

## Dates for the Diary

### Year 9 Options Evening - Parent Consultation

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - 4pm-5.30pm

Venue: Basildon Upper Academy

### Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

### Parent Forum Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 4pm-5pm

### Year 9 AP2 Assessments

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Sports Presentation Event

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 - 4pm-5.15pm

## Student Value of the Term

**CLIMATE CHANGE  
IS REAL**

## House Points - Week Ending 10<sup>th</sup> May



38,902  
HAWKING



38,154  
ALI



32,845  
SEACOLE



29,329  
AUSTEN

## Leadership Message

I am delighted to share with you the progress that we have made with the launch of our Student Executive. This is made up of a Head Student & Deputy Head Student within each group, supported by our Student Executive Team (SET), of one representative from each class.

After a very competitive application process, the students below were successful in being appointed to lead their year groups:

### Year 7

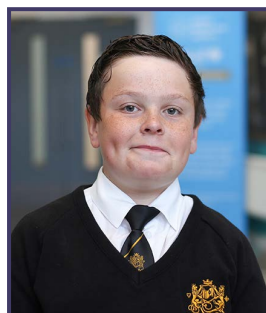


Safreen.S  
Head Student



Luke.Z  
Deputy Head Student

### Year 8



Declan.P  
Head Student



Suzie-Lou.G  
Deputy Head Student

Year 9 have an extended Executive Team who will work together to plan their leavers week during their remaining time with us at the Lower Academy.

All students with a leadership role have attended their introduction meeting and received their initial training. The Executive Teams each have a specific project that they are working on which will contribute towards the whole school community.



Moving forward, this leadership structure will continue to grow with the addition of House Captain and Vice Captains in Half Term 6, followed by a variety of different academic and pastoral ambassador roles in the new academic year.

**Z.Spencer**  
Assistant Headteacher  
Personal Development & Parental Engagement

## 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.

## 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)

# 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 Tuesday &  
Thursday Breaktime

Location:

The Wellbeing Centre



## Free Online Counselling Service

[www.kooth.com](http://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).

## Lower Academy Receives Fairtrade Award

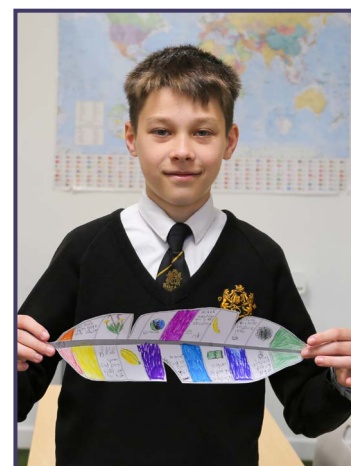
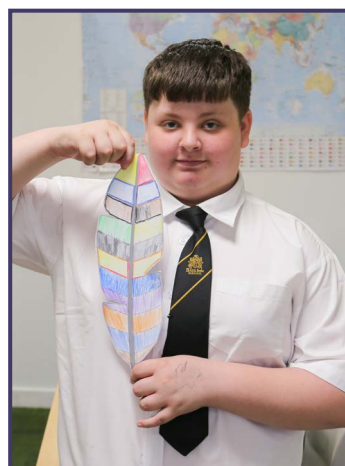
Congratulations to Year 7 students who have recently helped to achieve the Fairtrade Foundation FairAware award, on behalf of the Lower Academy.

During a series of RSHE lessons based on Fairtrade and its importance, students completed a series of activities which have helped our school community to achieve the Award.

The Lower Academy incorporates Fairtrade into the curriculum in multiple subjects, including RSHE, Catering and Geography. We promote the use of Fairtrade items within the school, and advertise this so everyone within the school can see how simple Fairtrade is but also by ensuring we raise awareness around the school to students, staff, parents and carers.

We are now on the search for passionate students who want to spearhead our Fairtrade Committee.

The next step for our students is to attain the FairAchiever award by the end of the school year.



I think Fairtrade is important because it helps to protect the environment and support the workers. Hopefully we will continue to work on Fairtrade activities and have more fun." Kai Rogers – Year 7

# Fairtrade Committee

## What do we do?

- Make sure that everything we do is FAIR for all.
- Fundraise for Fairtrade
  - Bake sales
  - Organise football tournaments
- Promote Fairtrade in the school to ensure everyone has an awareness of Fairtrade.



## How often?

- Once every other week
- During school hours



## How to join?

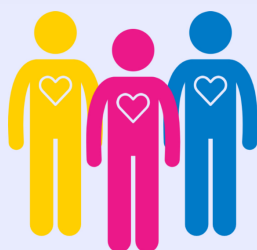
- Contact Miss Barnard (C5) or Mrs Yasmin (D5) with your name by the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

## Young Carers Club

### Tuesdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue: Learning Support Centre



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

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

## Free Fruit at Breaktime



Students can choose an item of fruit from the till area in the Dining Hall at breaktime each day.



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>Before School: 7.30 – 8.15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fitness</li> </ul>		<b>Before School: 7.30 – 8.15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trampolining</li> </ul>	
	<b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football</li> </ul>	<b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball</li> </ul>	<b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball</li> </ul>	
<b>After School: 3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archery (Sign up only)</li> <li>• Monday (All Girls)</li> <li>• Football (Year 9)</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball (Year 7)</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Netball (All years)</li> <li>• Badminton (All years)</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football (year 7 &amp; 8 Teams)</li> <li>• Basketball (year 8 &amp; 9)</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 – 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Football (Year 8)</li> </ul>



# 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 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.
- 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)

## Categorising attendance and learning hours lost

Descriptor	Threshold attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Lost learning hours	Level of concern
<b>Excellent</b>	100%	190	0	0	Green
	99%	188	2	10	
<b>Good</b>	98%	186	4	20	Green
	97%	184	6	30	
	96%	182.5	7.5	37.5	
<b>Cause for concern</b>	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5	Orange
	94%	179	11	55	
	93%	177	13	65	
	92%	175	15	75	
	91%	173	17	85	
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	90%	171	19	95	Red
	89%	169	21	105	
	88%	167	23	115	
	87%	165	25	125	
	86%	163	27	135	
<b>Critical</b>	85%	161.5	28.5	142.5	Red
	84%	159.5	30.5	152.5	
	83%	158	32	160	
	82%	156	34	170	
	81%	154	36	180	
	80%	152	38	190	

# THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

13<sup>th</sup> May - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Mental Health Awareness Week  
National Smile Month

Monday:	<b>Beam:</b> to smile radiantly or happily. <b>Strahlen</b> in German
Tuesday:	<b>Grin:</b> to smile broadly, especially as an indication of pleasure, amusement, or the like. <b>చిరునవ్వు</b> in Telugu
Wednesday:	<b>Simper:</b> to smile in a silly, self-conscious way. <b>Đun nhỏ lừa</b> in Vietnamese
Thursday:	<b>Delight:</b> a high degree of pleasure or enjoyment; joy; rapture. <b>hyfrydwch</b> in Welsh
Friday:	<b>Guffaw:</b> a loud, unrestrained burst of laughter. <b>Գաֆֆա</b> in Armenian

## Job of the Week: Warehouse Manager

### What does a Warehouse Manager do?

Your day-to-day activities may include:

working closely with clients, suppliers and transport companies

- planning the delivery and dispatch of goods
- monitoring and setting aside storage space
- tracking stock levels using computer programs
- making sure stock is stored correctly and safely, for example chemicals or food
- planning work rotas for warehouse staff
- organising recruitment and staff training

You'll also be responsible for security arrangements at the warehouse, and scheduling the maintenance, repair and replacement of equipment.

### Labour Market Information

UK jobs: 15,042

Essex Jobs: 522

Growth: -1%

Top 5 LEAs: Essex (522), Kent (507), Surrey (454), Hampshire (405), Leicestershire (375)

### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no set requirements, but you may need supervisory experience and qualifications in warehouse or distribution work.

Relevant experience in an area like retail may be useful. It may give you an advantage if you have a forklift licence.

It may help you get onto an employer's management training scheme if have a foundation degree, HND or degree in a subject, like:

Logistics, supply chain management, transport management

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £72,177

There is a real drive to ensure that TAs are highly skilled and deployed effectively to meet the needs of learners. TAs feel well valued and were able to articulate how they are given opportunities to develop their skills through CPD and often receive public recognition through the 'Star of the week'.



Best Practice with  
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels







# National DOUGHNUT WEEK

**Monday 20th – Friday 24th May**

**To celebrate National Doughnut Week the Dining Hall will be serving a selection of Jam and Ring Doughnuts.**

**All Doughnuts are 50p each and will be available throughout the week at break & lunchtime.**

**50p  
Each**



# BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Children and young people are invited to book onto fun-filled half term holiday clubs and enjoy free activities run by locally trusted club organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

## IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or income-related benefits, also children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation. Clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!

## WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

## WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs offer different engaging activities such as sports and games, crafts, colouring, dance, baking and more! They also provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as food education, helping to engage young people and support parents during the half term holidays. Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will also be available to book onto, offering further support for children.

## HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

You will not receive or book on with your HolidayActivities voucher code for half term holiday clubs. To book onto a local club, head over to the Essex ActivAte website, find the area that you live in and book on with the link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly.

[Find out more about May half term holiday clubs and book on here.](#)







Essex County Council  
Special Educational Needs  
and Disabilities

# The Essex Local Offer website

provides information about help available to children and young people (aged 0 to 25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

You can also find information on:

- support, groups and activities
- health and wellbeing
- help with learning
- housing and employment
- advice for young people
- financial support

Visit [send.essex.gov.uk](https://send.essex.gov.uk) for more information and to sign up to our newsletter

