

Dates for the Diary

Staff Inset - Non Student Day

Friday 31st March 2023

Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April 2023

First Day of Summer Term

Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2023

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

Beatboxing & Singing Workshop

The Lower Academy recently welcomed renowned musician Randolph Matthews, who delivered a fun and engaging beatbox & singing workshop to a group of our Year 7 students.

Randolph, who has appeared on ITV's 'Britain's Got Talent' and worked with artists such as Ed Sheeran and Will.I.Am, engaged our students with his positive energy and outstanding vocal talent. During the workshop, students learned vocal beatboxing techniques and had the opportunity to perform to one another.



After a fun warm up, Randolph had all students participating within seconds, creating lots of fun and energy in the room. Students learnt a song together, taking turns to perform on the microphone. Towards the end of the workshop, students had the opportunity to ask Randolph questions during a Q&A session.

"It was a great experience, and I was amazed with what Randolph could do with his voice. It was great how everybody wanted to get involved and everyone had a chance to perform. We all had a lot of fun." Gracie-Mae.M

"It was a fun and entertaining experience. I loved how Randolph could create songs from beatboxing." Daniel.E

"The experience was amazing. It was really generous of Randolph to come to our school and spend time with us. I was amazed how he could make every day sounds, like birds singing. I hadn't tried beatboxing before and I found it a lot of fun." Maira.S



GOLD - RIGHTS RESPECTING

Young people show agency in accessing their right to learn. They discussed that teachers involve them in their learning in a range of ways and that peer support is important to their learning. One group described a structured system for seeking help: Book – Board – Friend – Teacher.

Unicef RRSA Accreditation Report Gold: Rights Aware - July 2022

House Points - Week Ending 24th March



24,473
HAWKING



24,418
AUSTEN



24,302
ALI



22,259
SEACOLE

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.

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 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).

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



Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Uniform Exchange Scheme

If you have uniform that your child has outgrown, please bring it in and see if there is something in the exchange shop that has been donated that you can simply swap your item for. We are still gratefully receiving donations of blazers, shirts, trousers and PE kits that are in pre-loved condition and these can be donated via the reception office on either site.

Please remember, the Uniform Exchange shop is located at the Lower Academy, is open from 8am – 3:30pm Monday – Friday and is accessible via the school office.

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

Wellbeing Centre

The Lower Academy Wellbeing Centre offers support for our students in times of need. Dealing with your own issues such as anxiety, mental health, wellbeing, self-regulation, and bereavement can be a barrier to success. Our Wellbeing Centre aims to ensure you are not alone.

The Lower Academy Wellbeing Centre is a safety net for students who are not currently able to engage with lessons fully, and offers short and long-term interventions that are flexible for all.



If you have any concerns regarding your child's mental health please submit your information via the [Contact Us](#) page on the Basildon Lower Academy website, making sure to select the 'Wellbeing Centre' option.

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.

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

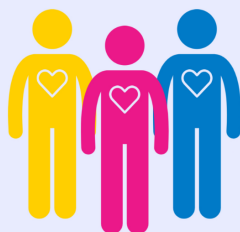
The schools support for mental health and wellbeing is well led and the school have invested significantly in training and additional staff within their wellbeing centres and wider pastoral teams over recent years to build capacity and expand what they can offer.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

Young Carers Club



Thursdays

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.

Easter Treats

ON THURSDAY 30TH MARCH THE DINING HALL
WILL BE SERVING A SELECTION OF EASTER THEMED
CAKES & BISCUITS AT BREAK & LUNCHTIME.



Each item will be 50p.

Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Max B
Super Scientist of the Week	Riley D
Sporting Legend of the Week	Luke H
Chef of the Week	Vinnie R
Artist of the Week	Sophia D
Engineer of the Week	Tommy D
Computer Scientist of the Week	Cerys L

Year 8 Students of the Week

English Scholar of the Week	Hannah S
Scientist of the Week	Lilly Y
Sporting Legend of the Week	Scarlett B
Historian of the Week	Isabelle P
Geography Genius of the Week	Diamond P.H
Chef of the Week	Chloe P
Artist of the Week	Andreea B
Performer of the Week	Levi M
Computer Scientist of the Week	Nathan A
Engineer of the Week	Lillie B

Year 9 Students of the Week

English Scholar of the Week	Ruby G
Scientist of the Week	Shaun H
Sporting Legend of the Week	Leah F
Historian of the Week	Jake W
Geography Genius of the Week	Atlanta C
Artist of the Week	Gracie W.S
Computer Scientist of the Week	Denis B

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