

Dates for the Diary

Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 9th - Friday 13th December 2024

Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre

Monday 16th December 2024 - 3:30pm-5pm

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Year 7 - Tuesday 17th December 2024

Year 8 - Wednesday 18th December 2024

Year 9 - Thursday 19th December 2024

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 20th December 2024

First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January 2025

Student Value of the Term

**NO HUMAN
IS ILLEGAL**

House Points - Week Ending 29th November



34,921
ALI



32,189
SEACOLE



29,076
AUSTEN



24,883
HAWKING

Leadership Message

Inclusive education is at the heart of our academy ethos. We take pride in this commitment and firmly believe in providing every possible opportunity to help all children reach their full potential. Our staff actively create pathways to ensure that every student, regardless of vulnerability, disadvantage, or circumstance, can achieve success, participate fully, and progress within our school.

I see this positive engagement every day and am proud of our students that have recently enrolled in an intervention scheme called 'Validate It'.

Validate It really supports our inclusive ethos and student wellbeing. It creates a safe space for our young people to reflect on their relationships with their own bodies. The 7 week project validates bodies in all their different forms and prompts participants to celebrate all the things their bodies can do and feel. The scheme has also offered the opportunity for a gallery walk where the students were able to engage with a range of diverse role models and their journey to body acceptance.

SEND Department Coffee Afternoons

Also, I would like to remind you of the opportunity for our parents/carers 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.

Assessment Point 1

With our Key Stage 3 exam series approaching I would like to share the following online links to support revision at home:

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/ks3>

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

We wish all of our learners success in their assessments.

T.Smith - Assistant Headteacher

The schools approaches to SEND provision and managing behaviour have been adapted to be consistent with the underlying principles of supporting wellbeing first. This is reflected in the schools' policies and the practice seen across both sites.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

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

Free Online Counselling Service

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).



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Online Safety Hub Recommended Resource of the Week: Review of Social Media Platform TikTok

TikTok is a social media app where users can create, share, and view short videos. TikTok hosts all kinds of content and whilst parents are generally familiar with the viral dances and lip syncing challenges, they may be unaware that inappropriate content is rife. [Click here](#) to access information and support relating to the social media platform TikTok.

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](#)



English Breakfast Day Friday 6th December

To celebrate English Breakfast Day
the Dining Hall will be serving
All Day Breakfasts as the main meal
option on Friday 6th December



Vegetarian option

A Night to Remember: Students Experience Disney's The Lion King

Lower Academy students recently enjoyed a truly magical evening at the Lyceum Theatre in London, where they watched Disney's award-winning musical *The Lion King*. With spectacular costumes, breathtaking shadow puppetry, and unforgettable songs, the production left a lasting impression on everyone in attendance.

Here's what some of our students had to say about the experience:

"I absolutely loved it. I had goosebumps throughout the whole show that just wouldn't go away!" Kaci.C – Year 9

"I've watched the film 100 times, but the show was even better!" Mason.S – Year 8

"I loved it, but I just can't pick a favourite part. Young Nala and Simba were so cute!" Phoebe.A – Year 7

"I liked how they represented the animals, and it was choreographed perfectly." Safia.M – Year 8

"It was a very eventful story, with a roller coaster of emotions throughout the show." Micah.P – Year 8



Year 7 Explore the Life and Works of Charles Dickens

Year 7 students recently enjoyed a visit to the Charles Dickens Museum in London, the very house where the renowned author lived for two years and wrote the iconic novel *Oliver Twist*, which the students are currently studying.

The impressive five-story house, preserved to reflect the Victorian era, offered a captivating glimpse into the world of Charles Dickens. During the guided tour, students explored the rooms and learned about the history of the home, as well as the lives of Dickens and his family. They also had the opportunity to view a remarkable collection of artefacts, including first editions of his works, original manuscripts, and personal items owned by Dickens.

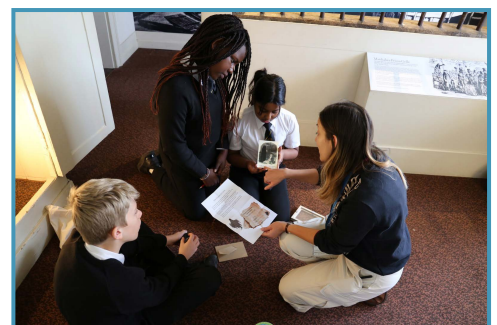
Adding an interactive twist to their visit, students worked in groups to take part in an escape room challenge inspired by *A Christmas Carol*, where they had to "unlock the hearts" of Ebenezer Scrooge and Jacob Marley. The activity was a fun and engaging way to bring Dickens' characters to life while encouraging teamwork and creativity.

"The trip was fun. I learned a lot about Charles Dickens and his family. I loved it!" Joey.H

"The museum was amazing! The first thing we did was the escape room, and let me tell you, it was challenging, but fun. We were given clues on how to solve the mystery of unlocking Scrooge's heart." Saffa.B

"I had the best time learning all about Charles Dickens. I still can't believe he had 10 children, jaw-dropping! We even saw his wife's personal room, where she would draw, write, and sew. Overall, the visit was awesome! Emily.C

"Year 7 students engaged enthusiastically with the activities, impressing the director of the museum, who praised their strong reading skills, especially as they were the youngest group the museum had hosted! Mr S.Ricks - Key Stage 3 English Leader



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

2nd – 6th December 2024

Monday: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Abolition (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The action or an act of abolishing a system, practice, or institution, especially slavery. <i>Example:</i> The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery highlights the importance of continuing the fight for abolition.
Tuesday: International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Accessibility (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The quality of being easily reached, entered, or used by people with disabilities. <i>Example:</i> Improving accessibility is crucial for ensuring that public spaces are usable by everyone on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
Wednesday:	Inclusion (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The action or state of including or of being included within a group or structure. <i>Example:</i> The focus of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities is on promoting inclusion and equal opportunities.
Thursday: International Volunteer Day	Philanthropy (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> The desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the donation of money to good causes. <i>Example:</i> International Volunteer Day is an occasion to recognize the role of philanthropy in community service.
Friday: St. Nicholas Day	Patron (Noun) <i>Definition:</i> A person who gives financial or other support to a person, organization, cause, or activity. <i>Example:</i> St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, and his day is celebrated with various charitable activities.

Job of the Week: Veterinary Nurse

What does a Veterinary Nurse do?

- speaking to animal owners to find out the problem
- taking blood and urine samples from animals
- taking x-rays
- preparing animals for treatment and assisting vets during treatment
- giving injections, medication, and removing stitches
- taking care of in-patient animals
- supervising and helping to train other assistants
- updating records

Labour Market Information

- 586 jobs in the local area of Essex
- National jobs 597,000
- Growth +92.3% in East of England, an increase of 48,143 jobs

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

- complete high school or secondary school-level qualifications (in some countries, like the US, this must include a science subject and/or biology)
- study a Level 3, foundation degree, or degree level qualification in veterinary nursing
- complete work experience in an animal setting, like a veterinary practice, kennels, or animal welfare centre
- be registered with an accredited veterinary organisation in your country, like the RCVS (UK) or EAEVE (Europe), which can include taking an exam (in the US)

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£24,370

Leaders make highly effective use of a wide range of data to identify issues, track improvements and guide decision making both on individual pupils and collectively. Recently this played a part in identifying that uniform infringements were linked to the cost of living crisis and led to changes in the school's uniform.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



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.
- 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.

Target
97%+

Good attendance means:

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

175
days are **NOT**
spent in school
each year.*

* Plenty of time for shopping,
holidays & appointments.



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.



Christmas Dinner

Year 7 - Tuesday 17th December

Year 8 - Wednesday 18th December

Year 9 - Thursday 19th December

Main Meal Options

Roast Turkey & Pigs in Blankets
Vegan Wellington

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

Dessert Options

Christmas Pudding
Mince Pies
Chocolate Yule Log
Mini Blackforest Gateau
Jelly

Christmas Dinner comes with
Fruit Juice & a Christmas Cracker

Christmas Dinner is free to all of our students

 Essex ACTIVAte

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org



@EssexActivAte



Turn this flyer over
to read more on how
to book a space!

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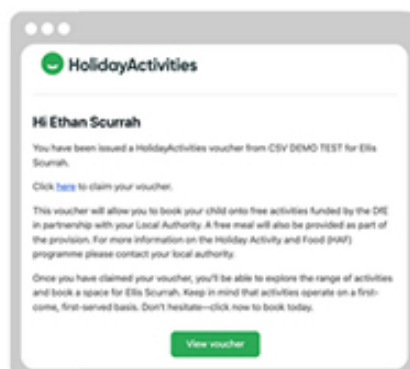
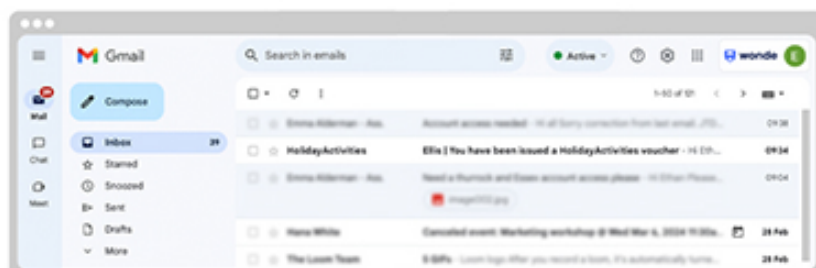


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

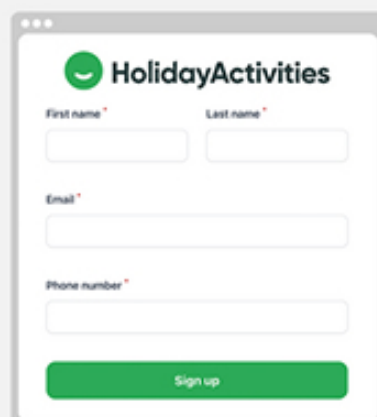
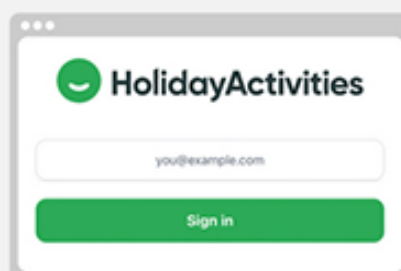
Step 1 – Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



Step 2 – Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 – Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.

