

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 1st October 2026: 5pm-7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 1st October 2026: 5pm-7pm

Meet the Tutor - Parent Event

Monday 5th October 2026: 3.15pm-4.30pm

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

Year 9 AP1 Assessments

Monday 23rd November - Friday 4th December 2026

STUDENT VALUE OF THE TERM

BLACK LIVES MATTER

HOUSE POINTS - WEEK ENDING 18TH SEPTEMBER



24,783
SEACOLE



22,209
HAWKING



21,264
ALI



18,549
AUSTEN

HELPING EVERY STUDENT FEEL SAFE, INCLUDED AND READY TO LEARN

Our Lower Academy Enhanced Provision (EP) provides extra support for students who may find school challenging, particularly those with social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs.

Students are supported in a safe, nurturing environment by trusted adults who help them build confidence, manage emotions and engage positively in learning.

Support may include small group learning, keyworker support and targeted interventions tailored to individual needs. We work closely with families and external professionals to ensure every student receives the right support.

Our aim is to help students develop the skills they need to succeed and, where appropriate, successfully reintegrate into mainstream education.



At our recent 'Meet and Greet' evening last Wednesday, it was great to see parents/carers and students returning to the school, where our Senior Leadership Team shared important information around what the school has to offer for every child attending the Lower Academy. Following the speech from staff, families were invited to our canteen for refreshments and food and had the opportunity to speak to staff. This event was enjoyed by both staff, parents/carers and students and supports our inclusive values.

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Senior Student Development Leader & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for Enhanced Provision

PARENT/CARER UPDATING CONTACT INFORMATION

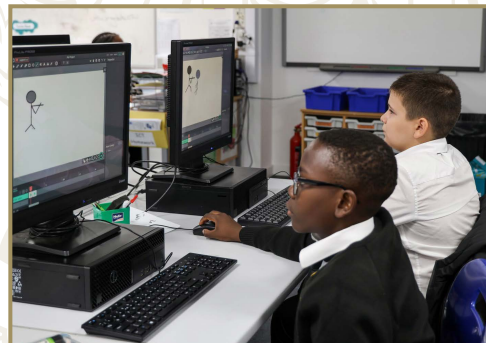
Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME GETS OFF TO A GREAT START

The Basildon Lower Academy's enrichment programme has got off to a great start, with students embracing a wide range of clubs and activities available from the beginning of the new school year.

The programme gives students the opportunity to explore their interests, develop new skills, build confidence and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. This year, students can choose from a variety of returning favourites alongside new opportunities, including Crochet Club, LEGO Club, Film Club, Remote Control Club, Gardening, Book Club, Scratch Computing and Revision Club.



There are also more opportunities for students to get involved, with enrichment clubs now taking place during lunchtime as well as after school. This gives students greater flexibility to take part and try something new alongside their usual lessons.

It has been fantastic to see students getting involved so enthusiastically during the first sessions, and the programme will continue to develop throughout the school year, providing students with opportunities to discover new interests and make the most of life at the Lower Academy.



SPACE (SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ESSEX)

SPACE is part of the Essex SEND Local Offer, providing support from trained Peer Educators with lived experience of raising a child with SEND. They offer parents/carers workshops, online learning opportunities, community events, and a chance to speak with someone who understands.

For more information please visit: [SPACE - Supporting Parents and Carers in Essex](#)



SUCCESSFUL MEET, GREET & EAT EVENINGS

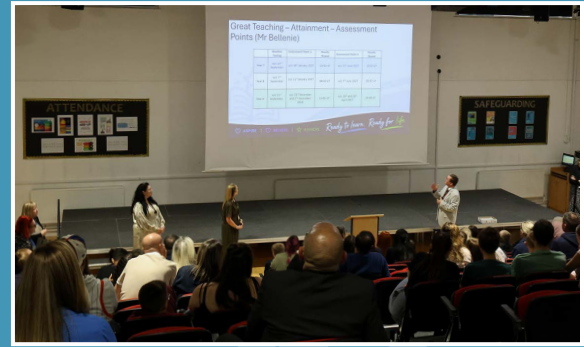
Last week, we held consecutive Meet, Greet & Eat events at the Lower and Upper Academies, welcoming parents, carers and families to meet our teams and find out more about the support and opportunities available to their children.

The evenings gave families the opportunity to learn more about school life, including curriculum, expectations, revision, careers, work experience, Sixth Form and future opportunities. Many families also stayed afterwards to speak with staff, ask questions and discuss how we can support their children.

Feedback from families was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how supportive, welcoming and informative they found the events.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us at our recent Meet, Greet & Eat events. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families and have the opportunity to meet and talk with you.

For those who would like to revisit the information shared during the events, or for those who were unable to attend, the presentations can be found here: [Greet, Meet and Eat Parent Presentation](#)



YEAR 9 FOOTBALL TEAM START SEASON WITH VICTORY

Our Year 9 football team got their competitive season off to a winning start with an exciting 7–4 victory away against De La Salle.

In a goal-filled fixture, Mekhi.S led the scoring with four goals, while Louis.O, Israel.M and Macarie.P each added one to secure the 7–4 victory.

A great start to the competitive football season for the team!



STUDENT VOICE: HELPING SHAPE OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our students are at the heart of the decisions we make. Through regular Student Voice meetings, they challenge us, share ideas and tell us what is working well and what needs to improve. Importantly, these conversations do not stay in the meeting room. Through our They Said, We Did updates, students, staff and families can see how feedback has directly influenced change across our academies. We want every student to know that their voice matters and that they have the power to help shape their school community.



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FOLLOW US



LOWER ACADEMY RECEIVES MUSIC MARK RECOGNITION FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Basildon Lower Academy has been awarded the Music Mark recognition for the third consecutive year, an achievement that reflects the dedication of our music department and the wide range of opportunities available to students.

Our music provision continues to grow, engaging students across mainstream education, our EP provision, students within the social care system and our SEND students. We are proud to provide access to music and the arts for students from a range of backgrounds and circumstances.

Alongside curriculum music, students benefit from peripatetic tuition, in-house concerts, community performances, trips, workshops with industry professionals, nationwide competitions and wider cultural opportunities. Thousands of pounds of external funding has been secured to support specialist tuition, instruments, workshops and experiences for our students.

Our local authority Music Hub has recognised elements of our provision as exemplar practice and shared our work with other schools as an example of effective music provision.



Congratulations to our music department and all the students who continue to make this success possible. We look forward to celebrating further achievements and opportunities in the year ahead.

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



SUPPORTING CHILD WELLBEING WITH PARENTING SMART

Parenting Smart, created by the children's mental health charity Place2Be, offers practical tips and guidance to support your child's wellbeing.

From managing screen time to handling big emotions, the website provides short, easy-to-follow articles and videos designed to help parents navigate everyday challenges with confidence.



Explore helpful resources here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

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.

YOUNG MINDS



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

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 and Lunchtime
Location: The Wellbeing Area
Ground Floor Blue Block



FREE OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE

Essex ActivAte half term programmes provide free, fun and engaging activities for eligible children and young people during the October half term break. From sports and crafts to outdoor adventures and more, there are plenty of opportunities to stay active, make friends and try something new, alongside receiving nutritious meals and snacks.

Spaces are limited and can be booked directly with local clubs when they go live, with no Holiday Activities voucher code or referral required.

To find a club near you, visit the [Find Your Active Activity Finder](#) on the Active Essex website. Simply select 'Programmes' to view the upcoming half term activities, enter your local area, and book directly with the club using the contact details provided.



LOWER ACADEMY OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

We are excited to invite all prospective students and their families to our annual Open Evening on Thursday 1st October between 5-7pm.

This is a fantastic opportunity to explore what makes our school such a welcoming, vibrant, and inspiring place to learn. During the event, visitors will have the opportunity to:

- Tour the school and explore our classrooms and specialist facilities (including science labs, sports hall/dance studio, art and design areas, ICT suites, swimming pool, catering kitchens, and more).
- Meet our dedicated staff and current Student Ambassadors, who will share how we support all students to succeed both academically and personally.
- Experience live subject demonstrations and interactive activities.
- Learn more about our curriculum and enrichment opportunities.
- Ask questions about the transition to secondary school and meet the staff who guide students through every step.



Whether you're already considering The Basildon Lower Academy or just starting to explore your options, this is a brilliant chance to experience our welcoming, inclusive learning community first hand and ask all the questions that matter to you and your child.

We look forward to welcoming you and showing you what makes our school such a special place to grow, learn, and succeed.

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to lowerattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling 01268 498881.

- 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

ARRIVE BE HERE ATTEND IN TIME TO TO ASPIRE BELIEVE ACHIEVE

**Attendance percentages as Number of days and lessons missed from school.
Students are required to attend school for 190 days each year.**

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed	Absence over 5 years
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons	¼ year
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons	½ year
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons	1 year
70%	59 days	12 weeks	300 lessons	1½ years
60%	80 days	16 weeks	400 lessons	2 years
50%	100 days	20 weeks	500 lessons	2 ½ years

Government (DfE) research suggests that 16 days absence or 92% attendance in any one year equals a full GCSE drop in attainment
How does your attendance compare with this target?

Daily rewards - Daily text messages for 100% attendance are sent via text message or through the MCAS app.

Weekly Rewards - Weekly Student briefings held on Mondays highlight the students who have received 100% attendance and 0 late marks. These students will receive a raffle entry for a £5 lifestyle voucher

Half Termly rewards - Each Half-term 100% attendance postcards are given to students based on the attendance for that half term.

Termly rewards - Students receive a badge and certificate during a celebration event for their term attendance which can be pinned to their tie.



DISCOVER VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES WITH GOVO

Students looking for an opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence and make a difference can explore GoVo, a digital volunteering platform from Royal Voluntary Service, helping people find flexible volunteering opportunities that fit around their studies, work and other commitments.

There are a wide range of opportunities available, including local and remote roles, one-off volunteering and more regular commitments. Volunteering can be a great way for students to gain valuable experience, develop their skills, enhance their CV and support their local community.

To find out more and explore current volunteering opportunities, visit GoVo: www.govo.org



Job of the Week: Anthropologist

What does an Anthropologist do?

Anthropologists research various aspects of human development from the past to the present.

Key Responsibilities:

- gathering and analysing artefacts, skeletal remains, and other historical sources to learn about ancient cultures
- teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students in anthropology
- planning research projects
- writing and presenting research findings
- studying the economic, demographic, health care, social, political, linguistic, and religious institutions of distinct cultural groups, communities, and organization

Labour Market Information

- +41.4% 897,801 jobs
- +40.8% in your region of East of England, an increase of 89,463 jobs

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£39,899

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

- You'll need a degree in Anthropology or a related field (at least a 2:1).
- You'll also need to have completed or be working towards a postgraduate master's or PhD in Anthropology, and have academic work published.
- Some Anthropology researchers begin by working as research assistants, for which you will need a master's degree in Anthropology or a related field.

WORD OF THE WEEK SUSTAINABLE

Able to be maintained at a certain rate or level without depleting resources or causing harm.



FILIPINO
(Filipino)

Napapanatili
(nah-pah-pah-NAH-tee-lee)



FRENCH
(Français)

Durable
(dyoo-RAHB-luh)



GREEK
(Ελληνικά)
(Elliniká)

Βιώσιμο
(vee-OH-see-mo)



♥ Different languages, shared understanding. **EVERY VOICE MATTERS.** ♥

ASPIRE - BELIEVE - ACHIEVE

Try something new...

Enrichment Clubs Timetable

Learn

Create

Belong

Make new
friends



Explore
your
interests



 Club Name	 Day	 Room Number
Chess Club	Tuesday	O16
Creative Corner	Tuesday	G1
Debate	Tuesday	B16
Mixed Media Art	Tuesday	O3
Coding Club	Tuesday	B2
Keyboard Club	Tuesday	O17
Lego Club	Tuesday	B15
Maths Catch Up	Tuesday	B8
STEM Club	Tuesday	B3
Scale Model Club	Tuesday	B18
Sewing	Wednesday	G1
Film Club	Thursday	O16
Scratch Computing	Thursday	B11
Mixed Media Art	Thursday	O1
Creative Corner	Thursday	G1
Scale Model Club	Thursday	B18
Book Club	Thursday	B13



Be
creative



Build
your
skills



Enrichment sessions take place from
3.00pm – 3.30pm