

Dates for the Diary

Parent Forum Meeting

Monday 25th March 2024 - 4pm-5pm

Last Day of Spring Term

Thursday 28th March 2024 - *Students finish at 12:30pm*

Easter Holidays

Monday 1st - Friday 12th April 2024

Year 7 AP2 Assessments

Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May 2024

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May 2024

Year 8 AP2 Assessments

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th May 2024

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S
RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN
RIGHTS**

House Points - Week Ending 22nd March



31,523
HAWKING



30,617
ALI



27,635
SEACOLE



24,466
AUSTEN

Leadership Message

As we approach the Easter break, we want to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of safeguarding during this time to ensure everyone has a good holiday while staying safe, here are some key things to consider.

In today's digital age, it's important to be mindful of our children's online activities. With more free time during the break, they may be tempted to spend extra time online. Let's remind them not to share personal information and to report anything suspicious. Encourage them to always check with you before engaging in conversations or going anywhere with unfamiliar individuals.

If your child is participating in holiday activities, take a moment to check the credentials of the organisers and supervisors. We want to ensure our children are in safe hands at all times. Make sure your child knows who to contact in case of an emergency and how to reach them. It's also important to update any emergency contact information with the school. Whether walking, cycling, or traveling by car, let's remind our children about the importance of road safety. Simple precautions can make all the difference.

Finally, if you have any concerns about the safety or well-being of your child or any other child during the break, please don't hesitate to reach out using our safeguarding@basildonacademies.org.uk link.



V. Oddy
Director of Standards



S. Peake
Senior Student Development Leader

There are 32 external agencies that the school have been successful in engaging to deliver provision through their wellbeing centres in addition to their own programmes and this is all carefully mapped and evaluated.



Excellence in Pupil
Development Award

2023-2026

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

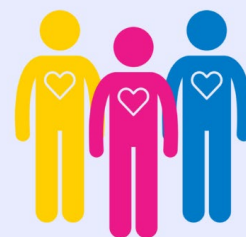
Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue:

Enhanced Provision



Various activities each week including board games, cooking, photography, arts & crafts.

Refreshments provided. Talk to others, relax & have fun.

Students Inspired by Sarah Horne Visit

Following the recent successful visit of Sarah Horne to the Lower Academy, the author and illustrator returned on Tuesday 19th March to deliver another series of creative storytelling workshops our students.

We are very grateful to Sarah for very kindly donating a selection of her books to our Lower Academy Libraries for students to enjoy at their leisure.

"I really enjoyed the workshop, it was fun and entertaining. I liked drawing the characters and creating my own story. Sarah was very kind and helpful. I would love to do it again." Skye.P - Year 8

"I learned about how authors come up with ideas for their characters and make little stories about them. Sarah was very kind and helpful when we asked her questions about the characters and her work. I would love to do the workshop again." Yesmin.C - Year 8

"I found the workshop fun because we worked in groups to create ideas. Sarah was kind and understanding." Alfie.H - Year 8



The admin team on both sites are welcoming to visitors and parents and have access to the new EAL translator tools which enable them to speak to each parent or child in their own language when needed.



Leading Parent
Partnership Award

2023-2026

Eco Committee Receive Woodland Trust Award

We are delighted to announce that our Eco Committee has achieved the Woodland Trust's Green Tree School, Bronze Award, on behalf of the Lower Academy.

Students and staff have achieved this prestigious award through their dedication to environmental projects, which include promoting recycling and planting trees around the school.

Our Eco Committee are now well on the way to achieving 'silver status', which includes promoting a reduction in energy consumption and creating a campaign to educate people about the benefits of trees.

We would like to thank Clarion IT Support Services for their recent donation of crab apple trees which our students had great delight in planting and are looking forward to the first season of fruit to use in catering.



Basilon Lower Academy's Got Talent

Congratulations to all of our amazing performers in the recent 'Basilon Lower Academy's Got Talent' event. Each student received a special participation certificate.

Year 7 students Ella.H & Olamide.O both received a £10 Love2shop voucher for their outstanding performances.

Year 7 Basketball Team Success

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys' Basketball Team for their excellent performance against De la Salle. The boys started in a strong position and raced into a 10-point lead. This continued into the second half with the score finishing 36-18.



Young Minds

[Young Minds](#) is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. Just as people's bodies can become unwell, people's minds can become unwell too.

Young Minds offer information to young people and children about mental health and emotional wellbeing. If you need to talk, they can let you know about organisations that listen, plus they offer online support and info.

YOUNGmINDS

Aspire - Believe - Achieve

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



Did you know? **90%** of young people with attendance **BELOW** **85%** fail to get good grades.

MISSING 1 DAY A WEEK

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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.

THE BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

25th March- 28th March 2024

Monday:	Salvation: Usindiso in Hoosa The act of saving or protecting from harm, risk, loss, destruction, etc.
Tuesday:	Fulfilment: Cyflawniad in Welsh The state or quality of being fulfilled; completion; realisation.
Wednesday:	Commemorate: Herdenk in Afrikaans To honour the memory of by some observance.
Thursday:	Resurrection: Du'aa ka'uu in Oromo The act of rising from the dead.

Job of the Week: Risk Manager

What does a Risk Manager do?

Analyse and manage risk management issues by identifying, measuring, and making decisions on operational or enterprise risks for an organisation.

Some of your day-to-day will include:

- Track, measure, or report on aspects of market risk for traded issues.
- Produce reports or presentations that outline findings, explain risk positions, or recommend changes.

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 343,154
- Essex jobs: 7,050 (7th of 214 UK LEAs)
- Top 5 LEAs: Surrey (11,449), Hertfordshire (9,590), Wandsworth (8,315), Hampshire (8,221), Lambeth (7,896)



Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £43,888

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

Although this area of work is open to all graduates, a degree in one of the following subjects may increase your chances: engineering, finance or economics Law and management or business studies.

Graduates of risk management courses and courses with risk management content are sought after and targeted by recruiters of risk managers.



TA's are deployed according to the needs of the children and TA's are encouraged to use their own interests and strengths. Support in the classroom is effective and pupils spoke about this very positively, "they help explain things better", another pupil articulated, "I feel confident in the classroom, TA's help me to get through school".



Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants Award

2023-2026

Follow The Basildon Lower Academy on our social media channels



Waffle Day



EASTER TREATS



On Thursday 28th March The Dining Hall will be serving a selection of Easter themed cakes & biscuits at breaktime.

Each item will be 50p.

