

Dates for the Diary

Year 9 Options Evening - Parent Consultation
Monday 22nd May 2023: 4pm-5:30pm

Half Term
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June 2023

Pride Month
June 2023

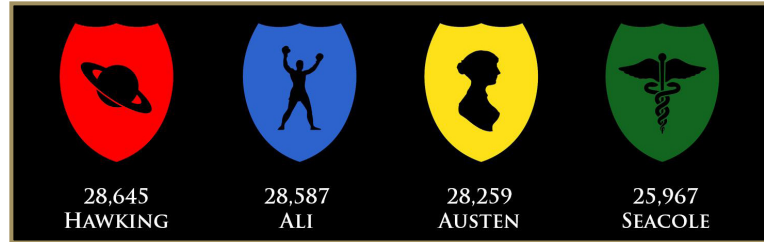
Year 9 AP 2 Assessments
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th July 2023

Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy
Monday 10th July 2023

Student Value of the Term

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

House Points - Week Ending 19th May



Lower Academy Eco-Committee

Our Lower Academy Eco-Committee members attend meetings once a week to discuss environmental issues both globally and within the school.

As part of their role, the committee help to raise awareness of the positive impact of recycling, the negative effects of littering and damage to the environment.

"We love to help take care of the school and to help the environment."
Emma.G, Jasmine.E, Praise.O & Sh'kyna.M – Year 7

"The Eco-Committee is not just about looking to help the school's environment but also the World. We want to make sure that our school is clean and welcoming for everyone." Kaci.C – Year 7



"It is great to help people understand the importance of environmental issues and how we can all be more conscientiously Green." Aidan.J – Year 9

Well done to members of our Eco-Committee for your continued commitment to maintaining the school's clean & safe environment.



Access to the Lower Academy

Please be reminded that we do not encourage you to drive into Timberlog Close to drop off or collect students from the academies.

Should you need to attend the school for any reason, we respectfully ask that you park in a marked visitor bay only, not restricting staff, visitors or agency services.

It is a very small and narrow cul-de-sac that gets incredibly congested at the start and end of the day;

In the event of an emergency, access for an ambulance or fire engine would be almost impossible as there is no other access onto the school grounds for these vehicles.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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.

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.

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 Wellbeing Centre



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.

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

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 should 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





National DOUGHNUT WEEK

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th May

To celebrate National Doughnut Week the Dining Hall will be serving a selection of Jam and Ring Doughnuts.

All Doughnuts are 50p each and will be available throughout the week at break & lunchtime.

50p
Each



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