

Dates for the Diary

Hate Crime Awareness Week

Saturday 14th - Saturday 21st October 2023

Half Term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Parent Forum Meeting

Tuesday 31st October 2023: 4.30-5.30pm

Armistice Day

Saturday 11th November 2023

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November 2023

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 13th October



7,137
AUSTEN



6,766
HAWKING



6,490
ALI



6,320
SEACOLE

Message from Headteacher

It has been another successful week at the Lower Academy. Year 8 students were studying fluvial landforms in Geography and were eloquently able to describe how waterfalls are formed.

Year 9's have been discussing how local MP's are elected, which lead to an impromptu discussion on whether the age voting in elections should be lowered to 16. Arguments both for and against were presented well by our groups.

The Catering department were developing baking skills across all year groups. Students created fabulous lemon drizzle cakes and chocolate cupcakes. They tasted delicious, even Paul Hollywood would give a handshake for these cakes.

Our Year 9 football team travelled to Mayflower School to their first competitive fixture of the season. Although the team were not able to secure a win, they improved on last year's corresponding fixture.

Mrs L.Sherman



SEND Department Coffee Afternoons Every Wednesday 3pm - 4pm

We are delighted to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to meet with members of our SEND Department to discuss their child's progress. Coffee afternoons are held at the Lower Academy from 3pm – 4pm 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.



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.

TA's are deployed according to the needs of the children and TA's are encouraged to use their own interests and strengths. Support in the classroom is effective and pupils spoke about this very positively, "they help explain things better", another pupil articulated, "I feel confident in the classroom, TA's help me to get through school".



Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026

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 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



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Free Fruit Fridays



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

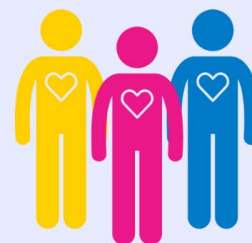
Young Carers Club

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.

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

British Values Word Search Winners

Congratulations to our Year 7 British Values word search' winners.



Harvest Food Collection



We are collecting food/toiletries for the Helping Hands Community Centre Foodbank this Harvest season.

- Any tinned food, cereal and toiletries are accepted but must be unopened and in date.
- Donation points are reception and with your Humanities teachers.



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

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels





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

Dishes for Wednesday 18th October:



Jerk Pork Burger



*Caribbean Vegetable
Curry*



Mango Fruit Cocktail

SPOOKTACULAR FOOD

TO CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN THE DINING
HALL WILL BE SELLING
'FANG-TASTIC' CAKES & BISCUITS
AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME
ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER



ALL CAKES & BISCUITS WILL BE 50P EACH