

## Afterschool Teatime Club - Years 7 & 8

Following the launch of the afterschool teatime club, we are pleased to announce that the bookings process has been moved to ParentPay. Each week, you will be able to log into your ParentPay account and book the days you require your child to access the club for the following week.

Spaces are limited and the club will only be able to accommodate students who are pre-booked. This allows us to staff accordingly, and to provide enough hot meals for each student.

Booking for each week is required before midnight Thursday.

If you wish to utilise this club for the week ahead, please log into your ParentPay account and follow the steps listed below.

1. Log into [ParentPay](#)
2. Click on 'pay for other items'
3. Click 'view' next to the Teatime Club payment item (this is a free club, no payment is actually required)
4. Tick the consent box and click on 'Book Meals and Places'
5. Select the drop down 'After School' and the date of the week you wish to book for
6. Scroll down the page and click on 'Book a session' for each date you wish to book and it will turn green. You will need to scroll right to reveal the whole week
7. Scroll down and click 'Confirm bookings'
8. Your bookings have been confirmed

If you need to cancel a session please go back to step 6 and click on 'clear day' on the dates that you wish to cancel and save your changes.



## Dates for the Diary

**LGBT+ History Month**  
February 2023

**Year 7 & 8 Progress Review Virtual Event**  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - 3:30-6:30pm

**Children's Mental Health Week**  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Safer Internet Day**  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Half Term**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**Fairtrade Fortnight**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Student Value of the Term

**KINDNESS IS  
EVERYTHING**

## House Points - Week Ending 27<sup>th</sup> January



19,482  
AUSTEN



19,467  
ALI



19,094  
HAWKING



17,502  
SEACOLE

Leaders invest a great deal of time and resource into supporting students with transitions (into the academies at Year 6 to Year 7, between sites Year 9 to Year 10 and when they leave) ensuring those most vulnerable feel supported during and after these key periods of change.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025

## Important Announcement Regarding Social Media

Following the Basildon Academies Trust move to separate The Upper and Lower Academy websites, we are delighted to announce our new social media platforms for the Lower Academy.



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/basildonloweracademy/](https://www.facebook.com/basildonloweracademy/)



Instagram: [www.instagram.com/the\\_basildon\\_lower\\_academy/](https://www.instagram.com/the_basildon_lower_academy/)



Twitter: [https://twitter.com/Basildon\\_LA](https://twitter.com/Basildon_LA)

This change has been made to further enhance communication and visibility for all stakeholders. Please note our existing Basildon Academies Facebook, Instagram and Twitter platforms will cease to operate 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

## 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.

## 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



## 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.



## Lower Academy sports clubs timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm Archery (sign up required) Year 7 Football Boys Girls Football (all years) Trampolining (all years)	Before School: 7.30 - 8.15am Trampolining (all years)  After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm Boys Basketball (all years)	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm Badminton (all years)	After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm Netball (all years) Year 8 and 9 Football

## Cost of Living Information

The Cost of Living Parent Factsheet recently sent to our parents & carers is available to download on our website:

[www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/cost-of-living-information](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/cost-of-living-information)

The factsheet details information of what support is available to help parents/carers & their families get through the cost-of-living crisis.

## Year 9 Options Process & Transition to the Upper Academy

Over the course of term 1, Year 9 have been working hard beginning their first foundation GCSE content whilst getting ready for the options selection process. The information below is intended to provide an overview timeline of the activities which students will engage in to support their transition to the Upper Academy.

February 2023	Options Information Sessions delivered by subject teachers during lessons
March 2023	Options Selection
May 2023	Parent/Student 1:1 Meetings
June & July 2023	Year 9 End of Year Assessments
w/c 10th July 2023	Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy - Options Tasters

The Government has an ambition for all students to complete the English Baccalaureate (EBacc) as research shows that this suite of subjects provides support for English & Maths achievement, creates greater opportunities post-18 and supports routes into higher education. Year 9 students will be selecting a Humanities subject and 2 further options to complement their compulsory suite of English Language, English Literature, Maths, Combined Science, French, Core PE, PSHE & Enrichment.

Please do continue to encourage students to complete tasks at home using online platforms on a regular basis. Our remote learning team continue to provide support via [remoteteaching@basildonacademies.org.uk](mailto:remoteteaching@basildonacademies.org.uk) Please do not hesitate to contact them if you need any advice, guidance or support in accessing out of hours learning.

We will be in touch in the coming months regarding the Options Selection process, which will include an opportunity for you to meet with a member of the leadership team 1:1 to discuss your child's options selection and link to post-18 ambitions.

## Multiply in Essex

As you may be aware, this month a new campaign has been launched to promote [Multiply in Essex](http://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/multiply/). This is a programme managed by the DfE to increase adult numeracy skills, providing learning opportunities for adults aged 19+ who do not already have a GCSE at grade C (or equivalent) in maths. The programme will offer free and flexible courses, which can be used in everyday life, such as managing finances, helping children with their schoolwork, accessing employment and progressing at work.

If you are a Parent or carer and wish to find out more and sign up to a course, please visit [www.essexopportunities.co.uk/multiply/](http://www.essexopportunities.co.uk/multiply/)



## 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).

## 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)

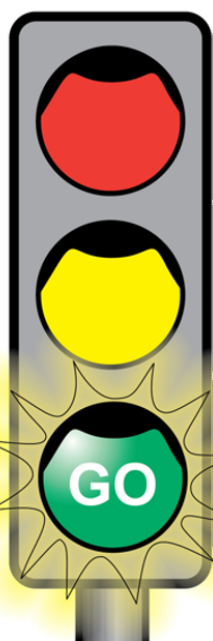
## Attendance Expectations

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!*



**89% & below**

*Drastic effect on academic achievement*

**95-99%**

*Less chance of success. Harder to make progress*

**100-96%**

*Good chance of success and progress*

### 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:





## Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Reggie A
English Scholar of the Week	Mia G
Musician of the Week	Maison M
Historian of the Week	Greta D
Geography Genius of the Week	Kaci
RE Expert of the Week	Declan P
Chef of the Week	Lily S
French Linguist of the Week	Lolita L
Artist of the Week	Scarlett F
Engineer of the Week	Roberta C
RSHE Champion of the week	Lolita L

## Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Hayden Askew
Scientist of the Week	Morgan Adedotun
Historian of the Week	Albie Davidson
Geography Genius of the Week	Hayden Askew
RE Expert of the Week	Sienna Johnson
Chef of the Week	Imani-Rae Nunes
French Linguist of the Week	Porcha Pollard
Artist of the Week	Freddy Thompson
Performer of the Week	Sienna Johnson
Engineer of the Week	Lennon Bacon
RSHE Champion of the Week	Elena-Alexandra VLADU

## Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Elizabeth B
English Scholar of the Week	Connie R
Sporting Legend of the Week	Elizabeth B
Historian of the Week	Harry R
Geography Genius of the Week	Heer B
Chef of the Week	Diamond A
Artist of the Week	Terrani G
Computer Scientist of the Week	Kegan C

**Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels**



# NATIONAL CROISSANT DAY

JANUARY 30TH ◀

To celebrate National Croissant Day a **free** plain croissant with jam is available during breakfast time on Monday 30th January

The Dining Hall will be serving the following items at Break time for 50p each;  
Plain Croissant  
Pain au Chocolat  
Savoury Croissant (Ham or Cheese)

## Free school lunch for all students

We are delighted to announce that a free lunch will be available to all students every Monday & Friday between now & February Half Term 2023

A free school lunch is a hot meal or sandwich/baguette/roll and a dessert

Aspire - Believe - Achieve