

Dates for the Diary

Year 7 Settling Event

Monday 29th September 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 5pm-7pm

Upper Academy Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 5pm-7pm

School Holiday

Friday 3rd October 2025

Academic Progress Information Event

Monday 20th October 2025: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Student Value of the Term

BLACK LIVES MATTER

House Points - Week Ending 19th September



21,849
ALI



20,848
SEACOLE



18,457
AUSTEN



17,754
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Building Respect, Resilience, and Responsibility

At The Basildon Lower Academy we are committed to creating a calm, safe, and purposeful learning environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive. To support this, we have developed a clear Behaviour Curriculum which outlines the standards and expectations we ask all students to follow.

The Behaviour Curriculum is not just about rules — it is about teaching and modelling the behaviours that help young people succeed in school and beyond. These include respect for others, self-discipline, resilience, and responsibility. By making these expectations explicit, and by reinforcing them consistently, we ensure that every child understands what positive behaviour looks like and how it benefits their learning and relationships.

We know that young people learn best in an environment where they feel secure and supported. Our approach also considers the social and emotional needs of students, helping them to develop confidence and to make positive choices. Working in partnership with parents, we can give students the best possible foundation for both academic achievement and personal growth.

Year 7 Settling Event - Monday 29th September - 3.30pm-4.30pm

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to our upcoming Year 7 Settling Event—an important after-school session designed to support you and your child as they begin this new stage of their educational journey.



This event will give you the chance to learn more about how we help students settle into Year 7, the expectations we set, and the many opportunities available to them. You'll also hear about key areas of support including careers guidance, safeguarding, SEND, EAL, and more.

Throughout the event, you'll have the opportunity to meet staff, ask questions, and gain a clear understanding of the key dates, processes, and pathways that lie ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you and working together to ensure your child has a confident and successful start to life at The Basildon Lower Academy.

L.Gray - Assistant Headteacher & Respect Champion

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.

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

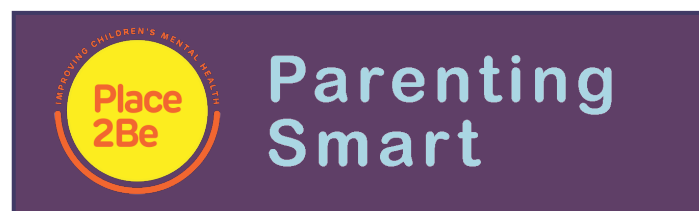
Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link www.escb.co.uk which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns about your own child or another student at the Academies.

www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/safeguarding

Supporting Your Child's 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/>

Free Online Counselling Service

www.kooth.com is a free, confidential, safe and anonymous way for young people, aged 11-18, 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).



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

Online Safety Hub: Navigating the Need for Parental Controls

In the digital age, children have easy access to technology, and it's essential for parents to ensure their online experiences are safe, positive, and age-appropriate. Staying informed and using the right tools can make a big difference in protecting children online. [Click here](#) to access helpful information regarding parental controls.

The Online Safety Hub is an online resource with lots of expert advice and guidance to help find out how to keep our young people safe online. You can access it for free here: [Online Safety Hub - The Basildon Academies](#)



New Essex Sexual Health Service Webpages Dedicated to Secondary Parents & Carers

The Essex Sexual Health Service has a website dedicated to parents and carers. Parents can find a wealth of resources, including FAQs, insights into RSE, and advice on how to have those important conversations.

www.essexsexualhealthservice.org.uk/parents-and-carers/



Lower Academy Achieves Prestigious Eco-Schools Award with Distinction

Students at The Basildon Lower Academy have once again been recognised for their commitment to sustainability, achieving the internationally respected Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction. This marks a significant step forward, as the academy previously held the award with merit. The accolade also places the school among the very best in the county, making it only the second school in Essex to reach this standard.

Our students worked tirelessly across a wide range of environmental themes, including water, school grounds, and waste. Their efforts have brought lasting improvements to the academy's environment, from maintaining the allotment and orchard to developing a thriving wildflower area and a new sensory garden. These projects not only enhance the school grounds but also create opportunities for students to learn, reflect, and connect with nature.

The award is a testament to the students' dedication, teamwork, and passion for protecting the environment. Their achievements highlight how young people can make a meaningful difference in their community and continue to build on their success for years to come.



Year 7 Road Safety Event

Last week, the Basildon Lower Academy launched its first safeguarding event of the new school year with a powerful focus on road safety. Visiting theatre company Riot Act delivered a thought-provoking performance that highlighted the risks of careless behaviour and the impact of peer pressure on decision-making.

The play explored how even a single moment of distraction or a poor choice can have dangerous consequences; such as following friends across the road without checking for traffic. Themes of responsibility, prevention, and the importance of making safe decisions were central to the performance.

Following the play, students took part in a workshop and Q&A session with the visitors. They discussed the key messages, including the dangers of distractions like phones and headphones, the risks posed by quiet electric vehicles, and the legal issues around privately owned e-scooters.

Practical safety tips were also reinforced, such as wearing bright or reflective clothing to be seen, taking extra time to think before crossing, and resisting peer pressure when it comes to road safety.

"The play was really interesting, but also sad." Hunter.O

"It was great because it taught me never to go straight back into the road if I drop something." Jayden.C



Supporting Every Step: Student Services Launched

At the Basildon Lower Academy, pastoral support is at the heart of everything we do. We understand how important this stage of a young person's life is, and our experienced pastoral team is here every step of the way.

We are excited to launch our new Student Services area in which students and families can work with the school in ensuring that our students are prepared and ready to learn. Whether it's help with missing uniform or equipment, tackling any issues, or simply someone to talk to — we're here to listen, guide, and support. No problem is too big or too small.

Our student services area is located within the PE block and open before and after school as well as during break and lunchtimes. Our dedicated team works hard to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to thrive.



Lower Academy Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025: 5pm - 7pm

The Basildon Lower Academy will be welcoming students, parents and carers who will be transitioning to secondary education in September 2026. There will be an opportunity for visitors to tour the schools facilities, speak to key members of staff and meet our Headteacher, Ms Rees.

A complimentary minibus will be available for any of our visitors wishing to visit our Upper Academy.



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.

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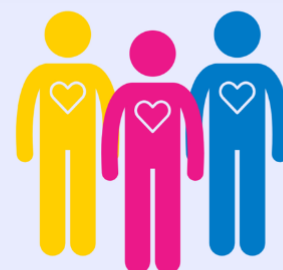
Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

3:15pm-5pm

Venue:

Ground Floor Green Block
Opposite the Drama Room



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

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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



On **Friday 26th September** the Basildon Academies will be taking part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

During breaktime a selection of cakes & biscuits will be available for students & staff to purchase in the Dining Hall. Each cake or biscuit will be 50p each, with all proceeds going to the cancer support charity.

Purchases will be made through ParentPay in the normal way.

Healthy

NATIONAL VEGETARIAN WEEK
Monday 1st – Friday 7th October

Nutritious

**To celebrate Vegetarian Week all
vegetarian main meals will be £1**



Important Notice: Smoke and Vape-Free Policy

The Basildon Academies is a smoke and vape free organisation. This prohibits the use of all tobacco products and e-cigarettes on, or in, any Basildon Academy property. This is in place to protect staff, students, and visitors from the effects of second-hand smoke in its buildings and grounds.

Please be reminded that parents and visitors are not permitted to use any smoking products on the grounds of the academies, this includes in our carparks.



**NO SMOKING
NO VAPING**

BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

22nd – 26th September 2025

Monday:	Fortitude (noun) <i>fortezza</i> in Italian – courage in pain or adversity. <i>He showed remarkable fortitude in the face of criticism.</i>	
Tuesday:	Scrupulous (adjective) 慎重な in Japanese – diligent, thorough, and extremely attentive to detail. <i>Her scrupulous research made the essay authoritative.</i>	
Wednesday:	Camaraderie (noun) 동지애(명사) – mutual trust and friendship among people. <i>There was a strong camaraderie among the debate team.</i>	
Thursday:	Astounding (adjective) pārsteidzošs in Latvian – surprisingly impressive or notable. <i>The actor's astounding performance won critical acclaim.</i>	
Friday:	Polyglot (noun) <i>poliglota</i> in Portuguese – a person who knows and is able to use several languages. <i>The polyglot switched effortlessly between French and German.</i>	

Job of the Week: Accountant

What does an Accountant do?

Accountants take charge of the following:

- Oversee the ongoing maintenance of accounts
- Ensure payroll is accurate and records are maintained
- Support management in the accurate production of budgets
- Ensure cashflow is utilised properly and protect reserves
- Audit financial information for inconsistencies
- Provide tax planning strategies in accordance with existing legislation
- Create financial forecasts and analyse risk

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 385,074
- Essex jobs: 11,328
- Growth: +17% 436,252 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

A Level 3 qualification that evidences your numeracy skills, such as A-levels in economics and mathematics, might be advantageous.

Many accountants also hold a degree. However, this is not essential, and it doesn't necessarily have to be a degree in accounting. You could, for example, study a degree in business and management.

To become an accountant, you must complete training with one of the professional accountancy bodies:

AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians)
ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)
ICAEW (Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£49,244

There is a wide ranging and rich extra-curricular programme which runs before and after school. This is ever evolving to meet the wishes of pupils and the interests and passions of staff. Students report there is something for everyone!



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



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

Did you know? **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

MISSING **1 DAY A WEEK**



LOSING **ONE YEAR OF SCHOOL LIFE.**

Good attendance means:

Being in school at least **97%** of the time, that's at least **184 days** a year.

Target 97%+



175

days are **NOT** spent in school each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping, holidays & appointments.

190

Days of education

184

Days of education

171

Days of education

162

Days of education

152

Days of education

143

Days of education

75%

47 days absent

80%

38 days absent

85%

28 days absent

90%

19 days absent

97%

6 days absent

100%

0 days absent

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

Very poor attendance has a serious impact & reduces life chances.

VERY CONCERNED

Poor attendance gives less chance of success.

WELL DONE

Good attendance gives the best chance of success.



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

Visit www.send.essex.gov.uk for more information and to sign up to our newsletter

