

## Dates for the Diary

### Literacy & Numeracy Information Event

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

### Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023: 4.30-5.30pm

### Armistice Day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Student Value of the Term

# BLACK LIVES MATTER

## House Points - Week Ending 6<sup>th</sup> October



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4,955  
HAWKING



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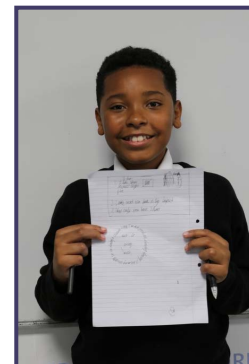
## Message from Headteacher

We have had another busy and active week at the academy, with lots of prospective students, parents and carers joining us for our Open Evening on Thursday. It was lovely to be able to speak with families about our school and hear the positive comments they had to say about our curriculum, departments and supportive interventions.

It was equally pleasing to speak with many of our parents and carers who were visiting with siblings of our students who intend on joining the school next September. I was really proud of all of our students, student tour guides and staff, who worked so hard to showcase the wonderful work they do.

Thursday also saw students participate in National Poetry Day, an established event which encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry within their communities. Students from all year groups engaged in appreciating and analysing poetry that linked in with our student values. Each student wrote a poem with the starting point title of "Inside my Head...". As part of a class competition, I was privileged to read some of the creative poems which were beautifully written and emotively empathetic. I really look forward to reading the everyone's work when our academy Poetry Wall is created.

Mrs L.Sherman



## Literacy and Numeracy Information Event - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023: 4pm - 5pm

Members of staff from all of our departments will be available to showcase and demonstrate how they promote and encourage Literacy and Numeracy skills within their subjects. As well as having example resources to take away, all of our staff will be available to answer any queries you may have.

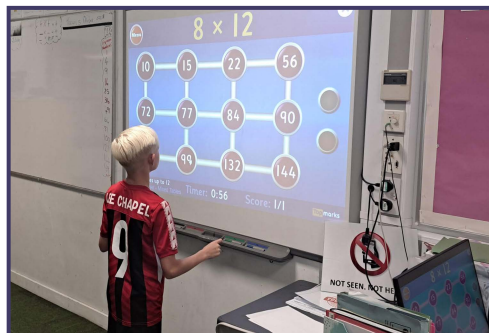
All staff will be based in department areas on the Lower site; no appointment is necessary.

## Parent Forum - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Our next Parent Forum meeting will take place at the Lower Academy on Tuesday 31st October from 4.30-5.30pm. All parents & carers are invited to attend.



# Lower Academy Open Evening - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023





# National Poetry Day

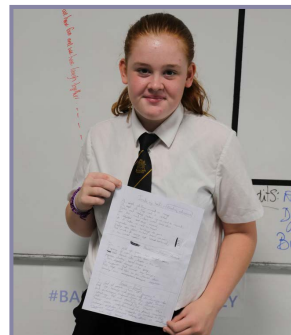
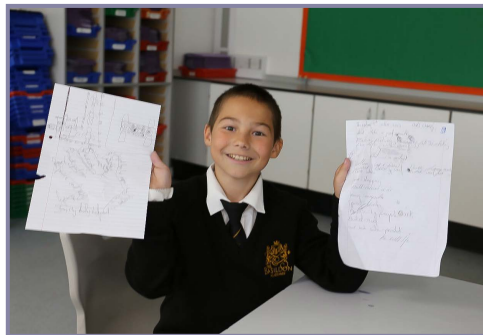
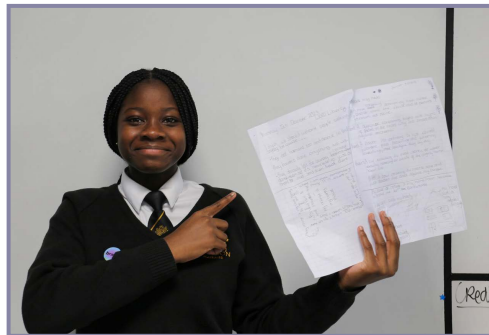
To celebrate National Poetry Day on 5<sup>th</sup> October, students from all year groups spent the day engaging with and creating a range of poetry based on the theme of 'Refuge'.

"Poetry Day was good and I learned a lot about different types of poetry. Creating a shape poem was fun. I enjoyed the activities so much that when I got home I read a poetry book." Berk.Z – Year 7

"I loved that we learned shape poetry and it has inspired me to write more poems. I think poetry is about being creative and having fun." Freddie.K – Year 7

"I liked all the different ways that you can write poems." Riley.H – Year 7

"We learnt to write different styles of poetry and we were able to write a lot." Nancy-Bleu.W – Year 7



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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



## 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.

## 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



## 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)

## 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.

## Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue:

The Wellbeing Centre

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

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



The schools support for mental health and wellbeing is well led and the school have invested significantly in training and additional staff within their wellbeing centres and wider pastoral teams over recent years to build capacity and expand what they can offer.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025



# EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	<b>Lunchtime:</b>	<b>Lunchtime:</b>	<b>Lunchtime:</b>
	• Football	• Basketball	• Netball
<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b>
• Archery (Sign up only)	• Basketball (Year 8 & 9 Boys)	• Netball (All years)	• Football (all years)
• Rugby (Year 7 & 8)	• Dance	• Fitness – Outside (Boys)	
• Fitness – Fitness Suite (Girls)			



To celebrate Black History Month, each Wednesday in October we will be serving authentic dishes in the Dining Hall

Dishes for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:



**Jerk Halloumi  
Burger**



**Honey & Turmeric  
Chicken**



**Double Chocolate  
Bread Pudding &  
Cream**

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

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