

Dates for the Diary

Parent Forum Meeting

Monday 1st July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Sports Presentation Event

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 - 4pm-5.15pm

Work Celebration Event

Thursday 4th July 2024 - 4pm-6pm

Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Monday 8th July 2024

Summer Celebration Presentation Event

Thursday 11th July 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 28th June



45,541
ALI



43,363
HAWKING



43,110
SEACOLE



37,148
AUSTEN

Leadership Message

It has been a very busy week at the Basildon Lower Academy; We were delighted to welcome over 300 Year 6 students for their transition days. Our Year 7 Student Leaders supported them during their visit, answering questions, and ensuring they had a fun and engaging induction. As well as taking part in challenging activities in Maths, English and Science, the Year 6 students also experienced a variety of practical lessons, including modelling with clay in art, learning the ukulele in Music, baking shortbread with Chef Mason and a very energetic PE session with our PE staff. We are really looking forward to seeing them all again in September.

A group of our Year 8's engaged in a technology workshop during their visit to University of Essex, Colchester Campus. They gained unique insights into university life and worked in teams to produce presentations based on how technology can help solve global issues. Our students produced some wonderful and imaginative ideas, that also incorporated our student values. Well done to you all.

The Basildon Lower Academy is an inclusive school; students across the academy have been learning about the history and importance of pride month, supporting our academy values of love is love and kindness is everything.

There was a day full of reward activities for our dedicated Eco-Committee members, as they celebrated helping the school to achieve the prestigious Woodland Trust's Gold Award.

The general election takes place this week, and last Friday, a group of our students had the fantastic opportunity to hear from 3 local parliamentary candidates who shared their thoughts on the latest political issues.

It is with sadness this week that we learnt about the passing of Sir Jack Petchey. He was a businessman and philanthropist who set up his foundation in 1999 to provide opportunities for young people across London and Essex through sport, science and art. Many of our students over the last 20 years have benefited from awards and grants from the foundation. Our condolences and thoughts are with his family at this time.

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to two celebratory events this week. On Wednesday we will be celebrating sports achievements during our Sports Presentation ceremony and on Thursday we will be hosting a Work Celebration Event.

Finally, good luck to our Year 9 students who will be sitting their AP 2 Assessments this week.

L.Sherman
Headteacher



Academies Celebrates Pool's Grand Reopening with Paralympic Gold Medallist

The Basildon Academies Trust celebrated the grand opening of its newly refurbished Lower Academy swimming pool on June 24th, continuing its commitment to providing top-tier facilities for its students and the local community.

The refurbishment project, which took six months to complete, boasts state-of-the-art facilities and eco-friendly features. The project, undertaken by swimming pool specialists Centurion Leisure and construction company Herronway Ltd, included extensive upgrades to both the pool and the changing areas.



Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony with Paralympian Danny Crates

The highlight of the event was the ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Paralympian Gold Medallist Danny Crates. A fully qualified diving instructor, Crates not only formally opened the pool but also engaged with students in an inspiring talk and Q&A session. His presence added a touch of prestige to the celebration, motivating students and guests with his story of perseverance and success.

"It was a great privilege to officially open the refurbished pool at The Basildon Academies. Sport, recreation, fitness and wellbeing, has always played a significant part in my life. Seeing the pool, which I have to say is more as you would expect to see at a high-end health club rather than a school, will give the students the opportunity to engage in sport and activity, at whatever level works best for them." Danny Crates



Community Engagement and Future Plans

The academy welcomes returning local primary schools and swimming clubs; such as Elite Swimming, who have already praised the new facilities. The upgraded pool promises to provide an exceptional environment for learning, training, and community events.

"The previous facilities were over 50 years old and in need of a huge upgrade. The work undertaken represents a significant capital investment project from our trust. The new state of the art pool and changing facilities will ensure that our current, and future students, along with our local community and clubs, are able to enjoy swimming here for another 50 years. I would like to thank our own Academy Operations Team, along with Centurion Leisure, Academy Estates Consultants and Herronway Ltd, for all their efforts and expertise in completing the project." Gary Smith - CEO, The Basildon Academies Trust.

"We are thrilled with the results of the refurbishment. The new pool offers a warm, inviting atmosphere and is now one of the most impressive facilities in Essex. The feedback from our users has been overwhelmingly positive. The academy should be proud of this remarkable achievement." Alex Stewart, Managing Director of Billericay based Elite Swimming.

Inspirational Talk

Following the opening ceremony of the pool, our special guest Danny Crates gave a motivational speech to a group of our students.

Danny shared his remarkable journey to success, speaking about the commitment required to succeed, how to set personal goals, and most importantly, how to achieve them. Danny engaged with the students in a Q&A session, which gave our students the opportunity to ask questions, and gain further insights into Danny's experiences and strategies for overcoming challenges.



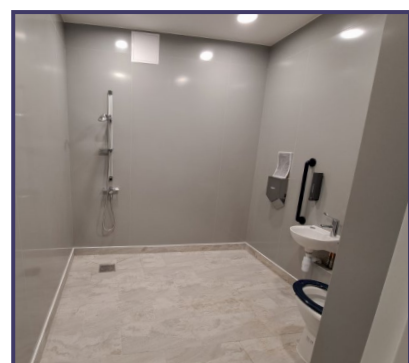
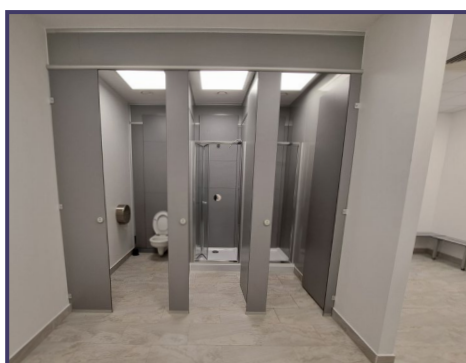
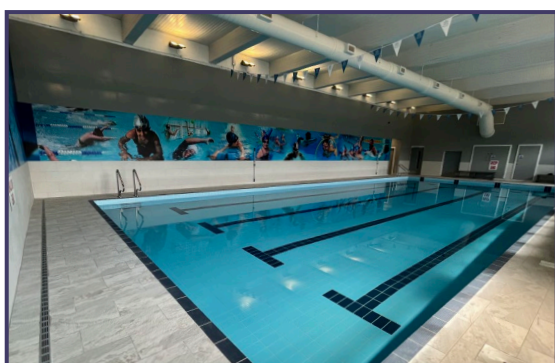
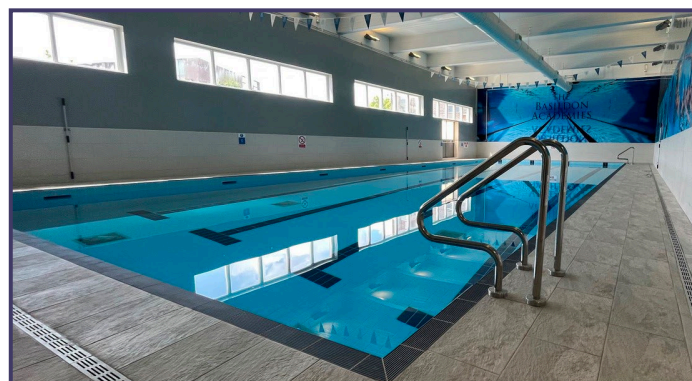
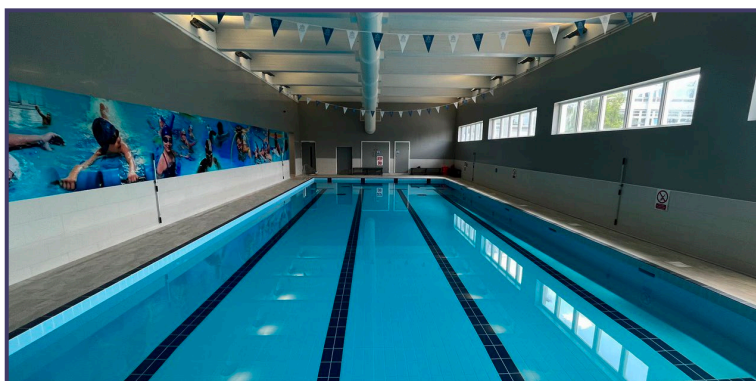
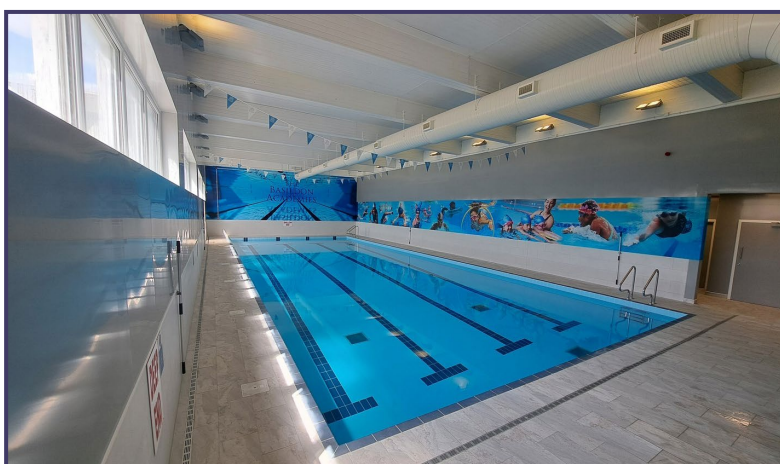
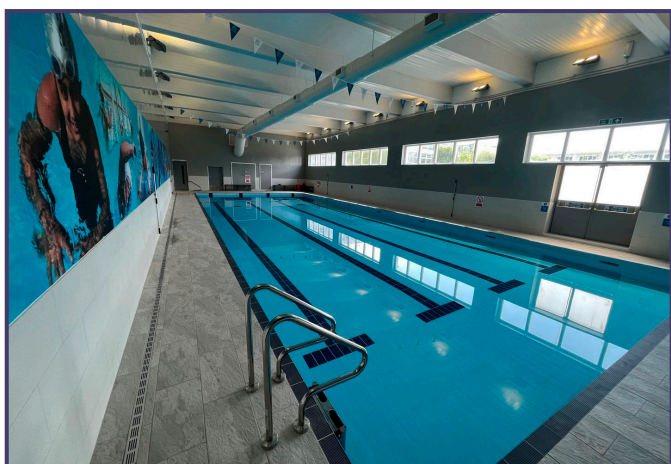
"Danny's speech motivated me because he has taught me to keep going and follow my dream. He is a very spectacular guy."
Elisha.P – Year 8

"Meeting Danny was very inspirational and hearing his story of rising to fame was inspiring and, to see where he is now."
Lee.M – Year 9

"I found it motivational and a great speech about why we should carry on doing what we love and enjoy, even when bad things happen."Tanaya.E – Year 7

"Danny taught me to never give up, even if you go through a lot and to never lose hope and follow your dream." Kabwe.M – Year 7

"It was inspiring to hear how Danny never gave up and pushed forward to reach the goals he set himself, he took part in the sports he loved even though he was different to some people." Audrey.E – Year 7



Year 8 Students Explore Paris: From Historic Landmarks to Disneyland Fun

Year 8 students recently embarked on an exciting residential visit to Paris, where they immersed themselves in the rich culture and history of the French capital. The trip was filled with memorable experiences and educational highlights.

Students had the opportunity to visit the stunning Sacré-Cœur Basilica and enjoyed sightseeing from the Montparnasse Observatory, gaining a unique perspective of Paris's iconic skyline. The adventure was capped off with a fun-filled day at Disneyland, providing a perfect blend of learning and leisure.

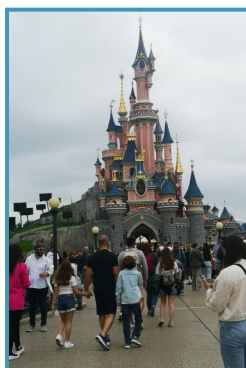
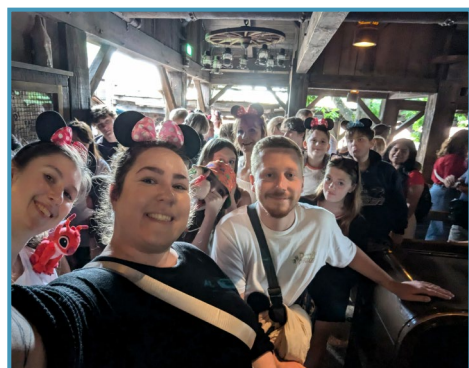
"The view from Montparnasse Tower was breathtaking and seeing the Eiffel Tower in person was unreal." - Nicole.A

"I am extremely proud of how the students on the Paris trip conducted themselves and engaged with the French language and culture. From visiting historically important sites such as Napoleon's Tomb at Les Invalides, to having an amazing day at Disneyland Paris, the students' behaviour was impeccable. It was delightful to see them enjoy the sights, and it was a pleasure to take them all on the trip!" D. Middleton, KS3 Languages Leader



"I can wholeheartedly state that the Paris trip this year is by far one of the best I have been privileged to be a part of during my teaching experience. The students ('Team Paris' as they became known) listened, appreciated, and learned so much; it was a true pleasure to witness them enjoy it all. They were respectful to the public and in awe of the sights in Paris, making comments like 'this is breathtaking' regarding the views from the Montparnasse Observatory. Their excitement in Disneyland was palpable from the moment we got to the entrance, and the joy on their faces was so rewarding to behold."

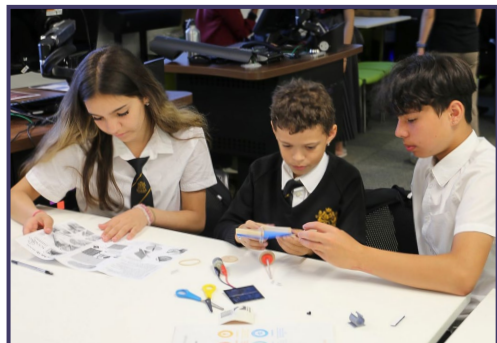
"In the hotel, they made us proud, never deviating from our instructions and advice regarding behaviour and safety. Many were willing to sample some of the unusual cultural food options available to them. Many students grew in confidence in their willingness and ability to speak French and wanted to perfect their pronunciation too. "I want to say a massive thank you to the students involved and their parents for their support in making this trip such a big success!" K.Mallinder, KS3 Head



Exploring University Life: Year 8 Students Visit University of Essex for Skills Workshop

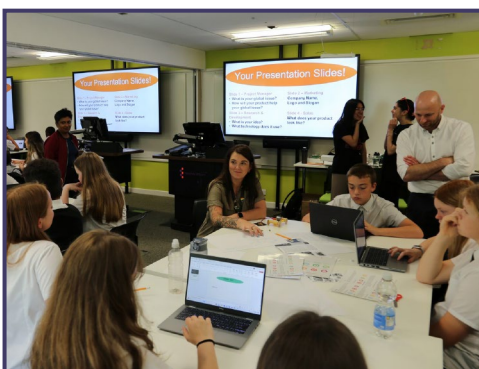
On Wednesday 26th June, 55 Year 8 students visited the University of Essex in Colchester to take part in a workshop titled 'Powering Transformation' ran by The Talent Foundry, in cooperation with Dell Technologies.

Students completed a workshop focussed on their skills development, delivered through the Skills Builder Platform. Students worked in teams to complete different challenges and to build a solar powered car in the morning session.



University of Essex student ambassadors led students on a campus tour to view the outside spaces, accommodation, sports facilities and the library. Students really enjoyed exploring the campus and discovering more about university life. In the afternoon session, the students worked in teams to identify world issues and then used their skills to develop a product using technology to help solve their chosen world issue. They worked well in their teams and showed great courage, confidence, and professionalism when it came to presenting back to the group. There were some great ideas created, including car filters for pollution, watches to promote inclusivity and interactive bins to support littering and recycling. Our learners showed great enthusiasm and represented the school in a remarkable way.

The Lower Academy will be launching the Skills Builder Programme across the school from September, more information to follow on this.

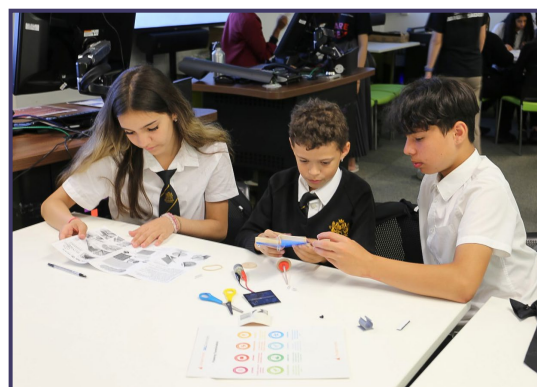


"The visit was very exciting as it helped me explore new skills such as teamwork and public speaking." Harrison.S

"The trip was interesting and helpful. I enjoyed the tour around the university and the group activities helped me with my social skills." Summer.B

"The visit has inspired me to go to university, and also look further into tech. It helped me gain confidence with my social skills." Milly.W

"I found the trip amazing, my favourite part was when we made a solar powered car." Kolbey.B



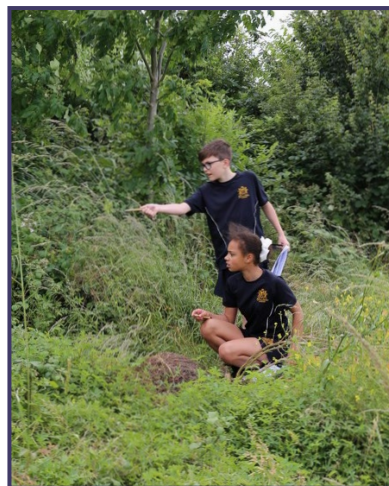
Eco Committee Celebrate Woodland Trust Gold Award

Throughout the school year, the Eco Committee has been working diligently to achieve the Woodland Trust's Green Tree School Gold Award. Collaborating with the geography department, students completed the Wellbeing Challenge by participating in outdoor lessons and becoming more environmentally aware.

The group also developed an Eco-Code for all staff to follow, promoting actions such as turning off lights and projectors when not in use and, reducing paper consumption. Additionally, a smaller team from the Eco Committee launched a campaign to encourage the Basildon community to plant more trees in open spaces.

In recognition of their hard work, the committee was rewarded with a fun filled party day where they enjoyed face painting, drawing, scavenger hunts, and gardening activities.

"We had a smashing time!" - Lainey G - Year 7



Students Explore British Values with Local MPs at School Event

On Friday 28th June, Lower Academy students were given a unique opportunity to engage with three parliamentary candidates. Hosted at Cornelius Vermuyden School, the event also included representatives from local schools and featured discussions with the current Castle Point Conservative MP, and parliamentary candidates from Reform UK and the Labour Party.

The session began with each candidate presenting their viewpoints on critical political issues. Students listened as the speakers addressed topics such as immigration, the NHS, the skills and labour market, tuition fees and the environment. This was followed by a lively Q&A session where students posed insightful questions, demonstrating their engagement and understanding of the issues at hand including british values.

The highlight of the event was a mock election, where students casted their votes, simulating the electoral process.

The focus of this visit was to enable students to understand the importance of having their voice heard and having the experience of taking part in our democratic political system.



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

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

Job of the Week: Fashion Designer

What does a Fashion Designer do?

Fashion designers design and make clothing for clothing companies, retailers, and manufacturers. You'll often work closely with garment technologists and sample machinists. You'll work to design instructions (a 'brief'), analysing or predicting trends in fabrics, colours and shapes. You could also work with manufacturers (often based overseas) to make sure that designs are reproduced accurately.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 70,300
- Essex jobs: 1,573
- Top 5 LEAs: Hackney (1,855), Surrey (1,830), Hertfordshire (1,827), Kent (1,733), Essex (1,573)



Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £40,503

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You'll usually need a relevant higher education qualification, like a foundation degree, diploma, or degree. It might be helpful to study a course that teaches design and technical skills; look for accredited colleges or courses who belong to your country's fashion council. You'll often start as a design assistant before working your way up to a full designer role.



THE BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

1st July 2024 - 5th July 2024

Monday:	Autonomy : Autonomija in Luthuanian independence or freedom, as of the will or one's actions.
Tuesday:	Self-reliance: Berdikari in Malay relying on oneself or on one's own powers, resources, etc.
Wednesday:	Separation: വേർപിരിയൽ in Malayalam to keep apart or divide, as by an intervening barrier or space.
Thursday: (American Independence Day)	Self-sufficiency: 自給自足 in Japanese able to supply one's own or its own needs without external assistance.
Friday:	Liberation: Liberazione in Italian the act or fact of gaining equal rights or full social or economic opportunities for a particular group.

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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.
- 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



GOOD TIMEKEEPING



What to do the night before:

Get everything you need for school ready



Set your alarm allowing plenty of time

Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school



Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime

Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

