

# The Basildon Lower Academy Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## **Students Engage in First Aid Day**

On Tuesday 4th October students from both academies took part in our inaugural 'First Aid Day'.

Throughout the day, students studied first aid with a particular focus on safety, wellbeing and helping others. Students engaged in various role-playing activities, exploring what they would do in different emergency situations.

"Today was great! I shall definitely remember what procedures to follow if someone is choking." Elizabeth.H – Year 8

"I really enjoyed first aid day, it is really important to know about first aid." Michael.R – Year 9

"First Aid Day was really good, we gained a lot of knowledge that can help to save somebody's life." Grace.R – Year 8

"I had fun. I learned about back blows, CPR and how to take care of people who are injured." Tae.S – Year 8



#### **Black History Month - October 2022**



#### **Student Value of the Term**



## Dates for the Diary

**Literacy & Numeracy Information Event** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022: 5pm - 7pm

**Half Term** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### 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.basildonacademies.org.uk/safeguarding

#### Year 7, 8 & 9 Reading & Numeracy Information Event: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 4-5pm

Parents & carers are invited the Lower Academy hall to meet with our dedicated Numeracy and Reading teaching teams who will give a talk regarding what students learn at the Lower Academy, how to support their Reading and Numeracy at home and how we then assess for progress. There will also be plenty of resources for you to take away!

Please do come along and bring any questions you may have regarding this crucial area of the curriculum. Students continuing to develop these foundation skills learnt in primary school is a cornerstone of later success in GCSE assessments in Key Stage 4.

Stakeholders recognise they have a clear voice, and they are listened to. There are strong processes in place through forums and surveys and these lead to practical change, examples of which students and staff were able to articulate.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

2022-2025



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." one explained.

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

#### **Free Online Counselling Service**

<u>www.kooth.com</u> 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).



#### **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 email: remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

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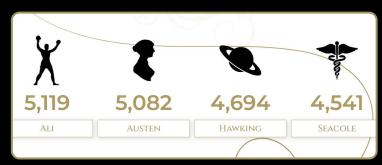
## School nurse drop-in

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



#### House Points - Week Ending 7th October



#### **Absence Procedures**

To report a student absence please email: attendance@basildonacademies.org.uk

- 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.)

#### Year 7 Football Team



#### Year 9 Football Team





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

Dishes for Wednesday 12th October:



Jerk Halloumi Burger



Honey & Turmeric Chicken



Spiced Pineapple Cake

## Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022

























## Harvest Food Collection!

We're donating to the Helping Hands Community Foodbank. Be part of something amazing and donate some food. One item goes a LONG way.

Where to drop off food? Miss Barnard's classroom, top floor green, B4 or reception.

Until when? October half term!







### Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Simon P	
Super Scientist of the Week	Greta D	
Musician of the Week	Teodora K	
Sporting legend of the Week	Alfie S	
Historian of the Week	Christa J	
Geography Genius of the Week	Akejah B	
RE expert of the Week	Sabrie R	
French Linguist of the Week	Aron W	
Artist of the Week	Noah E	
Engineer of the Week	Shelly M	
Computer Scientist of the Week	John W	
RSHE champion of the week	Harrison S	

## Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Gracie M	
English Scholar of the Week	Lucy P	
Scientist of the Week	Brooke T	
Sporting legend of the Week	Abdul J	
Historian of the Week	Lee M	
Geography Genius of the Week	Ruby C	
French Linguist of the Week	Kieran B	
Artist of the Week	Regan C	
Performer of the Week	Bailie P	
Computer Scientist of the Week	Gabe M	
Engineer of the Week	Tommy S	
RSHE Champion of the Week	Bailey E	

#### Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Kaili R & Bobbie S	
English Scholar of the Week	Jacob G	
Scientist of the Week	Phoenix M	
Historian of the Week	Francesca M	
Geography Genius of the Week	Gracie W	
RE expert of the Week	Olamide H	
French Linguist of the Week	Kaili R	
Artist of the Week	Micah M	
Performer of the Week	Tommy G	
Engineer of the Week	Pawel R	
Computer Scientist of the Week	Charlie M	

## Visit to Copperbox Arena to watch international netball tournament



## Aspire - Believe - Achieve