

## Dates for the Diary

**Beginning of Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Sports Presentation Event**  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - 4pm-5.30pm

**Cultural Fayre**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - 3.30-5pm

**Summer Celebration Presentation Event**  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - 4pm-5pm

**Last Day of Summer Term**  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025 - Students finish at 12:30pm

## Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

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



98,337  
SEACOLE



95,151  
ALI



82,261  
AUSTEN



74,603  
HAWKING

## Leadership Message

Dear Year 9 Students and Families,

As transition is fast approaching, I wanted to take the chance to remind you of how well you have done over this past year. You have shown excellent resilience, determination and perseverance to get to where you are and put the plans in place to shape your future.

As you prepare to transition to the Upper Academy and become Year 10's, just remember to stay focused on what you set out to achieve, both academically and personally. My role as your Head of Year has been to prepare you for this moment, and I know for sure you are all ready for this next chapter.

So, ensure you thrive, ensure you succeed, but most of all, ensure you have lots of fun! Congratulations Year 9, and good luck in Year 10.



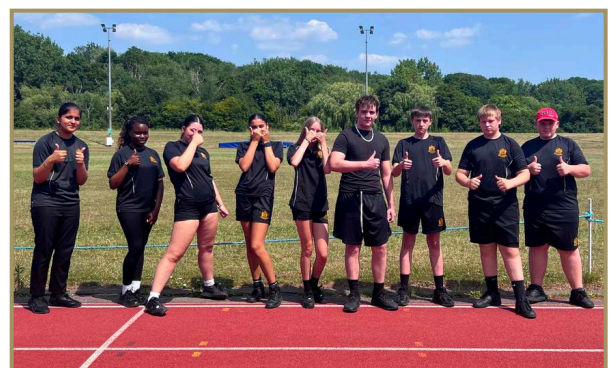
R.Early  
Year 9 Leader

## Fantastic Effort at Districts

Recently, our full team of Lower Academy students took part in the District Track & Field Championships, and they didn't disappoint! Every student gave it their all, with many stepping outside their comfort zones to compete with courage, determination, and a fantastic attitude.

Some students even went the extra mile, attending every training session and putting in additional hours at Basildon Sporting Village. The team spirit and commitment on show were outstanding, and we couldn't be prouder of how they represented the school.

A huge well done to the whole team – you were amazing!



## 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

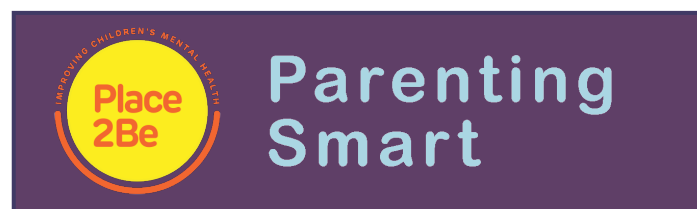
Safeguarding our students is at the forefront of everything we do. Parents and carers can access information via the following link [www.escb.co.uk](http://www.escb.co.uk) which offers guidance and signposts to resources on various safeguarding issues. Please contact our safeguarding officers if you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

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

## 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](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).



## 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. [Click here](#) to access information regarding online 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](#)



The range of opportunities for parents to be involved and/or get involved is constantly growing and at all levels the school are actively seeking to develop the opportunities they provide for families to be involved in the life of the school.



Leading Parent  
Partnership Award

2023-2026

## Preparing for Year 10: Transition Weeks at the Upper Academy

We're excited to support your child as they prepare to move from Year 9 at the Lower Academy to Year 10 at the Upper Academy this July. To help with this important transition, students will take part in a structured two-week programme from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Highlights include:

- Taster lessons at the Upper Academy every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Subject-specific drop-down days and normal lessons at the Lower Academy on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, designed to support a smooth transition into Year 10.
- Free lunches provided on Upper Academy days.
- A chance to meet key staff, explore option subjects, and take part in assemblies and activities.
- A BLA leavers' assembly and shirt-signing and assembly at the end of the fortnight.

Please click the link below to read the full letter and key information: [Year 9 Transition Letter](#)



## Year 9 Transition Weeks Timetable

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Date	Location	Information
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower Academy	Normal lessons & drop-down curriculum days
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper Academy	Taster lessons – Arrive 8:30am, <b>Free lunch provided, PE kit needed</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower Academy	Normal lessons & drop-down curriculum days
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper Academy	Taster lessons – <b>Free lunch provided, PE kit needed</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower Academy	Enrichment & curriculum support
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower Academy	Drop-down curriculum day
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper Academy	Taster lessons – <b>Free lunch provided, PE kit needed</b>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower Academy	Normal lessons & enrichment
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Upper Academy	Final taster lessons – <b>Free lunch provided, PE kit needed</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower Academy	Leavers' assembly & shirt-signing celebration

### Reminders for All Days:

- **Uniform:** Full, correct uniform must be worn each day at both sites.
- **PE Kit:** Bring your kit on **Upper Academy days (Tuesdays & Thursdays)**.
- **Lunch:** A free lunch will be provided on days at the Upper Academy.
- **Start time (Upper Academy):** 8:30am | **Finish:** 3:00pm.

## Transfer Register consent form

Please ensure you have completed the Transfer Register consent form that has been communicated to you. If you do not sign the form, your child may not be offered a place at the Upper Academy. The form can be found here: <https://www.basildonacademies.org.uk/yr9transfer>

## Celebrating Our Passion for Reading Champions

Recently, students from all three year groups at the Lower Academy were nominated for their outstanding contribution to reading within their Reading and English lessons.

In recognition of their achievement, each nominated student has been awarded a Passion for Reading Champion certificate – a celebration of their enthusiasm, effort, and progress in reading.

A huge well done to all of our award recipients! Your commitment to reading is an inspiration, and we are incredibly proud of your fantastic efforts.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art</li> </ul>	<b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History</li> <li>STEM</li> <li>Science</li> <li>Art</li> <li>Drama</li> <li>Athletics (Track)</li> </ul>	<b>Before School: 7.30 – 8.15</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball</li> </ul> <b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music</li> </ul> <b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths</li> <li>Science</li> <li>Dance</li> <li>Music</li> <li>Athletics (Jumps/Throws)</li> </ul>	<b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music</li> </ul> <b>After School: 3.30 - 4.30pm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer Club</li> <li>Choir</li> </ul>	<b>Lunchtime:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art</li> </ul>

## 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 jumpers, 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.










# BASILDON ACADEMIES

## WORD OF THE DAY

30<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Achievement

Monday:	<b>Accomplishment (Noun) kubudirira in Shona</b> Definition: Something that has been achieved successfully. Example: Recognition of accomplishments can inspire others to pursue their goals with determination.	
Tuesday:	<b>Proficiency (Noun) thông thạo in Vietnamese</b> Definition: A high degree of competence or skill. Example: Mastering new skills is a sign of proficiency and contributes to overall achievement.	
Wednesday:	<b>Excellence (Noun) доброта in Bulgarian</b> Definition: The quality of being outstanding or extremely good. Example: Striving for excellence is essential for personal and professional achievement.	
Thursday:	<b>Triumph (Noun) triumpe in Estonian</b> Definition: A great victory or success. Example: The team's triumph in the championship was celebrated by the entire community.	
Friday:	<b>Fulfilment (Noun) पूरा गर्ने in Nepali</b> Definition: The achievement of something desired, promised, or predicted. Example: Completing the marathon gave him a sense of fulfilment after months of training.	

## Job of the Week: Beautician

### What does a Beautician do?

Answering calls, greeting clients, and booking appointments  
Checking and ordering supplies  
Providing services and treatments for skin, hair, nails, and body such as facials, hair removal, or manicures  
Doing clients' eyebrows or eyelashes  
Providing hair removal through waxing, laser, or threading  
Consulting and advising clients about different treatment options or make-up looks  
Giving electro-therapy treatments to improve body tone and shape  
Offering UV (ultraviolet) and spray tanning

### Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 245,863
- Essex: 7,471
- Kent: 6,607
- Growth -4.2% 30,919 jobs

### What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need to complete your high school studies.

To become a fully qualified beautician, you will need to enrol on a program at a beauty school or vocational training institute.

### Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:  
£19,026

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

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](http://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.

**143**

Days of education

**75%**

47 days absent

**152**

Days of education

**80%**

38 days absent

**162**

Days of education

**85%**

28 days absent

**171**

Days of education

**90%**

19 days absent

**184**

Days of education

**97%**

6 days absent

**190**

Days of education

**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.