

Dates for the Diary

Settling Event

Monday 2nd October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

Literacy & Numeracy Information Event

Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 22nd September



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3238
HAWKING



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Message from Headteacher

It's been another busy week at the Lower Academy; Year 7's have been working hard on their numeracy and literacy skills in their Science lessons, this is in preparation for their first practical experiments. Year 8's have been creative in DT, developing their jewellery designs and creating delicious stir-fry's in Catering. In Drama we definitely have some future Steven Spielberg's in the making, as Year 8's have been focusing on the art of directing while Year 9 have continued their career focus with virtual workshops on developing employability skills.

Students from all years have had their first opportunity to use the new refurbished Fitness Suite, such a great resource for young people to begin their fitness journeys. In another first for Lower Academy students, we were visited by a professional from the music industry; DJ Shy Cookie, who worked with a group of students to develop their mixing skills. It was really enjoyable to hear their creative compositions.

A selection of students and staff attended the Towngate Theatre to receive their Jack Petchey awards. The winners were nominated by their peers to receive commendations for outstanding achievement. It was also wonderful to have our very talented students from our production of Matilda Jr open the awards ceremony, I could not be prouder!

Mrs L.Sherman



Out of Hours Learning

Out of hours learning is set each week for our core subjects. Other subjects will set this fortnightly. The expectation is that all students complete their out of hours learning to the best of their ability each week. The homework that is set by each department is aligned with their current curriculum to enhance their confidence in their learning.

As a whole-school approach, we use a platform called Satchel. All the students' out of hours learning will be set on Satchel; however, they may be directed to another platform to support with this homework. For example, our Maths department use MathsWatch, Science use Kerboodle and English use GCSE Pod.

To log in to Satchel, students will need to visit www.satchelone.com and click the 'sign in with 365' button. If they are accessing from home, they will need to use their BA email address and the password they use to log in to school computers. If they still cannot log in or are unsure of their log in details, please direct them to see Mr Ogden.

Jack Petchey Achievement Award Event

Congratulations to Lower Academy students and staff who have recently been honoured by the Jack Petchey Foundation in recognition of their outstanding achievements.

Our award winners were invited to a special ceremony at the Towngate Theatre along with representatives from local schools. The prestigious awards were presented to our deserving winners by the Mayor of Basildon.

During the event, the cast of Matilda Jr performed an extract from the show.

The scheme is a reward and recognition initiative which enables schools and youth organisations to celebrate the achievements of their young people as well as receive additional funding. Over the course of the school year, students are nominated for the award in recognition of either a major achievement, notable progress or overcoming difficulty. Teaching and Support staff are nominated for their outstanding leadership.

Recipients of the award also received £300 which can be spent towards resources for the school or funding school visits.

"I found the awards night exciting and thrilling. I was proud to receive my award and my family came along to see."
Olivia.P - Year 9

"It was the best night of my life I felt amazing and so proud of myself." Krystal.C - Year 8

"I was thrilled and proud of myself and the Jack Petchey Foundation helped me achieve this. It was great to use my reward money to purchase DJ equipment for the music department." Maira.S -Year 8



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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.

Open Evening - Thursday 5th October 2023: 5pm - 7pm

The Basildon Lower Academy will be welcoming students, parents and carers who will be transitioning to secondary education in September 2024. There will be an opportunity for visitors to tour the schools facilities, speak to key members of staff and meet our Headteacher, Mrs Sherman.

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

Literacy and Numeracy Information Event - Monday 16th October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Members of staff from all of our departments will be available to showcase and demonstrate how they promote and encourage Literacy and Numeracy skills within their subjects. As well as having example resources to take away, all of our staff will be available to answer any queries you may have.

All staff will be based in department areas on the Lower site; no appointment is necessary.

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

The range of opportunities for parents to be involved and/or get involved is constantly growing and at all levels the school are actively seeking to develop the opportunities they provide for families to be involved in the life of the school.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

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 Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-26, to ask for help from a team of highly qualified and experienced counsellors and support workers.

Kooth is a well-established, award winning online counselling agency and is accredited by The British Association of Psychotherapy and Counselling (BACP).



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



On **Friday 29th 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.



To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall

Dishes for Wednesday 4th October:



Jerk Chicken



Cheeseburger Pasta



*Orange Cornmeal
Cake & Cream*

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