

The 2 Johns Deliver Online Safety Training to Year 7 Students

On Tuesday 1st November, the Lower Academy welcomed eSafety training professionals 'The 2 Johns', who delivered a 'Stay Safe Online' assembly to our Year 7 students.

The 2 Johns, former policemen, shared their experiences with important issues and gave advice on gaming sites, privacy settings, sharing images, webcams and guidance on disabling location settings.

"The assembly was really important because it helped us learn how we can prevent the dangers we may face online." **Kolbey.B**

"The 2 Johns gave us great advice, for example how to turn off your location settings to prevent strangers knowing where you live. We also learned that Childline has a website where you can get help and report things anonymously." **Sofia.D**

"I loved the 2 Johns presentation as it was very informative and interesting. It taught me how to stay safe online and keep away from strangers." **Greta.D**

"We were given great advice about how to be careful online and not to share any personal information to people we do not know. My overall thought was that the 2 John's gave an amazing assembly." **Sophia.O**

"I think it was very important to know this information so we keep safe. We learned that people can track down your location using data on photos." **Zack.A**



Dates for the Diary

Armistice Day

Friday 11th November 2022

Parent-Teacher Onsite Event

Monday 14th November 2022 - 3:30pm-5pm

Parent Forum

Monday 14th November 2022 - 5pm-6pm

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November 2022

UK Disability History Month

Wednesday 16th November - Friday 16th December 2022

Children in Need

Friday 18th November 2022

Year 7 AP1 Assessments

Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November 2022

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To coincide with the start of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be opening the Lower Academy to parents & carers to view student work and discuss how we embed our student values in the curriculum at the Academies. We are immensely proud of our young people achieving [UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold Award](#) and would love to share the work the students are doing every day to promote these values.

This will be an opportunity to come onsite and meet informally with your child's teachers, viewing the great work our students have produced so far this year.

Follow us on social media



Year 9 Options Selection

We are now heading into the time where Year 9 will need to consider their option choices for their transition to the Upper Academy on Monday 10th July 2023. Whilst this may seem a little while away, the preparation work to get students ready for making those selections will start with assemblies this half term. Please do begin to have conversations at home about student interests ready for us to open the selection process in the Spring Term.

Student Value of the Term

NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

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

The range of provision available has been widened for those with greater need both through the SEN department and the wellbeing centre. The school has invested in key staff to run targeted groupings for students who find school difficult and need support to transition into the school or back into a normal timetable after a period of difficulty.



Wellbeing Award for Schools

2022-2025



Students spoke knowledgeably about why some children are unable to access their rights, mentioning challenges resulting from climate change, the impact of war and the consequences of fast fashion. "Some governments don't allow every child to access free education ... or lots of their other rights too."

Unicef RRSR Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

Assessment Point Dates

- Year 7 – w/c 21st November 2022
- Year 8 – w/c 28th November 2022
- Year 9 – w/c 23rd January 2023

These assessment points are crucial in helping us to support students in closing any learning gaps, providing stretch and challenge. Please do contact our Quality of Education team if you need any advice on how to support home learning in the lead up to these assessments: remotelearning@basildonacademies.org.uk

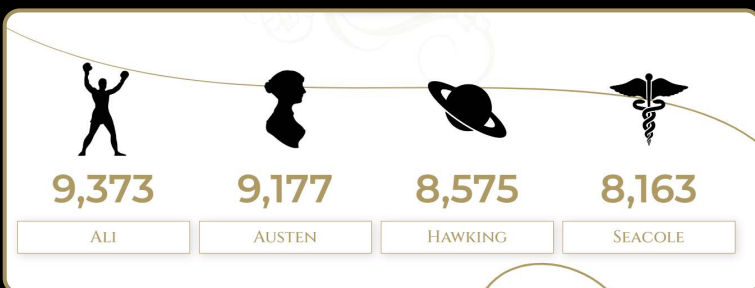
School nurse drop-in

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 4th November



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).

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

Attendance Expectations

There is a clear link between academic success and attendance and as such our expectations for attendance are that:

- Parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends regularly.
- Students should have 100% attendance each year.
- Students with attendance below 95% are of concern.

ATTENDANCE

Every Minute Counts!

89% & below

Drastic effect on academic achievement

95-99%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

100-96%

Good chance of success and progress

Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

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.)

For further information and guidance regarding attendance and absence please visit our website:

www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance

Uniform Exchange Scheme

We have been overwhelmed with the volume of donations we have been receiving of pre-loved uniform and this has already made a huge difference to the families of many students so, thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed so far.

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.

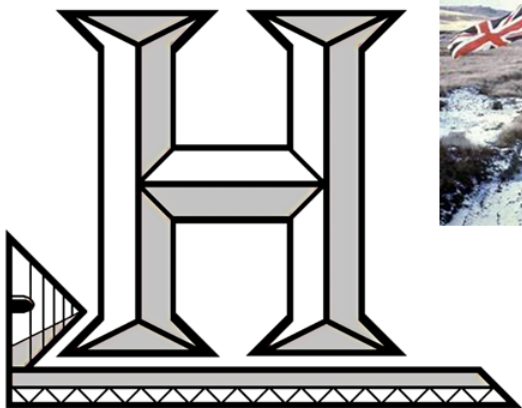
To commemorate Armistice Day on Friday 11th November
the Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits for 50p each



All proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion



History Club
Every Tuesday
3:30pm to
4pm
D5, Middle
Floor, Blue
Block



HISTORY CLUB



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Year 7 Students of the Week


Mathematician of the Week	Alfie H
English Scholar of the Week	Johnny R
Super Scientist of the Week	Debotro B
Musician of the Week	Khloe H
Sporting Legend of the Week	Denisa O
Historian of the Week	Jez H
Geography Genius of the Week	Aiden D
RE Expert of the Week	Declan P
Chef of the Week	Riley D
French Linguist of the Week	Sh'Kyna M
Artist of the Week	Sofia D
Engineer of the Week	Gracie S

Year 8 Students of the Week


Mathematician of the Week	Andrew J
English Scholar of the Week	Loredana C
Scientist of the Week	Mercy O
Sporting Legend of the Week	Brooke T
Historian of the Week	Caitlyn R
Geography Genius of the Week	George C
RE Expert of the Week	Myleen K
Chef of the Week	Baylee W
French Linguist of the Week	Imani-Rae N
Performer of the Week	Taylan Y & Malachie D
Computer Scientist of the Week	Morgan A

Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Christina K & Bailey R
English Scholar of the Week	Cory W
Scientist of the Week	Amber R
Sporting Legend of the Week	Jacob G
Historian of the Week	Pawel R
Geography Genius of the Week	Hayden R
RE Expert of the Week	Callum E
Chef of the Week	Shaun H
French Linguist of the Week	McKenzie M
Artist of the Week	Aimee L
Computer Scientist of the Week	Christopher T



DANCE CLUB




Wednesday's 3.45pm – 4.45pm





In

Dance Studio

Teacher: Miss Austin



Please collect a slip from Reception or room H7 if you'd like to join.

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National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting students online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends



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Be #OnlineSafetySavvy

Keep up with the latest apps games and tech your children are using, with the worlds most comprehensive online safety app for parents.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/basildon-academies> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>