BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

23rd- 27th September 2024

European Day of Languages – 26th September

Monday:	Linguistics (noun) - Bhāṣāśāstra in Gujarati <i>Definition:</i> The scientific study of language and its structure. <i>Example:</i> European Day of Languages celebrates the diversity of linguistics across the continent.
Tuesday:	Bilingualism (noun) – dvibhaashaavaad in Hindi <i>Definition:</i> The ability to speak two languages fluently. <i>Example:</i> Bilingualism is highly valued and encouraged during European Day of Languages.
Wednesday:	Dialect (noun) – Yare in Hausa <i>Definition:</i> A particular form of a language which is peculiar to a specific region or social group. <i>Example:</i> The event highlighted the variety of dialects spoken across Europe.
Thursday: <i>European Day of Languages</i>	Fluency (noun) - Idi mma in Igbo <i>Definition:</i> The ability to express oneself easily and articulately in a language. <i>Example:</i> Language classes are designed to help students achieve fluency in their target languages.
Friday: <i>Macmillan Coffee Morning</i>	Polyglot (noun) - Bandinga mingi in Kigongo <i>Definition:</i> A person who knows and is able to use several languages. <i>Example:</i> The polyglot gave a speech in five different languages during the European Day of Languages.

Job of the Week: Landscape Architect

What does a Landscape Architect do?

You'll usually specialise in an area like landscape design, management, science, planning or urban design.

Your day-to-day duties might include meeting with clients to discuss their needs; surveying sites to look at existing plant and animal life, and natural resources; presenting your design ideas to clients and writing reports and environmental impact assessments.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 188,162
- Essex Jobs: 6,637
- Growth: +17%
- Top 5 LEAs: 1. Essex (6,637) 2. Kent (6,433) 3. Hertfordshire (5,538) 4. Surrey (5,386) 5. Hampshire (5,283)

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll need to be creative, as you'll often be producing new ideas, sometimes for unusual or uninspiring spaces.

You'll need a degree in a subject like:

- landscape architecture
- garden design
- landscape design and technology
- landscape planning
- environmental conservation

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £45,894

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

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



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.
- Parent/carers may be asked for medical evidence to support absences after 3 days or reoccurring absence patterns.
- Wherever possible, parents/carers should make appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable students should attend school before and after the appointment.

Please familiarise yourself with our attendance procedures found on the school website within the Parent Information section, so you know who and when you need to contact us. 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.

CELEBRATING

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2024

TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH, EACH WEDNESDAY IN OCTOBER WE WILL BE SERVING AUTHENTIC DISHES IN THE DINING HALL

DISHES FOR WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER



TRINIDADIAN BEEF STEW



JOLLOF RICE & CHICKEN



SWEET POTATO BUNDT CAKE

Healthy

NATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK

Nutritious

Monday 30th September – Friday 4th October

To celebrate Vegetarian Week all vegetarian main meals will be £1



GOLD – RIGHTS RESPECTING

Wellbeing is prioritised for everyone in the school. As well as extensive curriculum content, the leadership have funded Wellbeing Centres on both sites. This support was spoken of very positively by students. Some have timetabled access but “There are break and lunchtime drop ins... anyone can go for help with any problem...it’s very accessible.”

Unicef RRSR Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware