

Dates for the Diary

Armistice Day

Monday 11th November 2024

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November 2024

Year 9 AP1 Assessments

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th December 2024

Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 9th - Friday 13th December 2024

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20th December 2024

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 25th October



24,488
ALI



21,364
SEACOLE



19,047
AUSTEN



14,803
HAWKING

Leadership Message

Welcome back to all of our students at the Lower Academy; I hope that you enjoyed a refreshing half-term break with your families.

This half term is filled with exciting opportunities for all students to learn, grow, and thrive. We have a variety of events and activities planned with a focus on celebrating our student value of 'No Human is Illegal'. The promotion of our values creates a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels respected and celebrating our values helps students understand the importance of qualities like integrity, empathy, and teamwork. Our student values affirm the sense of belonging within our school community; It encourages collaboration and strengthens relationships among students, teachers, and families thus leading to academic success.



Our Year 8 & 9 students will undergo their assessment point one in December; use the next few weeks wisely to prepare for these assessments. Utilise the revision platforms, attend revision sessions, clubs, access the out of hours platforms, and most importantly, if you're struggling with any topics, reach out to your teachers or classmates. We are here to support you!

Believe in yourself and your abilities. A positive mindset can make a big difference. Best of luck to you all.

E.Cahill - Deputy Headteacher

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 jumpers, 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.



Partnership and engagement with parents and the wider community is now seen as a strength of the school and has enhanced the school's reputation. Clear evidence of this is in the rising roll, migration into the school & the enhanced reputation of the school within the local community & wider education community.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

Eco-Committee's Green Initiatives Support Local Wildlife and Recycling Week

Our Eco-Committee have recently been busy with two fantastic projects to support our environment and promote sustainability at school.

Hedgehog House for Wildlife

To help endangered hedgehogs, Eco-Committee students have designed and built a cozy hedgehog house, which is now safely placed in the hedges around the school field. This provides a safe habitat for hedgehogs and encourages awareness about protecting local wildlife.

Composting for School Gardens

Eco-Committee students have also been busy creating a composting system using special worms to recycle organic waste. They've been collecting compostable materials, which will turn into nutrient-rich soil in a few months; perfect for growing our own vegetables!

"I enjoyed painting and building the hedgehog house, but most of all, I loved hiding and camouflaging it to keep it secluded." Nathaniel.H – Year 8

A big thank you to the Eco-Committee for their hard work and commitment to a greener future! Stay tuned for more updates on these inspiring projects.



Students Develop First Aid Skills

As part of their Personal Development (PD) and Relationships, Sex, and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum, students have been learning essential First Aid skills. Groups of students took the opportunity to practice CPR and learn how to use first aid kits effectively, gaining practical experience that could one day help save a life.

In addition to CPR, students have been practicing bandaging techniques, equipping them with knowledge on how to handle common injuries safely. These hands-on activities not only build confidence but also highlight the importance of First Aid skills in everyday situations.



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.

Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

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

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 SEND
Department



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).

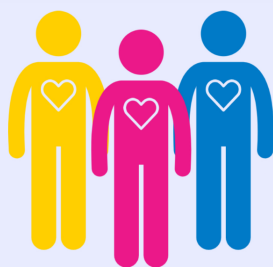


Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue: Learning Support
Centre



Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

TESCO



Stronger Starts



The Basildon Academies - Rethink Your Drink

Support the academies to encourage students to swap
Their sugar filled drinks for a healthier option

WHY?

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive
£1,500

Pick up your tokens at local stores between 1st October – 15th January:

Rayleigh Exp Small unit SS6 7BY

Pitsea Extra Large unit SS13 3JU

Silva Isl Wickfrd Exp Large unit SS12 9NR

Wickford S/End Rd Exp Small unit SS11 8EE

Lond Rd Sth Benfl Exp Small unit SS7 5TH

Rayleigh Ldn Rd Exp Small unit SS6 9BN



Smoothwall Online Safety Hub Now Live

The Online Safety Hub is a brand-new online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help you manage your child's safety online as a parent/carer.

The hub includes information on the latest hot topics when it comes to keeping children safe, such as how to manage your child's screen time, understand the latest gaming platforms, what they mean for your child's safety and lots more.

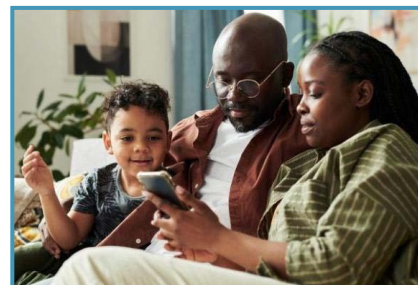
You can access the Online Safety Hub here:

www.basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/

Smoothwall are also offering parents, a free Qustodio account facilitating parental controls on any 1 device and, free premium access for 30 days. Gain more visibility on what's going on in your child's online world, block dangerous content, introduce screen free schedules, receive alerts for inappropriate content, keep tabs on their location and more.

Follow the link to create your free account:

www.qustodio.com/en/30-days-school-special



MDL Marinas Sail Training Awards 2025 *the reward is onboard...*

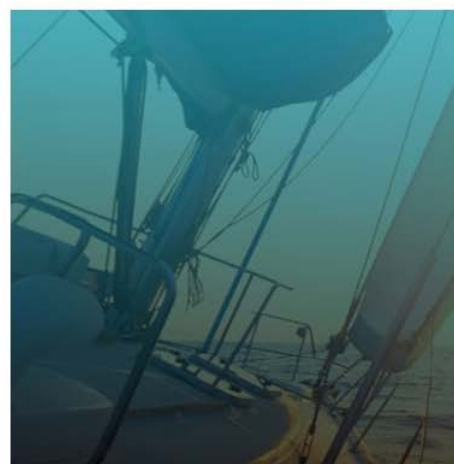
Award Winners

Please nominate young people between the ages of 12 and 18, who you feel should be rewarded for their achievements or inspiration and support to others around them; those who have overcome adverse personal circumstances or shown other exceptional accomplishments.

Those in contact with young people are invited to send in nominations, including teachers, guide or scout leaders, youth group leaders, friends and employers. Anyone can nominate, apart from parents, guardians or close family.

Past winners have included young people who have been outstanding achievers, as well as those who have been involved in voluntary work, those who have never had the chance to travel abroad, and those with added family responsibilities.

Winners will be selected from the regions in which MDL Marinas are located; the South West, Dorset, Hampshire, Thames Valley and East Coast.



The Sailing Experience

The winners will spend 5 nights and 6 days living and sailing on board an OYT sail training yacht and will become involved in all aspects of life on board, including hoisting sails, helping with maintenance, sailing the boat at night and cooking and cleaning with the rest of the crew. This is an unforgettable sailing experience, departing from and returning to Southampton in April 2024.

Nominations close on 17th January 2025

For more information please visit:

www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/about-mdl-marinas/sail-training-awards/



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

4th-8th November 2024

Monday:	<p>Conspiracy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A secret plan by a group to do something unlawful or harmful. <i>Example:</i> The Gunpowder Plot was a failed conspiracy to blow up the Houses of Parliament.</p>
Tuesday: <i>Guy Fawkes Night</i>	<p>Rebellion (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> An act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler. <i>Example:</i> Guy Fawkes Night commemorates the rebellion against the English monarchy.</p>
Wednesday:	<p>Detonator (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A device used to trigger an explosive. <i>Example:</i> The plot involved a detonator intended to set off the gunpowde</p>
Thursday:	<p>Insurrection (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A violent uprising against an authority or government. <i>Example:</i> The insurrection led by Guy Fawkes was aimed at overthrowing the government.</p>
Friday:	<p>Fervent (Adjective) <i>Definition:</i> Having or displaying a passionate intensity. <i>Example:</i> The fervent speeches of the conspirators were aimed at rallying support.</p>

Job of the Week: Radio Producer

What does a Radio Producer do?

A radio producer works behind the scenes at a radio station ensuring everything runs smoothly.

They have to be creative thinkers who remain calm under pressure.

They work with presenters, DJs, broadcasting engineers ensuring shows run as planned and tailored for the target audience

Labour Market Information

- Essex 6251 jobs
- Kent 8466 jobs
- Hackney 8587 jobs

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £34,000

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Anybody can become a radio producer but a degree in media and or radio production will increase desirability. Experience in the industry is the most desirable quality.

SEND Department Coffee Afternoons Every Wednesday 3pm - 4pm

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss their child's progress. Coffee afternoons are held at the Lower Academy from 3pm – 4pm every Wednesday.

To book an appointment please visit the [Contact Us](#) page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.



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

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.

Target **97%+**

Good attendance means:

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



175
days are **NOT**
spent in school
each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.



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.



TO CELEBRATE GUY FAWKES NIGHT THE DINING HALL WILL BE SERVING FIREWORKS THEMED FOOD AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER



TO COMMEMORATE ARMISTICE DAY THE DINING HALL WILL BE SELLING A SELECTION OF CAKES & BISCUITS FOR 50P EACH ON MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Lest We Forget

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels

