

## Dates for the Diary

### French & Humanities Parental Event

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 4pm-5pm

### Parent Forum Meeting

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - 4pm-5pm

### Bank Holiday

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Easter Holidays

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Year 7 AP Assessments

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

### Year 8 AP Assessments

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

## House Points - Week Ending 15<sup>th</sup> March



29,891  
HAWKING



28,130  
ALI



25,935  
SEACOLE



23,348  
AUSTEN

## Leadership Messages

### Student Values

Our student values were created by the students and now form an integral part of everyday life at The Basildon Lower Academy. We take every opportunity to discuss the values within our curriculum lessons, through enrichment, and by running separate events and celebrations for each of the values. We expect students to respect these values and reward students through our credit system when they are seen to support.

As we move into the summer term, our student voice groups will be working on a project to promote our values as we look to appoint Student Value Champions.

**Z.Spencer - Assistant Headteacher -  
Personal Development & Parental Engagement**

### Student Values

**CLIMATE CHANGE  
IS REAL  
BLACK LIVES  
MATTER  
NO HUMAN  
IS ILLEGAL  
LOVE IS  
LOVE**

**WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS  
ARE HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
KINDNESS IS  
EVERYTHING**

## Celebrating Student Success

Celebrating student success has been at the heart of the academies this term, with students having the opportunity to showcase many wonderful talents including singing, traditional culture dancing and elaborate handshakes. All students were invited to come and support their peers and make a donation to comic relief. Amongst the clapping and cheering, students were also extremely supportive offering one another words of encouragement before going on stage.



Three students within each year group have also received the Assistant Headteacher Award for great achievements within the classroom, from categories: Overall Excellence, Great Focus and Leadership Skills, Embodying Student Values or our newest award Change Maker in Progress.

**R.Joseph  
Senior Student Development Leader & Respect Champion**

## 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](http://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](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding)

## 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.

The logo for Young Minds, featuring the word 'YOUNG' in yellow and 'MINDS' in grey, with a small yellow dot above the 'i' in 'MINDS'.

## Students Inspired by Sarah Horne Visit

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, professional illustrator and author Sarah Horne visited the Lower Academy to deliver creative storytelling workshops to students.

Sarah demonstrated how illustrations can bring stories to life, and encouraged students to use her techniques of creating characters through drawing. With Sarah's expert guidance, students drew characters and added key information to produce the protagonist, antagonist and a series of events to produce a story aimed at 7-9 year olds.

"Sarah was really kind and we had lots of fun. We created our own stories, which could be as crazy as we wanted, and drew our own illustrations. My story was about an alien who went to Earth. Sarah was so nice, I'm so glad she came to work with us. Thanks Sarah." Annie.F – Year 7

"I really enjoyed the workshop as it let my creative side flow and allowed me to create stories that were funny, happy and had a positive message. Sarah was very kind and helped us with every step." Boglarka.B – Year 9

"The workshop was amazing! Sarah was inspirational to me. The session helped me develop my ability to write stories for all ages, as well as improve my skills in developing characters." George.C – Year 9

"It was entertaining because we could create stories and drawings of our characters using our imaginations. We also had the opportunity to read our stories to the group." Shayla.B – Year 7



# Basildon Lower Academy's Got Talent

This year, to raise money for Comic Relief, the Lower Academy hosted a talent show which gave the opportunity for our students to showcase their hidden talents. The audience included students from the performers' year groups, and they made a monetary contribution to be a member of the audience.

The panel of judges made up of G.Smith, E.Cahill and G.Stoddard, were absolutely blown away by the outstanding performances from students in all year groups. Talents ranged from singing, playing acoustic guitar, dance routines, karate demonstrations, football tricks and many more. The support and encouragement our students showed each other before, during and after each performance was the highlight; they did themselves proud. One thing is for sure: Basildon Lower Academy has most certainly got talent... and lots of it!



## British Science Week

Students at the Lower Academy celebrated British Science Week 2024, and its theme, Time, through a variety of lunchtime workshops culminating in a science themed drop-down day. Our budding scientist's week of discovery included learning about the universe, how the periodic table was developed and, exploring a series of microscope slides in an online simulator.

A number of careers were discussed, from astrophysicists to geologists. Additionally, students were exposed to many different role models that have broken stereotypes within science careers.

"Science is important because it gives us knowledge, improves education and increases quality of lives." Evie-May.S -Year 9

"I enjoyed science week because I had the opportunity to learn about space. It was a childhood obsession and it is a joy to have this nostalgia of being small again." Amber.J – Year 9

"I like science experiments because they help me to understand a topic better." Serah.G – Year 9

"The week allowed students to develop their curiosity and diligence surrounding science. The enriching series of workshops were amazing opportunities for all involved! I would like to thank everyone for immersing themselves into the scientific world and all of those supporting science. Teamwork at its best, inside and outside of the classroom. The science department is extremely proud!" G.Marley - Key Stage 3 Science Leader



## 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 Tuesday  
Breaktime

Location:  
The Wellbeing Centre



## Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

# 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](http://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.**

## Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184** days a year.

Target **97%+**



**175**

days are **NOT** spent in school each year.\*

\* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

**190**

Days of education

**184**

Days of education

**171**

Days of education

**162**

Days of education

**152**

Days of education

**143**

Days of education

**75%**

47 days absent

**80%**

38 days absent

**85%**

28 days absent

**90%**

19 days absent

**97%**

6 days absent

**100%**

0 days absent

### SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

### VERY CONCERNED

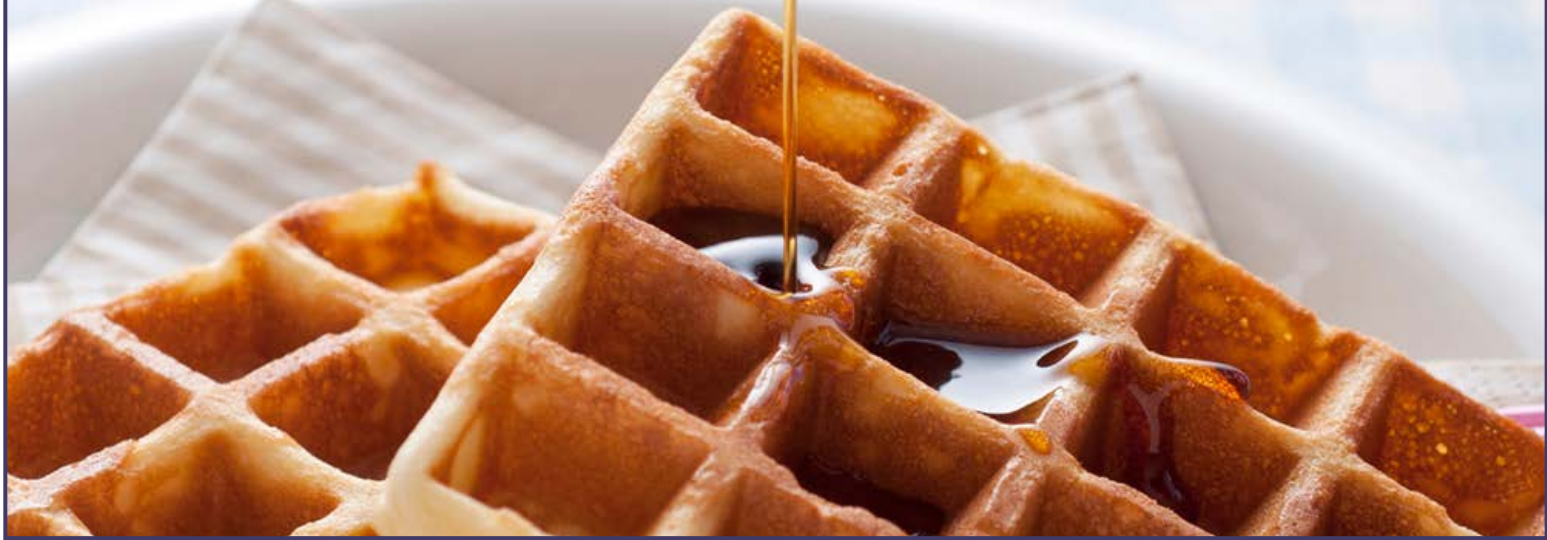
Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

### WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.

# WAFFLE DAY

TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WAFFLE DAY THE DINING HALL  
WILL BE SERVING WAFFLES IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR  
DESSERT MENU ON MONDAY **25TH MARCH**



## EASTER TREATS



On Thursday 28th March The Dining Hall  
will be serving a selection of Easter themed  
cakes & biscuits at break & lunchtime.

Each item will be 50p.



# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

18<sup>th</sup> March- 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024  
(St Patrick's Day- 17<sup>th</sup>)

Monday:	<b>Thespian:</b> Thespian, oyo azali in Lingala A person relating to drama & the theatre.
Tuesday:	<b>Monologue:</b> ekaalaap in Hindi A long speech made by one actor in a play, film etc..
Wednesday:	<b>Wings:</b> baalal in Somali The space offstage to the right/left of the acting area in a theatre.
Thursday:	<b>Stage Direction:</b> Ntuziaka ogbo in Igbo An instruction to an actor or director written into the script of a play.
Friday:	<b>Kaleidoscopic:</b> ካለይዶስኮፒክ ዝበሃል ምዃኑ ይፍለጥ in Tigrinya Changing form, pattern, colour, etc., in a manner suggesting a kaleidoscope.

## Job of the Week: Parking Attendant

### What does a Parking Attendant do?

A parking attendant is an individual who ensures everyone using the car park does so according to the proper rules and regulations. Also known as parking warden and civil enforcement officer. These attendants patrol assigned car parks and streets to check for violations and issue penalty charge notices (PCNs) to any offenders. The work usually involves spending a considerable time outdoors in diverse weather conditions with large amounts of walking.

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 60,000
- Essex jobs: 348
- Top 5 LEAs: Hampshire (534), Essex (348), Surrey (143), Kent (130), Leicestershire (40)



### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Many employers only require you to have GCSEs in maths and English. Some training or courses relevant to the job may also help you differentiate yourself from others.

Examples include a Level 2 and Level 3 Diploma in Customer Service, a Level 2 Certificate in Conflict Management or any functional skills qualifications.

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £21,243



Leaders make highly effective use of a wide range of data to identify issues, track improvements and guide decision making both on individual pupils and collectively. Recently this played a part in identifying that uniform infringements were linked to the cost of living crisis and led to changes in the school's uniform.



Excellence in Pupil Development Award

2023-2026

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