

Dates for the Diary

Parent Forum Meeting

Monday 15th January 2024 - 4pm-5pm

World Religion Day

Sunday 21st January 2024

Year 9 AP1 Assessments

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th January 2024

Holocaust Memorial Day

Saturday 27th January 2024

Year 7 & 8 Progress Review

Wednesday 31st January 2024 - 3:30-6:30pm

Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS
EVERYTHING**

House Points - Week Ending 12th January



15,517
ALI



14,703
HAWKING



14,305
SEACOLE



13,994
AUSTEN

Leadership Message

Students across the Lower Academy had a very successful first week of the Spring term. Senior Leaders visited lots of lessons and the feedback was fantastic.

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to the role that I have taken on at the Lower Academy. Personal development is a huge part of what we do and how we develop the 'whole' student. This is by providing enrichment opportunities, careers advice and guidance, trips, experiences, bespoke pathways and much more. It is very important to me that the students gain a wealth of experiences that will contribute towards their development as a young person and, that they develop the skills needed for life beyond school.

Looking forward to the term ahead, there are lots of exciting opportunities that will be available to all students; the first of which will be the launch of our new Student Executive. This will comprise of many student leadership roles that will play a vital part in the development of the Lower Academy. I also look forward to working with parents and carers on the development of these opportunities through our Parent Forum and other events that encourage you to be part of the students' learning journey.



Z.Spencer

Assistant Headteacher - Personal Development & Parental Engagement

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Before School: 7.30 – 8.15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness 		Before School: 7.30 – 8.15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trampolining 	
	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football 	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball 	Lunchtime: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball 	
After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery (Sign up only) • Netball (All Girls) • Football (Year 9) 	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball (Year 7) 	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball (All years) • Badminton (All years) 	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football (year 7 & 8 Teams) • Basketball (year 8&9) 	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football (Year 8)

The academies have built very strong links with external partners which enhances the wellbeing provision they have available to students. Much of this provision is delivered for them on site by external partners through the wellbeing centre.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025



VEGANUARY MONTH

Throughout January the Dining Hall will be serving a Vegan Dish of the Day

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

15th January - 19th January 2024

EAL VERSION

Monday: (<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>)	Democracy: A form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system.	democracia = Portuguese
Tuesday:	Justice: Rightfulness or lawfulness, as of a claim or title; justness of ground or reason.	Ìdájó = Yoruba
Wednesday:	Republic: A state in which the supreme power rests in the body of citizens entitled to vote and is exercised by representatives chosen directly or indirectly by them.	republik = Swedish
Thursday:	Emancipation: To be free from restraint.	émancipation = French
Friday:	Egalitarianism: Belief in the equality of all people, especially in political, social, or economic life.	egalitaryzm = Polish

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

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).

Free Fruit at Breaktime



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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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



Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



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

Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
Excellent	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
Good	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
Cause for concern	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
Unsatisfactory	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
Critical	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	