

Important Information Regarding Industrial Strike Action

Wednesday 15th March

The Lower Academy will be open for Year 9.
The Upper Academy will be open for Years 11,12 & 13.

Thursday 16th March

The Lower Academy will be open for Year 8.
The Upper Academy will be open for 11,12 & 13.

All other year groups to access remote learning. Lesson information will be sent to student email account at 8:30am each morning.

For further information, please refer to the full communication sent out Friday 10th March.

World Book Day

Detective stories was the theme for this year's World Book Day at the Lower Academy. Throughout the day students read extracts from famous murder mystery novels, used their creative skills to write their own detective stories & produced detective themed board games.

Students also had the fantastic opportunity to listen to a live talk from the famous author Michael Morpurgo.

"World Book Day has opened a lot of opportunities to learn about book genres outside of the regular curriculum." Yanna.I - Year 8

"I very much enjoyed listening to Michael Morpurgo's inspiration for writing War Horse. I also enjoyed reading extracts from The Hound of the Baskervilles. This day has made me more interested in the crime and mystery genre." Hayden.A - Year 8



"It was really interesting to listen to Michael Morpurgo talk about his inspirations for writing War Horse." Loredana.C - Year 8

"World Book Day has given me inspiration to become a writer and wanting to be like Michael Morpurgo." Simi.F - 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

Dates for the Diary

British Science Week

Friday 10th - Sunday 19th March 2023

Parent Forum Meeting

Thursday 16th March 2023: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Staff Inset - Non Student Day

Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Maya C
English Scholar of the Week	David C
Musician of the Week	Tyrese R
French Linguist of the Week	Jazmyn H
Engineer of the Week	Eldeena J / Daniel M

Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Sapphire B
English Scholar of the Week	David C
Scientist of the Week	Olivia B
Historian of the Week	Oscar U
Geography Genius of the Week	Hayden A
RE Expert of the Week	Kayden T
French Linguist of the Week	Yanna I
Performer of the Week	Amber Joy / Zack E
Engineer of the Week	Freddy T
RSHE Champion of the Week	John G

Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Billy H
English Scholar of the Week	Hayden R
Scientist of the Week	Ayshe A
Historian of the Week	Christopher T
Geography Genius of the Week	Jack F
French Linguist of the Week	Amy W
Artist of the Week	Maria P
Computer Scientist of the Week	Hayden R
RSHE Champion of the Week	Logan M

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



School Nurse Champion's Presentation

Well done to our School Nurse Champions for recently delivering a professional & insightful presentation to Heads of Services & Managers of the Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service.

The presentation was an opportunity for our students to provide feedback about the school nursing they receive and provide recommendations for improvement.

"It was a nice experience and I liked being able to get my views across." Alfie.J – Year 9

"This was very enjoyable and a good experience for me." Holly.B – Year 8



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

House Points - Week Ending 10th March



23,106
ALI



23,104
AUSTEN



22,959
HAWKING



20,940
SEACOLE

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.

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



SEND Department Coffee Afternoons Every Wednesday 2:30pm – 3:30pm

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss your child's progress. Coffee afternoons are held at the Lower Academy from 2:30 -



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

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.

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



Free school lunch for all students

A free lunch will be available to all students every
Monday & Friday between now & the Easter Holidays

Red Nose Day Cake & Biscuit Sale Friday 17th March



The Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits on Friday 17th March.

Each item will be priced at 50p with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.

