

The Basildon Lower Academy Newsletter

17th July 2023

Dates for the Diary

Last Day of Summer Term Thursday 20th July 2023 Students finish at 12:30pm

First Day of Autumn Term Tuesday 5th September 2023

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 14th July



Sports Presentation Awards Evening

























Sports Presentation Awards Evening































All photos from the rewards evening are available on our website:

www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/sports-awards-1

 $\underline{www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/sports-awards-2}$

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels







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 <u>Contact Us</u> 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

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 <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for General Enquiries.

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Both schools have a range of suitable rooms available for meetings with parents on a 1:1 or group basis, for coffee mornings and training events and make use of well-presented communal areas for community events and information sessions for large groups of parents.



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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 Lower Academy Wellbeing Centre



Absence Procedures

To report a student absence please visit the <u>Contact Us</u> page via the Basildon Lower Academy website and select the option for Attendance.

- 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











BOOK ONTO OUR FREE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS!

24th July - 1st September 2023

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto our FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of Department for Education!



IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Our clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who're eligible for benefit based free school meals, or who're from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a WONDE e-Voucher, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren on. If you're awaiting a WONDE e-Voucher, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a WONDE e-Voucher as your child/ren aren't on benefits based free school meals, you will need to contact the club directly to book on by using our club information page.

