

Dates for the Diary

Options Event for Year 9 - Basildon Upper Academy
Monday 16th March: 3.30pm-4.30pm

Last Day of Spring Term
Friday 27th March - Students finish at 12:30pm

Easter Holidays
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April 2026

Bank Holiday
Monday 4th May 2026

Year 8 AP2 Assessments
Monday 11th - Friday 15th May 2026

Student Value of the Term

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

House Points - Week Ending 13th March



166,184
ALI



159,310
SEACOLE



145,546
AUSTEN



139,532
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Supporting Every Student to Feel Confident, Included and Ready to Learn

At The Basildon Academies, inclusion sits at the heart of everything we do. We recognise that every young person is an individual, and at times students may need additional support to help them feel confident and ready to learn.

Across the academies we have developed a range of support designed to meet students' different needs. This includes specialist provisions such as our Enhanced Provisions and The Bridge, as well as our Wellbeing Centres, which provide supportive spaces for students who may need additional help at different points in their school journey.

These areas allow us to provide targeted support for students who may be experiencing challenges with learning, emotional wellbeing, or confidence in school. Students may access smaller group teaching, structured support, or opportunities to develop important life skills such as emotional regulation, communication, and resilience. For many students, this support helps them rebuild confidence and successfully access their mainstream lessons.

Alongside this, our wellbeing centres provide students with access to trusted adults who can offer guidance and support when they need it most. Sometimes a quiet space, a supportive conversation, or the chance to reset can make a significant difference to a young person's day.



Our aim is always to ensure that every student feels they belong within our school community. By providing a range of support options, we can respond to students' needs at the right time and help them continue to make progress both academically and personally.

We are proud of the inclusive culture we are building across the academies and thank our families for continuing to work with us to support every child to succeed.

V.Oddy
Director of Inclusion

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 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.

The logo for Young Minds, featuring the word 'YOUNG' in yellow and 'MiNDS' in grey, with a yellow dot above the 'i' in 'MiNDS'.

Layla Receives Jack Petchey Outstanding Achiever Award

Year 7 student Layla.W has been recognised for her hard work and determination after receiving the Jack Petchey Outstanding Achiever Award.

Layla was nominated for the award in recognition of the effort she shows every day in school. Over the past year, she has worked incredibly hard in her lessons, and her progress has seen her move up to the Express pathway. Since then, she has continued to push herself and work even harder in class.

Layla is also a regular at enrichment activities and consistently demonstrates our school values and the BA Way in everything she does. She is known by staff and students as a caring and generous member of the Academy community.

Her ambitions for the future reflect this caring nature, as Layla hopes to one day become a paramedic so she can help others.

Layla's positive attitude and determination make her a fantastic role model for other students, showing how hard work and perseverance can help you overcome challenges and achieve your goals.

"I felt really happy and shocked when I found out that I had received the award. I feel proud that I have been nominated and recognised for my progress in learning." Layla.W



The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows for all Schools

We're pleased to share that the Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows are back, providing a friendly drop in space for parents and carers to learn more about SEND support.

• **Tuesday 17th March - 9.30am to 12.30pm - Wat Tyler, Pitsea Hall Lane, Pitsea, Basildon, SS16 4UH**

The roadshows are for parents/carers of children with SEND aged 0-25. No booking needed, just drop in. For further information about what to expect from a roadshow and who will be there visit the [Local Offer Website](#)

Parent/Carer Updating Contact Information

Please ensure we have current contact information on file for you, including home address, mobile phone number, and email address. If any of your details have changed, email us at admin@basildonacademies.org.uk with the updated information.

Students Celebrate British Science Week with Hands-On Experiments

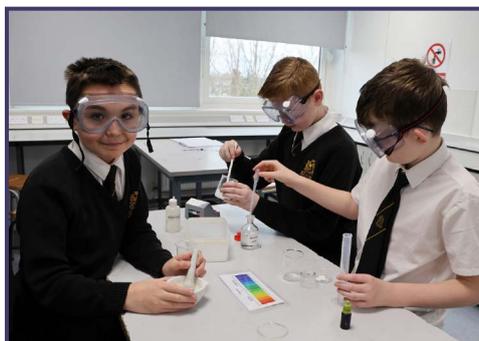
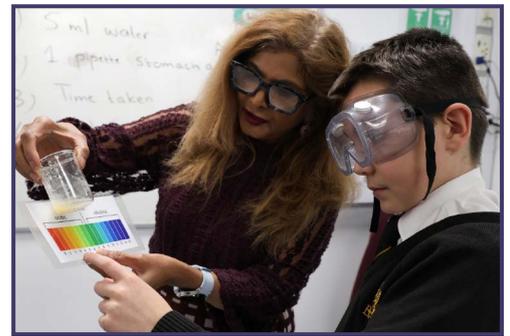
Lower Academy students marked British Science Week with a range of exciting hands-on activities that took place throughout science lessons across the week.

Students from all year groups dived into a world of discovery, taking part in experiments and investigations designed to bring science to life in engaging and memorable ways. The week-long celebration encouraged curiosity, creativity and scientific exploration, giving students the opportunity to experience science beyond the traditional classroom approach.

During their lessons, students carried out a variety of practical activities, including making slime, creating rainbow colours using acids and alkalis, observing chemical displacement reactions, and dissecting flowers to learn more about plant biology. Each activity helped students explore important scientific concepts while developing their investigative skills.

British Science Week aims to inspire young people to develop a deeper interest in science and to recognise how it connects to everyday life and future career pathways. By taking part in practical experiments and collaborative investigations, students were able to see first-hand how science helps us understand the world around us.

"I love Science Week because we get to try fun experiments and learn about things we haven't heard of before. It also helps us focus on science and can even help with preparation for our GCSEs. Overall, Science Week is a great way to expand our knowledge." Khaleesi.A – Year 9



Year 9 Take Part in 'Travel Hacks' Road Safety Workshop

Year 9 students recently took part in an engaging road safety workshop delivered by Dean from Safer Essex Roads as part of a presentation called 'Travel Hacks'.

The session explored a range of important topics designed to help students stay safe when travelling, whether walking, cycling or travelling in a car. Dean spoke to students about peer pressure and the importance of speaking up if they ever feel unsafe in a situation.

Students discussed how risky behaviours can sometimes happen when people feel pressured by others, and how it is important to make safe choices and stand up for themselves and their friends.

A key part of the workshop focused on passenger responsibility. Dean shared examples of how passengers can distract drivers and discussed ways students can help keep journeys safe when travelling in a car.

The workshop also looked at distractions when crossing the road, such as wearing headphones or not paying attention to traffic signals. Students discussed why it is important to avoid taking risks, even if the road appears clear, and always wait for the green light and check both ways before crossing.

Students were encouraged to plan safe routes when travelling and think ahead about how they can make responsible choices in different situations.

The session was highly interactive, with many students contributing their thoughts and ideas throughout the workshop.

"Dean was really helpful and taught me a lot about speaking up for myself and how to cross the road safely – with no distractions, looking both ways and waiting for the light." Raimondo.G



Students Explore Careers in the Makeup Industry

Lower Academy students recently had the opportunity to step into the world of professional makeup as part of the Basildon Academies Careers Taster Programme.

Aspiring makeup artists and cosmetology enthusiasts took part in an engaging workshop led by professional makeup artist Alex, who has worked on projects for the BBC and a range of magazine photo shoots.

During the session, students learned more about what it takes to build a successful career in the industry. Alex shared valuable advice about the key things to consider before entering the profession, including the qualifications needed, setting prices for services, and the importance of carrying out consultations to understand each client's needs.

Students also explored the practical side of the industry, discussing the importance of insurance and professional protections, the different niches within makeup artistry such as specific styles or specialisms, and how social media can be a powerful tool for building a client base and showcasing work.

To bring the learning to life, Alex demonstrated a basic makeup routine, explaining how professionals consider factors such as colour, eye shape and skin type when creating a look for someone.

As a thank you for their participation, students were given some hair glitter to take away so they could practise their styling skills at home.

The session provided a fun and informative insight into the beauty industry, helping students learn more about the skills, knowledge and creativity involved in pursuing a career in makeup artistry.

"It was really fun. She did a great job and made Lily look amazing. I would definitely recommend it." Maya.P – Year 8



Absence Procedures

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend school, ideally by 8am, by email to lowerattendance@basildonacademies.org.uk or by calling **01268 498881**.

- 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



Red Nose Day Cake & Biscuit Sale Friday 20th March



The Dining Hall will be selling a selection of cakes & biscuits on Friday 20th March.

Each item will be priced at 75p with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>Before School 7.30am-8.15am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Basketball & Netball 	<p>Before School 7.30am-8.15am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Football • Year 7 Boys Football 		<p>Before School 7.30am-8.15am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8/9 Boys Football

BASILDON ACADEMIES WORD OF THE DAY

16th - 20th March 2026

Monday:	Ostentatious (adjective) разметљив in Serbian – characterised by vulgar display; pretentious. <i>His ostentatious watch sparkled in the classroom light.</i>	
Tuesday:	Exuberant (adjective) exuberant in Shona – filled with lively energy. <i>The exuberant parade filled the streets of Belfast with joy.</i>	
Wednesday:	Indefatigable (adjective) neúnavný in Slovak – persisting tirelessly. <i>The indefatigable campaigner refused to give up.</i>	
Thursday:	Maternal (adjective) materinski in Slovenian – relating to or characteristic of a mother. <i>Her maternal care made every child feel safe.</i>	
Friday:	Perseverance (noun) dulqaadasho in Somali – persistence in doing something despite difficulty. <i>Through perseverance, she mastered the challenging text.</i>	

Job of the Week: Nature Conservationist

What does a Nature Conservationist do?

Nature conservationists work to protect the environment and raise awareness of environmental issues.

Day-to-day responsibilities include:

- Advising landowners, local councils, and property developers about how to look after sites from an environmental perspective
- Giving talks to schools, colleges, and community groups about sustainability and environmental issues
- Conducting ecological surveys, e.g. to count the animals of a particular species in a certain area

Labour Market Information

+41.4% 897,801 jobs

+40.8% in your region of East of England, an increase of 89,463 jobs

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median: £40,083

What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

You might be able to get into this role with an HND, but it's likely you'll need a degree because conservation is quite a competitive area.

Relevant degree subjects include the following:

- Ecology
- Biology
- Geography
- Earth science
- Marine science
- Plant science
- Wildlife management
- Zoology

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

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CREATE MEMORIES

AT EASTER

Join us at 5 Elements during the Easter Holidays where every activity is designed to make this holiday unforgettable.

FREE

- ✓ **Boxing**
- ✓ **Kickboxing**
- ✓ **Mentoring**
- ✓ **Sports Based Games**



<https://portal.nestmanagement.co.uk/event/Index>

**ARE YOU A PARENT OR
CARER OF A CHILD OR
YOUNG PERSON?**

**SHARE YOUR VIEWS IN
OUR PARENT SURVEY!**

Essex County Council
would like to hear how
you find out about
local family services.



Tell us how you feel via the parent
survey for the chance to **win a £100
shopping voucher**. Your views could
help shape services for local families.

Scan the QR code to fill in the survey or
follow the weblink here:
surveymonkey.com/r/EssexParentsSurvey



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