

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 - 3:30pm every Wednesday.

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



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

Dates for the Diary

Parent-Teacher Onsite Event

Monday 14th November 2022 - 3:30pm-5pm

Parent Forum - Venue: Basildon Lower Academy

Monday 14th November 2022 - 5pm-6pm

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November 2022

UK Disability History Month

Wednesday 16th November - Friday 16th December 2022

Children in Need

Friday 18th November 2022

Year 7 AP1 Assessments

Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November 2022

Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 28th November - Friday 2nd December 2022

Parent-Teacher Onsite Event: Monday 14th November 3:30-5pm

To coincide with the start of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be opening the Lower Academy to parents & carers to view student work and discuss how we embed our student values in the curriculum at the Academies. We are immensely proud of our young people achieving [UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold Award](#) and would love to share the work the students are doing every day to promote these values.

This will be an opportunity to come onsite and meet informally with your child's teachers, viewing the great work our students have produced so far this year.

Follow us on social media



Year 9 Options Selection

We are now heading into the time where Year 9 will need to consider their option choices for their transition to the Upper Academy on Monday 10th July 2023. Whilst this may seem a little while away, the preparation work to get students ready for making those selections will start with assemblies this half term. Please do begin to have conversations at home about student interests ready for us to open the selection process in the Spring Term.

Remembrance Day 2022

The Basildon Lower Academy was honoured to welcome our Year 10 & 11 Army Cadets to sell poppies and raise awareness of the cadets in our community. It was a very special moment to see these students leading our 2-minute silence with their Lower Academy colleagues.



The curriculum, student briefings and assemblies, the website, and the displays and messaging throughout the school all give mental health and wellbeing a high profile and promote its importance to all members of the school community as well as providing guidance to those seeking support.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025



Strong, supportive, and mutually respectful relationships were evident throughout the visit and young people said that the increased emphasis on rights, respect and dignity has added to this, "If you respect people's rights, you respect them as a person." mentioned one student.

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

Assessment Point Dates

- Year 7 – w/c 21st November 2022
- Year 8 – w/c 28th November 2022
- Year 9 – w/c 23rd January 2023

These assessment points are crucial in helping us to support students in closing any learning gaps, providing stretch and challenge. Please contact our Quality of Education team if you need any advice on how to support home learning in the lead up to these assessments, via the [Contact Us](#) page found on 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



House Points - Week Ending 11th November

12,120 ALI	11,830 AUSTEN	11,292 HAWKING	10,708 SEACOLE

Extra Curricular Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archery (sign up required) • Year 7 Football & Elite Football - Boys & Girls • Year 8 & 9 Rugby • Girls Football (all years) • Krav Maga Self-Defence (sign up required) 	Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trampolining (all years) • Fitness (all years) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball (Year 8 & 9 Boys) • History Club (D5) (all years) • Choir Club (E19) (all years) 	Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness (all years) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 Boys and Girls Basketball (all years) • Dance Club – Dance Studio (Top Floor Year 7 Block) • Dungeons & Dragons Club (See Miss Wright) • Art Club (all years) A5 / B7 • Drama Club (Drama Studio) 	Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball (all years) After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volleyball (all years) • Netball (all years) • Football (Year 8 & 9) • Geography Club (Year 7) (D3) • Music Club (all years) (E19)

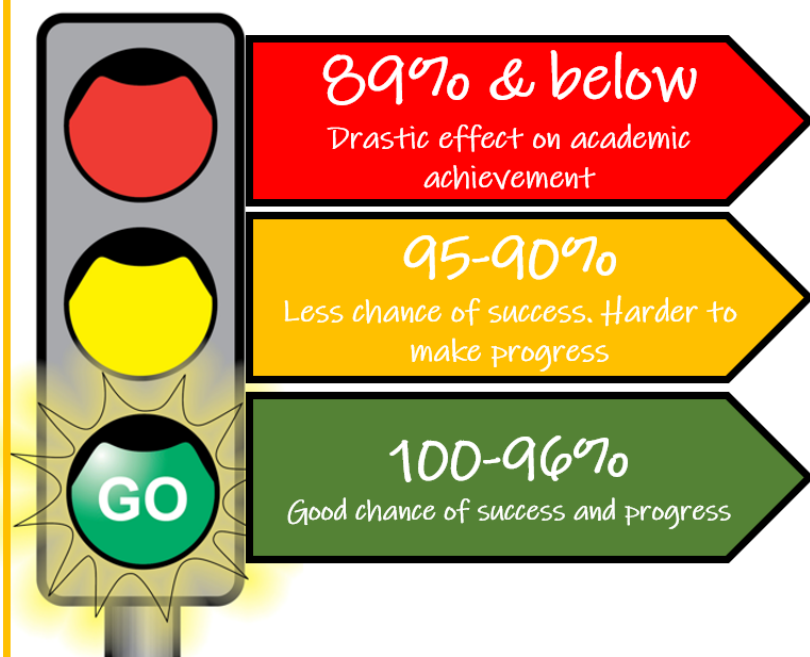
Attendance Expectations

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.

ATTENDANCE

Every Minute Counts!



Absence from school

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be above 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

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

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

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.

BBC

Children in Need



On Friday 18th November the Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits for 50p each. All proceeds will go to Children in Need.

Free school lunch for all students Friday 18th November

A free school lunch is a hot meal or sandwich and either a dessert or a drink.

Year 7 Students of the Week

English Scholar of the Week	Ellaouise J
Super Scientist of the Week	Ellie-Mae R
Musician of the Week	Toby R
Sporting legend of the Week	Anna R
Historian of the Week	Luke A
Geography Genius of the Week	Lena S
RE Expert of the Week	Ilya M
French Linguist of the Week	Maira S
Artist of the Week	Grace G
Engineer of the Week	Bobby K
RSHE champion of the week	Vinnie R

Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Isobel T
English Scholar of the Week	Amy A
Scientist of the Week	Yanna I
Sporting legend of the Week	Shaylea S
Historian of the Week	Ayo E
Geography Genius of the Week	Atila H
RE Expert of the Week	Amy A
French Linguist of the Week	Fletcher W
Artist of the Week	Elissa paige G
Performer of the Week	Georgie-Ray M & Franchesca B
Engineer of the Week	Reece B

Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Christopher T
English Scholar of the Week	Logan H
Scientist of the Week	Lilyan-Rose M
Historian of the Week	Alfie S
Geography Genius of the Week	Andrea-Daniela S
RE Expert of the Week	Blake O
French Linguist of the Week	Ana S
Artist of the Week	Charlie M
Performer of the Week	Oliver N
Engineer of the Week	Nojus K
Computer Scientist of the Week	Lavinia G

Aspire - Believe - Achieve



Q&A FOR PARENTS AND CARERS IN ANTI- BULLYING WEEK

Is your child experiencing bullying? As parents and carers, we can have lots of emotions and questions, whether our child is impacted by bullying or involved in the bullying themselves. **This Anti-Bullying Week, join a live Q&A with a panel from the award-winning anti-bullying charity Kidscape. The free event is designed to give practical hope and help to parents and carers.**

The panel will include:

- **Lauren Seager-Smith**, CEO of Kidscape. Lauren has worked in bullying prevention for over twelve years and is a Trustee of Children England. She's also a mum and on her own parenting journey.
- **Liat Hughes Joshi**, a journalist and broadcaster who specialises in parenting and family life. She is the author of five parenting books, published in the UK and internationally. Three of her books contain guidance on what to do if your child is being bullied or if they are bullying someone else.

To join, simply head to [Kidscape's Facebook page](#) on Tuesday 15th November at 8pm.
The Q&A will be livestreamed to Facebook.



National Online Safety

The online world is posing an ever-increasing risk to children, and it is important that schools, parents and carers work together to take an active role in teaching children about online dangers. Learning how to act safely when using the internet is an incredibly important part of safeguarding our children.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have shown our commitment to protecting students online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends



National Online Safety®

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Be #OnlineSafetySavvy

Keep up with the latest apps games and tech your children are using, with the worlds most comprehensive online safety app for parents.

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/basildon-academies> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via the brand-new smartphone app.

To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>