

## 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](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)

## Dates for the Diary

### UK Disability History Month

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

### Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Winter Wonderland Christmas Concert

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - 3:30-5pm

### Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022 - *Students finish at 12:30pm*

### First Day of Spring Term

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Student Value of the Term

# NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

## House Points - Week Ending 18<sup>th</sup> November



12,120  
ALI



11,830  
AUSTEN



11,292  
HAWKING



10,708  
SEACOLE

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Assessment Point Dates

- Year 8 – w/c 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Year 9 – w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Lower Academy Extra-Curricular Clubs

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

There has been a heavy emphasis on the training and development of staff to support them in supporting students. Examples of this include extensive whole staff training in Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) and ensuring all key pastoral staff are mental health first aid trained to enable them to triage student need effectively.



Wellbeing Award  
for Schools

2022-2025

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



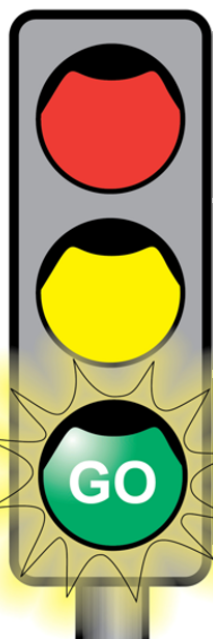
## Attendance Expectations

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*

**95-90%**

*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:

[www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance](http://www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/attendance)



**unicef**  
UNITED KINGDOM

GOLD - RIGHTS RESPECTING

All students and adults spoken with demonstrated a good understanding of children's rights and are clear about the key characteristics underpinning rights such as universality and indivisibility. They explained that rights can't be taken away and you don't have to earn them, "Knowing your rights means that if any of your rights are violated, you are in a position to do something about it." explained one student.

*Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022*

## Aspire - Believe - Achieve

## Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Alfie G
English Scholar of the Week	Ellie-Mae R
Super Scientist of the Week	Scott C
Sporting Legend of the Week	Dobri D
Historian of the Week	Callum M
Geography Genius of the Week	Milly W
RE expert of the Week	Aiden D
Chef of the Week	David C
French Linguist of the Week	Hallie L
Engineer of the Week	Olivia G

## Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Mercy O
English Scholar of the Week	Yusuf M
Scientist of the Week	Freddy T
Sporting Legend of the Week	Imani R
Historian of the Week	Kayla R
Geography Genius of the Week	Tyler M
RE Expert of the Week	May G
Chef of the Week	Chloe P
French Linguist of the Week	Rebecca B
Artist of the Week	Ria J
Performer of the Week	Loredana C
Computer Scientist of the Week	Milan N
Engineer of the Week	Daniel E & Albie X
RSHE Champion of the Week	Olivia U

## Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Ayesha I
English Scholar of the Week	Billy H
Scientist of the Week	McKenzie M
Sporting legend of the Week	Ieva P
Historian of the Week	Charlie C
Geography Genius of the Week	Riley P
RE expert of the Week	Ana S
Chef of the Week	Oliver N
French Linguist of the Week	Moukhamed D
Artist of the Week	McKenzie M
Computer Scientist of the Week	Olorunjuwonlo A
RSHE Champion of the Week	Matas R





# Christmas Dinner

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Main Meal

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets  
or  
Quorn Roast

Served with: Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas,  
Brussel Sprouts, Yorkshire Puddings,  
Stuffing & Gravy

### Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding  
Mincemeat Slice  
Chocolate Crackle Pudding  
Meringue Snowmen  
Trifle

Christmas Dinner comes with fresh  
fruit juice & a Christmas Cracker


Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students



# English Breakfast Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



To celebrate English Breakfast Day  
the Dining Hall will be serving  
All Day Breakfasts as the  
**free lunch main meal option**  
on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December



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

Vegetarian option