

## Dates for the Diary

### Individual Student Photographs

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Year 7 Settling Event

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 4pm-5pm

### Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

### Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

### Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024: 4pm - 5pm

### Half Term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## House Points - Week Ending 13<sup>th</sup> September



4,357  
ALI



3,817  
SEACOLE



3,338  
AUSTEN



2,636  
HAWKING

## Leadership Message

At the Academies, we have a clear and concise behaviour curriculum for our students to follow. The behaviour curriculum is designed to build students' character, teaching behaviour through clear expectations, routines, and opportunities for practice.

The positive ethos that the Academies foster is the foundation of successful relationships. It is a culture that holds staff and students to high standards and exhibits tolerance, respect, and understanding of differences in the pursuit of equity of opportunity and high aspirations for all.

Our goal is to establish a culture of good behaviour for life, learning and community. In addition to assisting students in taking ownership of their actions and accepting responsibility for the results, our goal is to create a community that values compassion, care, respect, tolerance, and empathy for others.



Our students will be taught the value of having respectful interactions, presenting themselves in the correct uniform, being punctual to school and attending every day ready to learn. They will be rewarded accordingly for their positive attitudes to learning and being responsible role models within the school community.

**E.Cahill**  
Deputy Headteacher

## Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024: 5pm - 7pm

The Basildon Lower Academy will be welcoming students, parents and carers who will be transitioning to secondary education in September 2025. There will be an opportunity for visitors to tour the schools facilities, speak to key members of staff and meet our Leadership Team.

A complimentary minibus will be available for any of our visitors wishing to visit our Upper Academy.



## 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](http://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](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding)

## 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

## Year 7 Settling Event

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024: 4pm - 5pm**

Parents and carers can make an appointment to see a member of our Academy staff to discuss how their child is settling in and to raise any queries or concerns you may have as we start this Academic Year. Tours of our facilities are also available.

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

If you would particularly like to meet with a member of our SEND, Safeguarding or Attendance Teams, please make that clear in your request.

## Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

The logo for Young Minds, featuring the word 'YOUNG' in yellow and 'MINDS' in grey, with a small 'i' in 'MINDS'.

## 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.

## 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**





## Year 8 Students Visit Westminster for Educational Trip

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 96 Year 8 students travelled to Westminster, London, for a day packed with learning and exploration. The morning began with a visit to the Sea Life London Aquarium, where students saw a variety of marine creatures, including sharks, turtles, and penguins. Some students even had the opportunity for hands-on experiences with the exhibits.

Following the aquarium visit, the group crossed Westminster Bridge, passing iconic landmarks like Big Ben, before enjoying lunch in Parliament Square with a view of Westminster Abbey.

In the afternoon, students participated in a guided educational tour of the Houses of Parliament. During the tour, they gained insight into the workings of the UK government and were able to observe a live debate in the House of Commons, on the issue of winter fuel payments for pensioners. Some students were fortunate enough to spot well-known political figures, including Nigel Farage and Ed Miliband.

The experience continued with a workshop focused on the power of petitions, where students learned how they can actively engage in the democratic process and effect change. The day concluded with a special visit from their local MP, Richard Holden, who answered questions about his plans for Basildon and the local community, making it a memorable and enriching experience for all.

"We got to see MPs debate winter fuel payments for pensioners. We also had the opportunity to meet our local MP and discuss ways we think Basildon's environment can be improved." - Nathan A

"I really liked visiting the Sea Life Centre and seeing the different animals. My favourites were the sharks and the penguins." - Oakley H





# BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
Fairtrade Fortnight

Monday: <b>Highland Games (Braemar Gathering)</b>	<b>Caber (noun)- Fit in German</b> <i>Definition:</i> A long, heavy log thrown as part of a traditional Scottish athletic competition. <i>Example:</i> The caber toss was the main event at the Braemar Gathering during the Highland Games.
Tuesday: <b>International Country Music Day</b>	<b>Yodeling (noun) – Jodłowanie in Polish</b> <i>Definition:</i> A form of singing in which the voice fluctuates rapidly between the normal voice and falsetto, common in country music. <i>Example:</i> Yodeling was a featured performance on International Country Music Day, highlighting its roots in the genre.
Wednesday: <b>World Patient Safety Day</b>	<b>Adverse Event (noun) - Kejadian Buruk in Malay</b> <i>Definition:</i> An injury caused by medical management rather than the patient’s underlying condition. <i>Example:</i> World Patient Safety Day raises awareness of adverse events to promote safer practices in healthcare settings.
Thursday: <b>National Cheeseburger Day</b>	<b>Emulsification (noun) - 不良事件 in Chinese</b> <i>Definition:</i> The process of mixing two liquids that normally do not combine, often used in cooking sauces or condiments. <i>Example:</i> The secret to the perfect cheeseburger lies in the emulsification of the cheese sauce, creating a smooth, creamy texture.
Friday: <b>Youth Mental Health Day</b>	<b>Resilience (noun) – Sthitisthāpakatā in Bengali</b> <i>Definition:</i> The capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness, especially in the context of mental health. <i>Example:</i> On Youth Mental Health Day, workshops focused on building resilience among young people to help them manage stress and anxiety.

## Job of the Week: K-9 Police Handler

### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set requirements for this role, but you usually need; high school or secondary school qualifications, like a high school diploma, National or four to five GCSEs  
experience of caring for or working with dogs – for example, through volunteering at a rescue dog charity  
to pass a criminal records background check  
training and experience in the organisation you’re interested in, if you’re looking to work in the armed forces

### What does a K-9 Police Handler do?

A K-9 Police Handler responds to calls for police dog assistance, and provide expertise, tactical advice and support to officers on the frontline. The position involves searching for missing persons and illegal items, assisting in arrests and supporting officers in their investigations.

A K-9 Police officer trains, homes and cares for their specialist dog(s) to ensure they are healthy, happy and able to carry out their duties.

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 80,659
- Essex Jobs: 2,505
- Growth: +13.9%
- Top 5 LEAs: 1. Hampshire (2,906) 2. Essex (2,505) 3. Kent (2,448) 4. Suffolk (2,378) 5. Surrey (2,320)

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £25,421

## New Essex Sexual Health Service Webpages Dedicated to Secondary Parents & Carers

The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

[www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/](http://www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/)



## Attendance Information

As we start the new academic year, we would like to ensure we support you and your children in accessing fulltime education. Student welfare, academic progress and achievement is at the heart of everything we do at our Academies.

Parents have a legal responsibility for making sure their children get a suitable, fulltime education, but we know there are sometimes other factors that might impede this from happening.

Our expectation is that all students attend promptly and regularly.

Year 7 & 8 arrive by 8:55am

Year 9 arrive by 8:25am

These times apply to all students, unless there has been agreed alternative arrangements.

If your child is struggling to attend school for any reason, contact the attendance team who will be able to support you in making you an appointment with the relevant team to discuss support strategies.

The Department for Education (DfE) has released guidance for parents and carers that can be found [here](#).

## 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](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance)

# GOOD TIMEKEEPING



### What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

