

Dates for the Diary

Year 7 AP2 Assessments

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th June 2025

Beginning of Year 9 Transition to Upper Academy

Monday 7th July 2025

Sports Presentation Event

Wednesday 9th July 2024 - 4pm-5.30pm

Cultural Fayre

Thursday 10th July 2025 - 3.30-5pm

Rewards Day

Friday 11th July 2025

Student Value of the Term

LOVE IS LOVE

House Points - Week Ending 20th June



95,906
SEACOLE



93,386
ALI



80,490
AUSTEN



72,454
HAWKING

Leadership Message - Supporting Every Learner's Journey

At the Basildon Academies, inclusion is more than a value, it's a daily commitment. One of the most powerful ways we live that commitment is through our Enhanced Provisions (EPs).

These carefully designed spaces support students who may be struggling in mainstream classrooms, not because they aren't capable, but because they need something different for a time. Some may be facing emotional challenges, struggling with anxiety, or finding it hard to regulate their behaviour. Others may need a smaller setting to rebuild confidence or reconnect with learning.

Our Enhanced Provisions provide:

- Small group teaching tailored to individual needs
- Key worker support to build trusting relationships and model emotional regulation
- Therapeutic and core strengths sessions focusing on resilience, respect, and affiliation
- Flexible timetables that reduce pressure while keeping students connected to their education
- Clear reintegration plans, so students can return to mainstream settings when ready

What makes this inclusive is that it isn't about separation, it's about scaffolding. By giving students the time, space, and support they need, we prepare them to step back into the mainstream classrooms with confidence and success.

V.Oddy - Director of Inclusion

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 7th – Friday 18th 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](#)



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

Student Nurse Drop In

If students are worried about their health, would like a confidential chat or would just like to find out more about how our school nurse can help them, the nurse can be found:

Every Thursday

Breaktime

Location:

The Lower Academy
SEND Department



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.

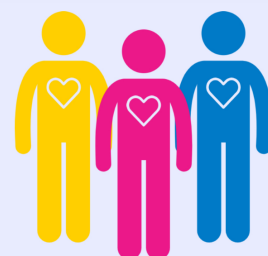
YOUNG MINDS

Young Carers Club

Tuesdays

3:30pm-5pm

Venue: Learning Support
Centre



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

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

Online Safety Hub: The Risks of Social Media Therapy

While social media can offer comfort and community, it's important for parents to be aware of the growing trend of young people turning to online platforms for mental health advice. This article explores the potential risks of "social media therapy," including misinformation and unqualified advice, and offers guidance on how to support your child in seeking reliable help.

For more information please visit: <https://basildonacademies.onlinesafetyhub.uk/parent/articles/the-risks-of-social-media-therapy>



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](#)

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.



Year 7 Explore the Tower of London

Our Year 7 students recently enjoyed a fun-filled and educational visit to the iconic Tower of London — a day packed with discovery, history, and unforgettable experiences.

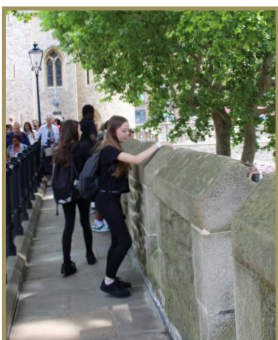
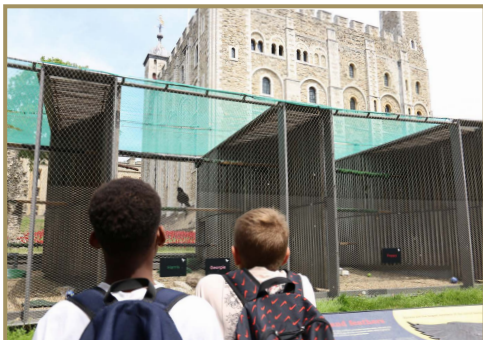
As part of the visit, students explored the historic fortress and learned about its fascinating past, including stories of royalty, prisoners, and ancient traditions. One of the highlights of the day was viewing the world-famous Crown Jewels — a truly awe-inspiring sight.

Students also encountered the legendary Yeoman Warders (also known as Beefeaters), who shared tales of the Tower's history and its most famous inhabitants. Adding to the immersive experience, students had the chance to watch a live outdoor performance of a Chaucer-inspired play by costumed actors, bringing medieval literature to life in a fun and engaging way.

"Seeing the Crown Jewels was amazing — it was the best part of the visit." Ray.B

"I enjoyed speaking to the actors who performed the play inside the Tower of London." Amelia.J

"I really enjoyed watching the actors' play — it was funny." Fathia.K



Students Share Their Gratitude on Thank a Teacher Day

To mark National Thank a Teacher Day on Wednesday 18th June, students at the Lower Academy took the opportunity to recognise the dedication and impact of their teachers.

As part of the celebration, students wrote heartfelt thank-you messages, expressing their appreciation for the support and inspiration they've received. Some of these messages were then recorded on video, personally capturing their words of gratitude.

The final videos were shared across the academy's social media channels throughout the day.

[Click here](#) to watch the video.



Celebrating Essential Skills Through Rewards System

At the Lower Academy, the rewards system recognises more than just academic success — it celebrates the development of key employability skills, too.

Using the nationally recognised Skills Builder framework, we focus on eight essential and highly transferable attributes: listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership, and teamwork.

As part of this focus, several students from Years 7, 8 and 9 were recently awarded certificates in recognition of their progress and achievement in developing these vital skills.



By recognising and rewarding these skills, we support students in becoming confident, capable individuals, ready to thrive in further education, the workplace, and beyond.

"I'm proud to have received my certificate for Listening skills. Taking part in this has shown me life skills that I'll use every day." Ariana.A - Year 7

T.Smith – Assistant Headteacher and Personal Development Lead

Street Dance Team Gears Up for Culture Fayre Performance

Last Friday, our talented Basildon Lower Academy Street Dance Team spent the day in an intensive workshop with professional choreographer Ellen Bubb — and they absolutely rose to the challenge!

Despite soaring temperatures, the students stayed focused and determined, rehearsing all day to perfect their routine. Their energy, teamwork, and dedication were clear for all to see.



Now, with their performance ready, the team is buzzing to take the stage at our upcoming **Culture Fayre on Wednesday 10th July** — taking place at the Lower Academy and open to all students and their families.



BASILDON ACADEMIES

WORD OF THE DAY

23rd - 27th June 2025

Monday: International Women in Engineering Day	Pioneering (Adjective) πρωτοπόρος in Greek Definition: Involving new and innovative ideas or methods. Example: International Women in Engineering Day celebrates pioneering women who have made significant contributions to the field.	
Tuesday:	Empowerment (Noun) pemberdayaan in Malay Definition: The process of becoming stronger and more confident, especially in controlling one's life and claiming one's rights. Example: The event promotes empowerment for women pursuing careers in engineering.	
Wednesday:	Innovation (Noun) innovaatiot in Finnish Definition: The action or process of innovating; a new method, idea, or product. Example: International Women in Engineering Day showcases the innovation brought by women engineers.	
Thursday:	Mentorship (Noun) mentorship in Mongolian (Traditional) Definition: The guidance provided by a mentor, especially an experienced person in a company or educational institution. Example: Mentorship is a crucial part of supporting women in engineering fields.	
Friday: Year 11 Prom	Representation (Noun) نمائندگی in Urdu Definition: The action of speaking or acting on behalf of someone or the state of being so represented. Example: Increasing female representation in engineering is a key focus of International Women in Engineering Day.	

Job of the Week: Animal trainer

What does an animal trainer do?

You might be helping pet owners or animal handlers train animals
Your day-to-day duties might include:
Studying animals, researching them and training them
You may also be observing problem behaviours, and figuring out likely causes
Writing a behaviour modification programmes
Communicating with owners and animal handlers
Taking referrals from vets
Holding consultations

Labour Market Information

- UK jobs: 169,927
- Essex jobs: 3,760
- Market growth: +7.2%



What Qualifications do you need to do this job?

There are no formal entry qualifications though it may be useful to work towards national standards or membership of a professional body.

Some practitioners have degrees in a related subjects like:
Animal Behaviour and Welfare
Animal Management
Zoology with Animal Behaviour and Training

Let's Talk Money

UK annual median:
£31,804



Leadership and management of TAs is well organised and they play a very important role within Basildon Academy. Teaching and non-teaching staff work closely together on a day-to-day basis, "It is teamwork, we do it together" a teacher commented.



Best Practice with
Teaching Assistants 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

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.