

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 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 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

Dates for the Diary

Year 7 AP1 Assessments

Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November 2022

Student Photographs

Tuesday 22nd November - Friday 25th November 2022

Year 8 AP1 Assessments

Monday 28th November - Friday 2nd December 2022

Christmas Dinner (Free for all students)

Thursday 15th December 2022

Winter Wonderland Christmas Concert

Thursday 15th December 2022 - 3:30-5pm

Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December 2022

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 16th December 2022 - *Students finish at 12:30pm*

Student Value of the Term

NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL

House Points - Week Ending 18th November



13,397
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13,166
AUSTEN



12,585
HAWKING



11,829
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 10th 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.

Anti-Bullying Week 2022

To mark this year's Anti-Bullying Week, Lower Academy students participated in a variety of events to:

- Support all stakeholders in identifying RESPECT issues and bullying issues, including the differences between the two
- Promote that we do not tolerate bullying in any form
- Ensure all stakeholders feel confident to report

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week was 'Reach Out' and students identified who they would reach out to by producing colourful hand designs which will be displayed around the academy.

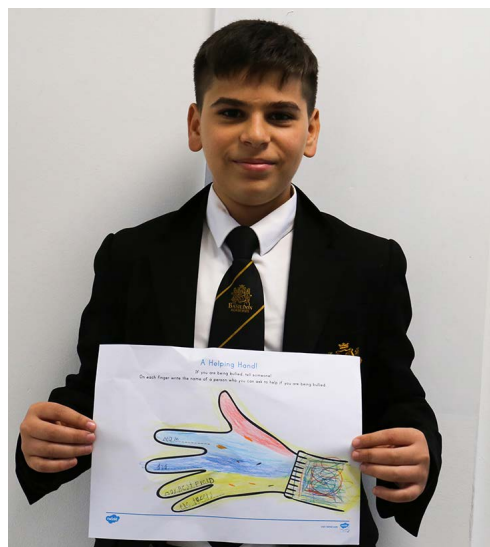
During the week, we welcomed parents and carers to an event where they had the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss work but, also how we embed our student values in the curriculum at the Academies. We are immensely proud of our young people achieving UNICEF Rights Respecting Gold Award and love to share the work the students are doing every day to promote these values.

"Reaching out is important because if you are getting bullied then situations aren't going to get better unless you tell a parent, friend or member of staff. Stay safe and don't accept bullying." **Georgia.M – Year 7**

"To reach out is important because the person you reach out to will help you." **Laura.S – Year 7**

"The assembly on anti-bullying was really useful and eye-opening. We should all stand up to bullying." **Liam.H – Year 7**

"During Enrichment we watched a slide show about anti-bullying and discussed where we would go to get help if you're being bullied." **Boglarka.B – Year 8**



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 7 – w/c 21st November 2022
- Year 8 – w/c 28th November 2022
- Year 9 – w/c 23rd 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.

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



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.

For further information visit: www.basildonloweracademy.org.uk/wellbeing-centre

Rugby Success

Congratulations to our Year 8 and 9 rugby teams who took part in district tournaments, hosted at Basildon Rugby Club. Both of our teams played exceptionally well and showed great sportsmanship; their support for each other was outstanding. Year 9 finished in 3rd place and Year 8 finished runners up. Well done to all of our students who took part.



Year 8 Rugby Team



Year 9 Rugby Team

Student leadership has been developed through roles such as school nurse champions and respect champions (previously anti bullying ambassadors). These students are passionate about their roles and keen to ensure they work in a joined-up way to support their peers.



Wellbeing Award
for Schools

2022-2025

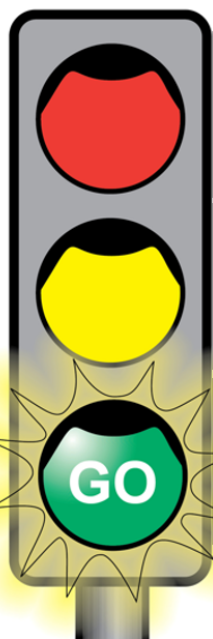
Attendance Expectations

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

95-99%

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



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

Aspire – Believe – Achieve

Lower Academy Extra-Curricular Clubs

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

Free school lunch for all students Friday 25th November

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

Aspire – Believe – Achieve

Year 7 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Harrison S
English Scholar of the Week	Reece N
Super Scientist of the Week	Evie W
Musician of the Week	Logan W
Sporting Legends of the Week	Pheobe R/ Cross Country Girls
Geography Genius of the Week	Riley F
RE Expert of the Week	Grace B
Chef of the Week	Archie P
French Linguist of the Week	Akejah B
Artist of the Week	Mollie M
Engineer of the Week	Kosi O
Computer Scientist of the Week	Gabriel B

Year 8 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Oscar U
English Scholar of the Week	Caitlyn R
Scientist of the Week	Riley W
Sporting Legends of the Week	Boys Rugby Team
Historian of the Week	Loredana C
Geography Genius of the Week	Izza H
RE expert of the Week	Lilly Y
Chef of the Week	Regan C
French Linguist of the Week	Oscar U
Performer of the Week	Reace G
Engineer of the Week	Beau L

Year 9 Students of the Week

Mathematician of the Week	Hassan O
English Scholar of the Week	Riley C
Sporting LegendS of the Week	Boys Rugby Team
Historian of the Week	Harry R
Geography Genius of the Week	Blake W
RE Expert of the Week	George S
Chef of the Week	Leah F
French Linguist of the Week	Alesha F
Artist of the Week	Alfie R
Computer Scientist of the Week	Kegan C

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