

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 6th September



1,506
ALI



1,252
AUSTON



1,229
SEACOLE



967
HAWKING

Leadership Message

Welcome

Добре дошъл

Nnoḡ Daalu

Bine ati venit

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Kaabo

Sveiki

Bienvenue

স্বাগতম

Benvenuta

Üdvözöljük!

Bienvenida

Willkommen

We are all excited to welcome you back and, in some cases, welcome you for the first time, especially if you are in Year 7 or Year 12. I am now the Headteacher of the Upper and Lower Academies and eagerly anticipate the personal and academic success we will all enjoy this coming year.

At the start of the school year, it is important to make clear our expectations that are encapsulated in The BA Way. We expect you all to be ready, responsible, and resilient to ensure you can make the most of the opportunities provided by the academies. We all need to **start as we mean to go on**. This means coming in every day, in school uniform or accepted attire ready to engage in the opportunities provided. Education should be joyous; you should want to attend and engage in your learning. If you need help to achieve this, we are willing and able.



We are always looking for reasons to smile, I make it a daily promise to myself and would encourage you to do that too. My smiles always relate to how well the school community is working together to achieve individual and collective success. Remember that *"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."* Nhat Hanh. From the tiniest to the most gargantuan step in realising success is a reason to smile.

Thank you in advance for giving us reasons to smile.

R.Rees
Headteacher

Attendance Information

As we start the new academic year, we would like to ensure we support you and your children in accessing fulltime education. Student welfare, academic progress and achievement is at the heart of everything we do at our Academies.

Parents have a legal responsibility for making sure their children get a suitable, fulltime education, but we know there are sometimes other factors that might impede this from happening.

Our expectation is that all students attend promptly and regularly.

Year 7 & 8 arrive by 8:55am

Year 9 arrive by 8:25am

These times apply to all students, unless there has been agreed alternative arrangements.

If your child is struggling to attend school for any reason, contact the attendance team who will be able to support you in making you an appointment with the relevant team to discuss support strategies.

The Department for Education (DfE) has released guidance for parents and carers that can be found [here](#).

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



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!



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

Volunteers for Educational Visit Chaperones

In order to support our ambition to get every learner onto an offsite visit this academic year, we are looking to create a team of parent and carer volunteers to be chaperones for our trips.

Each volunteer would be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks (DBS) completed through the school and, would undergo onsite safeguarding training with a view to being called upon when we need additional support with ratios of parents to students for school trips.

If you would be interested in registering for this support service and have availability during school time, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Year 7 Settling Event

Monday 30th September 2024: 4pm - 5pm

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.

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 Headteacher, Ms Rees.

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



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 Lower
Academy SEND
Department



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

9th - 13th September 2024
Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday:	Sustainability (noun) – Sustenabilitate in Romanian <i>Definition:</i> The ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level, often referring to environmental balance. <i>Example:</i> Fairtrade Fortnight emphasizes sustainability in farming practices.
Tuesday:	Ethical (adjective) - ሉኒ ምግብር in Amharic <i>Definition:</i> Relating to moral principles or the branch of knowledge dealing with these. <i>Example:</i> Fairtrade products are ethical, ensuring that workers receive fair wages.
Wednesday:	Commodities (noun) - al-salee alasasi (السلع الاساسيه) in Arabic <i>Definition:</i> Raw materials or primary agricultural products that can be bought and sold. <i>Example:</i> Coffee and cocoa are major commodities discussed during Fairtrade Fortnight.
Thursday:	Certification (noun) - Сертифициране in Bulgarian <i>Definition:</i> The action or process of providing someone or something with an official document attesting to a status or level of achievement. <i>Example:</i> Products with Fairtrade certification guarantee better prices and fair conditions for producers.
Friday:	Cooperative (noun) – Kooperativa in Albanian <i>Definition:</i> An organization owned and run jointly by its members, who share the profits or benefits. <i>Example:</i> Many farmers are part of cooperatives to ensure fair trade of their products.

Job of the Week: Judicial Law Clerk

What does a Judicial Law Clerk do?

A judicial law clerk works closely with judges in the court system and provides essential support by:

- Conducting legal research
- Analysing case law
- Drafting legal memoranda
- Assisting in the preparation of court opinions or decisions
- Attending trials and other court proceedings
- Advising and making recommendations based on the law
- Handling administrative tasks

Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 43,961

Essex Jobs: 1,362

Growth: +7.6%

Top 5 LEAs: 1. Essex (1,362) 2. Hertfordshire (1,082) 3. Kent (1,072)
4. Hampshire (969) 5. Leeds (853)



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need GCSEs or equivalent. Many firms also ask for A levels or a degree, although these don't have to be in law.

Relevant work experience in administration, legal secretarial work, accounts or management is beneficial. Paid or unpaid work experience in barristers' offices (chambers) may give you an advantage when applying for jobs.

Doing a college course in legal studies could also help you to prepare for this job.

You could get into this job through an apprenticeship.

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £29,965



The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



Summer School 2024

Over 100 of our new Year 7 students joined us for an action-packed week of Summer School. Students had the opportunity to meet staff and become confident with their new school site, but most importantly they were able to make new friends and have fun.

Students were able to take part in a variety of academic and enriching activities including Literacy, Numeracy, Music, Arts & Crafts and teambuilding.

"It was great fun and I enjoyed doing the PE activities. I found all the other lessons fun too." Elizabeth.O

"The best part of the summer school was the team building exercises. It gave me a heads up for skills later in life. All of the teachers were very kind too." Zachary.H



[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.

YOUNGMiNDS

Vibrant Cultural Fayre Supports UNICEF

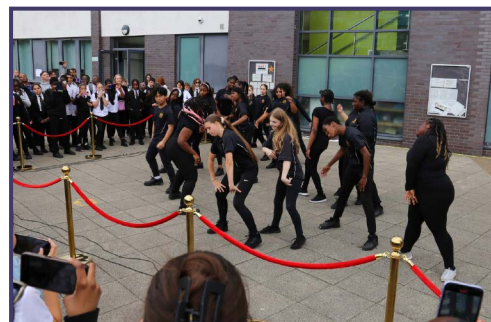
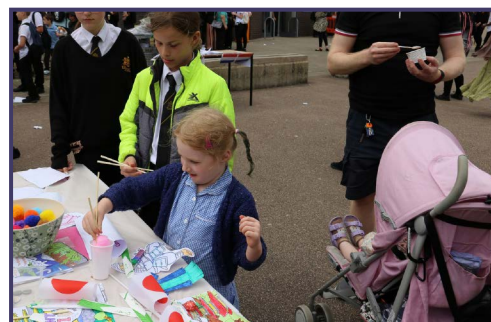
On Thursday, 16th July, the Lower Academy hosted a fantastic Cultural Fayre charity event. The occasion brought together families and students, creating a lively community gathering filled with enthusiasm and joy.

Guests were treated to wonderful live entertainment featuring performances by our school Rock Band, Brazilian Samba Band, the Culture Clash Dance Collective, the school Choir, and talented Garage DJs. The festivities were complemented by delicious ice cream and BBQ hot dogs, adding to the delightful atmosphere.

One of the event's highlights was the opportunity for visitors to travel "Around the World" by exploring cultural-themed stalls created by our students. Each stall offered an interactive activity, providing a hands-on learning experience and a chance to collect passport stamps at every visit.

The Cultural Fayre not only celebrated our school's diversity and community spirit but also raised £390 for UNICEF, our chosen charity.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this event a memorable and successful one.



Both schools have a range of suitable rooms available for meetings with parents on a 1:1 or group basis, for coffee mornings and training events and make use of well-presented communal areas for community events and information sessions for large groups of parents.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

Lunch & Break Menus



LUNCH MENU WEEK 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Quorn Sausage Toad in the Hole	Mexican Chicken Bun	BBQ Chicken	Creamy Sausage Tagliatelle	Fish Finger Sub with Lettuce & Mayo
Main Meal Option2	Vegetable Pasta Bake	Meatballs	Sweet Chilli Dogs	Cajun Chicken Traybake	BBQ Chicken Wings
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Veggie Wrap	Quorn Meatballs	BBQ Quorn Chicken	Cajun Vegetable Wrap	Vegetable Curry
Vegetarian Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Breadcrumb Veggie Burger	Sweet Chilli Quorn Dog	Spanish Frittata	Vegetable Finger Sub with Lettuce & Mayo
On the Side	New Potatoes Freshly Prepared Coleslaw Salad Peas	Mexican Potatoes Corn on the Cob Salad Pasta	BBQ Baked Beans Wedges Freshly Prepared Coleslaw	Spanish Pasta Salad Rice Salad	Skin-on Wedges Sweetcorn Savoury Rice
Pasta King Pot	Chinese Vegetable Curry Basilico	Sweet Chilli Chicken Arrabbiata	Amigo Meatballs Italian Mushroom	Spicy Sausage Zingy Peppers	Texan BBQ Meatballs Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Chilli Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Spicy Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese
Dessert	Fruit Trifle	Chocolate Pudding & Vanilla Ice Cream	Ring Doughnuts	Apple Crumble Sundae	Carrot Square Cakes



LUNCH MENU WEEK 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Sausages	Chicken Fajitas	Battered Sausage
Main Meal Option2	French Bread Pizza	Chinese Chicken Curry	Meat Feast Quiche	Loaded Chicken & Vegetable Quesadillas	Individual Meat Pie
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Tart	Vegetable & Noodle Stir Fry	Vegetable Quiche	Roasted Vegetable Fajitas	Battered Quorn Sausage
Vegetarian Meal Option 2	Roasted Vegetable Panini	Vegetable Curry	Veggie Sausage	Loaded Vegetable Quesadillas	Individual Vegetable Pie
On the Side	Garlic Bread Freshly Prepared Coleslaw	Super Veggie Spring Roll Chinese Fried Rice	Garlic Bread Peas New Potatoes Coleslaw	Mexican Corn on the Cob Mexican Potatoes Coleslaw	Chips Mushy Peas Curry Sauce
Pasta King Pot	Italian Mushroom Zingy Peppers	Pomodoro Vegetable Tikka	Bolognese Pomodoro	Mediterranean Pizza Spicy Sausage	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Chilli Vegetable Chilli Cheese	Toppings Mushy Peas Cheese Beans
Dessert	Apple & Cinnamon Cake	Fruit & Brownie Skewers	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Belgian Waffle with Strawberries & Chocolate Sauce	Rocky Road & Ice Cream



LUNCH MENU WEEK 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Option 1	Creamy Pepper Pasta	Crispy Chicken Burger	Chicken Korma	Chef's Special Meat Pie	Chicken Pitta Kebabs
Main Meal Option 2	Cheese & Tomato Panini	Hot Dog & Onions	Chicken Tikka Pizza	Cornish Pasty	Cod Goujons
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Roasted Vegetable Quiche	Breadcrumb Veggie Burger	Naan Pizza	Leak & Potato Pie	Quorn Goujons
Vegetarian Meal Option 1	Cheese Quesadillas	Quorn Dog & Onions	Vegetable Balti	Cheese & Onion Pasty	Grilled Halloumi & Sweet Pepper Pitta Kebabs
On the Side	Garlic Bread Rainbow Coleslaw	New Potato Salad Onion Rings	Pilau Rice Naan Bread Coleslaw Salad	Mash Peas	Corn on the Cob Seasoned Wedges Salad
Pasta King Pot	Mediterranean Pizza Zingy Peppers	Piri Piri Chicken Italian Mushroom	Arrabbiata Chicken Korma	Spicy Sausage Italian Mushroom	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tomato & Mascarpone
Oven Baked Jacket Potato	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Tuna Mayonnaise Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Spicy Baked Beans Cheese	Toppings Cheese Beans
Dessert	Chocolate Pudding with Melted Centre	Pancakes	Banoffee Cake & Ice Cream	Strawberry Cheesecake	Beetroot Brownie



BREAK MENU



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PK Pockets	Chinese Chicken Wings	Sausage Roll Vegan Sausage Roll	Chocolate or Ham & Cheese Croissant	Egg & Bacon Muffin
Cheese Toasted Sandwich	Panini	Nachos & Salsa	Pizza	Garlic Bread French Sick
Ultimate Healthy Flapjack	Veggie Quesadilla	Ultimate Healthy Flapjack	Veggie Quesadilla	Ultimate Healthy Flapjack
Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot	Granola & Yoghurt Pot
Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots	Fruit Pots