



Headteacher Update - 7th October 2019

Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Family and Friends of Baines School,

What a fortnight it has been since my last update! Firstly, thank you so much to all parents and carers who supported our Open Evening by either visiting or providing travel so that our current students could act as guides or participate in departments. It was a tremendous and positive evening where our students and staff really did show off the best of Baines.

My next mention has to be the fire on the 27th September. Although I have already sent messages via Facebook, website and an emailed letter on 4th October, I will take this opportunity to give you an update. Having a fire at school is one of the worst moments for a Headteacher, as you can imagine, ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students, staff and visitors. As you know we regularly carry out fire and lockdown drills and I was pleased that our evacuation procedures worked well in the real scenario. I want to thank all of the staff and students who responded so well on the day and parents and carers too. Thank you in advance for your patience over the next few weeks while we start the repair process. I am always a little impatient but have to be guided by the experts in such a specialist situation. The computer lessons have been re-roomed to other computer rooms in school. Next week we will work on a rota in PE to try to ensure that everyone has the opportunity for some practical activity. As we have no changing rooms and no showers, we will limit this to indoor activity for now so students will just need their trainers for PE lessons. I hope that we will improve this situation for the following week. Thank you for all the lovely comments, cards and gifts. I will keep you informed as and when the specialists have reported back to us.

This week Mr McGrath is leading assemblies about attendance, as a reminder of the strong link between attendance and performance in examinations. Please be mindful of this and try to avoid school days when booking holidays. I do understand that some schools have different holiday patterns, we try to follow the Lancashire Schools Local Authority holiday pattern as far as possible.

You may be aware that the deadline is fast approaching to apply for a Secondary School place to start in Year 7 for September 2020. All places have to be applied through the Lancashire portal: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/?page=1> . We still have some Year 6 taster sessions organised over the next two weeks. If you would like to visit, please see dates towards the end of the update and phone reception to reserve a place on the tour.

We were so pleased to receive three nominations for our parent governor vacancies. It is many years since we had to hold an election. Ballot papers will be sent out via student post over the next few days. Please return your vote to reception in the envelope provided so that it can be put in the ballot box. The exact details will be in the letter that is sent home.

Acts of Kindness – I was so pleased to receive an email and photograph explaining how two of our students acted with great kindness last week, by seeing a lady on her 90th birthday in Poulton, then

buying her a gift and wishing her a happy birthday. The students did not know the lady, but this certainly brought joy to her and her family. Two other students last week showed me some special kindness. In their catering lesson, they had some ingredients left over so they made me a cheese and onion pie (and decorated it too). I took it home to my family, it was delicious. I am sure there are many more acts of kindness but I just wanted to share these with you as they really made such a positive impact.

The cast of The Return to the Forbidden Planet was announced last week. It is already very exciting to know that there will be 95 in the show next spring. Rehearsals have now begun and no doubt there will be a buzz about school as the show develops.

Stars of the Week



Sporting Success

Year 9 Rugby

Baines 25 - 0 Lytham St Annes

Baines 5 - 5 Garstang

Year 9 Rugby Tournament

Baines 5 -5 Montgomery

Baines 5 - 19 Arch Bishop Temple

Baines 19 - 0 Montgomery

Baines 26 - 7 Arch Bishop Temple

Man of the Match was James.

The boys played very well with Callum and Henry scoring four tries each. But more importantly a great team effort. Well done boys.

Year 8 Boys Football

Congratulations to our Year 8 football team who played in the Lancashire Cup Round 1. A convincing score for our players. Baines 10-Mount Carmel 2

Other Success

Luke a year 8 student played in an ice hockey match on Saturday 21st September. It was Blackburn Hawks vs Manchester storm. Unfortunately, Blackburn Hawks (Luke's team) lost 4-5 with a late goal clinching the win for Manchester storm, but he received the award for Most Valuable Player, after playing a hard fought match and scoring a goal for the team.



Chief Scout Gold award

Congratulations to Will in year 10, he has gained his Chief Scout Gold award. Part of his award was due to him completing his bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is the highest award a scout can achieve. Well done Will!

Nepal Trip



During the summer holidays a group of our Year 11 students went to Nepal accompanied by Mrs Russell. Team Vision arrived home safely on the 27th July. What a journey... what a magical place!

Each of our amazing students embraced Nepal and all its wonders and delights! This mind-blowing school trip will stay with our students forever. Just a few highlights - teaching Nepalese children, bartering with the local shop keepers, exploring the hustle bustle of Kathmandu streets, rhino spotting, elephant washing... honestly the list goes on and on!

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Gazette Education Awards 2019

The Gazette has opened the nominations for the Education Awards 2019. Last year Baines had 14 finalists and we won two categories (Inspirational Teacher and Unsung Hero Awards).

Categories are:

Secondary School of the Year

Secondary School Pupil of the Year

Inspirational Teaching Award

Creative Arts Award

Young Scientist / Engineer Award

Sports Achievement Award

Health & Wellbeing Award

Career Inspiration Award

School Trips Award

Unsung Hero Award

Education Support Award

Headteacher of the Year Award

Resilient Revolutionary School Award

Anyone can nominate someone for one of the categories, you just have to fill in an online nomination using the following link:

<https://www.blackpoolgazette.co.uk/educationawards/>

Year 11 – Update from Mr Flynn

The year 11's have been busy this half term. The prefects are doing a great job around the school assisting in the day to day running of the school. This is overseen by the head boys and girls, who are also excellent ambassadors for our school.

Year 11 have had a careers evening when many local post 16 providers came to Baines to guide the students in their choices for after they leave in the summer. There was a variety of providers there from the local colleges to the army. The students were very interested in what they all had to offer and gained some valuable information to help guide them onto the right course.

The preparation for the yearbook has already started. This is a huge job and requires a vast amount of time hence the reason why it is already underway. The prom venue is booked. The prom this year will be on Thursday 25th June at the Glass House, Staining Golf Club. Pictures

From a sporting point of view, the boys have been taking part in the local rugby fixtures at Garstang Academy and the girls have been busy taking part in the local netball league.

As we look forward to the next half term there are many events planned in for year 11. There will be a mini rewards trip to the Trafford Centre on Thursday 28th November for a little Christmas shopping (get your orders in!). Students will be leaving at lunch time and returning in the early evening. The London trip run by the English department is also taking place.

The year 11 mock exams start on Monday 10th February and finish on Friday 28th February. These are vital for students as they highlight any gaps in learning and give them an insight into the experience of a full exam timetable and the requirements needed to fulfil that. Students should already be undertaking a revision programme.

Parent/Carer and Student Surveys:

We are constantly looking to improve our school and wanting to know if the changes that we have made are having an impact. We are working on feedback in lessons, quality of homework, the broader curriculum, uptake of enrichment activities to name but a few aspects.

As we approach the end of the first half term we would like to collect students' and parents/carers' views on our school. We have posted the link on students' Class Charts or you can use the URL below or scan the QR code to complete the survey. We would be very grateful if as many parents/carers as possible would complete the survey. Please encourage your child to complete the pupil survey.

Each survey will take approximately two minutes to complete. The survey will close at the end of this half term, Friday 18th October, thank you.

Parent Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WYBWSDN>



[Parent/Carer Survey](#)
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Take this survey powered by surveymonkey.com. Create your own surveys for free.
www.surveymonkey.co.uk

Parent Survey QR code



Student survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QCH9MF5>

Student Survey QR code



Safeguarding



I am pleased to announce that Addaction's '**Mind and Body**' programme is going to be delivered to Year 10 students on Tuesday 8th October 2019

The early intervention programme explores a range of strategies to help students better manage their emotions and anxieties and looks to promote positive communication with others.

As part of the programme, students are invited to complete a confidential survey which helps to identify those for whom the sessions may be most beneficial. If any significant concerns regarding your child's wellbeing or safety, the Mind and Body team will contact you directly.

As part of '**Mind and Body**', we recognise that parents and carers are often left with questions around mental health and emotional wellbeing and may feel unsure how to deal with some situations. Please see below for a list of useful resources for parents and carers.

Useful Resources for Parents and Carers

Professional Help:

GPs

School Nurses

Counsellors/Therapists

Helplines and Online Information/ Support:

YoungMinds - www.youngminds.org.uk

YoungMinds- Parent Helpline: 0808 802 5544 (Mon-Fri 9.30am-4pm)

Samaritans- 116 123. www.samaritans.org

Mind (over 18s only)- www.mind.org.uk

Rethink- www.rethink.org

Harmless- www.harmless.org.uk

Papyrus- www.papyrus-uk.org

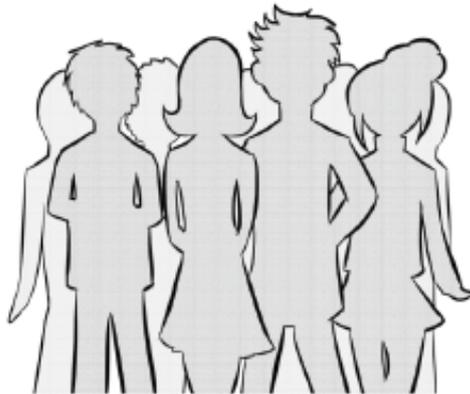
N-compass North West- www.ncompassnorthwest.co.uk

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Did you know?

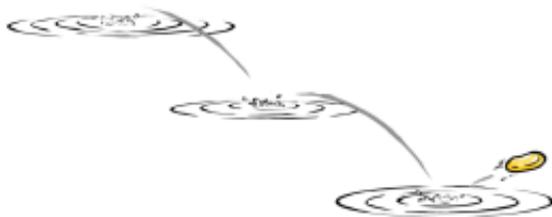


Aspirations reflect teenagers' hopes or desires to reach a particular level of education or reach a career. Studies shows that students with either high aspirations or high expectations have higher school achievement than those with both low aspirations and low expectations.

Research suggests that there is a correlation between teenage goals, aspirations and psychological wellbeing. Raising aspirations is also believed to incentivise improved attainment.

Further studies have shown that parents believe their child will find it harder to achieve their life goals than they did because there is more competition for job roles than they faced when they started their careers. According to research from the Education Endowment Foundation, most young people actually have high aspirations.

What can you do?



Talk to your child about their career, education or life aspirations. Be positive about what their hopes and dreams are and encourage them to start to be proactive in achieving them.

Try to raise your child's aspirations by highlighting new opportunities. Develop their self-esteem, motivation and expose them to role models to look up to. Inspire your child to be excited about their future and motivate them to pursue their dreams.

Young people who take part in family time or activities with their parents are more likely to continue these, achieve in education and seek out career opportunities. Arrange to do things with your child such as theatre trips, cultural activities, concerts, museums, hobbies or exercising.

e: enquiries@pixl.org.uk www.pixl.org.uk

better future - brighter hope



A massive thank you to all the students and staff who raised a grand total of £434.62 for Jeans for Genes.

Mrs Davies' form won the prize for the most collected, as they managed to raise £30 between them!



We had a very successful coffee morning, with lots of parents and carers attending. Thank you to everyone who attended

We had a staff bake off and student bake off. The student bake off was won by Eva in Year 7. Closely followed by Lucy in Year 11, Lily in Year 8 and Sophie in Year 7.

The students also enjoyed a cake sale; altogether raising £259.86!

We had about 40 entries to the Student Bake Off, the most we have ever had!!



We also have a new staff champion- Miss Harling won, with a very creative jammy dodger style biscuit cake.





Thank you to everyone who has been clicking on our School Angel link before purchasing online. It is an easy way to raise money for the school without it costing you anything. Any online purchases you make through

the link on the Baines website will earn the school a small percentage of the money you spend. This does not cost you any additional money but the companies make a charitable contribution to our school.

We now have £214.00 raised for school. I am hoping that this will increase as people start shopping online for Christmas. There is a PowerPoint on our website explaining how to use the School Angel website. Over the next few weeks we will show the students the site and email the PowerPoint home again as a gentle reminder. It is a little something you and family and friends can do to support Baines without it costing you anything. Please continue to support us by sharing the link with family and friends for online purchases.

<https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/baines-school.html>

Forthcoming Events:

8th October- Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Preston

9th October- Year 11 Geography Field Trip to Preston

10th October- Year 6 Taster Session, 9.30-11am

10th October-Careers Evening

14th October-Year 6 Taster Session, 9.30-11am

14th October-Year 9 London Trip depart

15th October-Year 9 London Trip return

17th October-Year 7 New Parent/Carer Event, 5.30-7pm

18th October-Year 6 Taster Session, 9.30-11am

18th October – School closes for October half term (normal time 2.50pm)

Monday 28th October – School Opens again after half term

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher



Dear Parent / Carer

Activ8 Self Defence have been established 16 year and are one of the leading training providers in the North West, we will be starting a permanent self defence/Jujitsu club at Baines school.

The sessions will run during the school term. We pride ourselves on using a modern approach to our self-defence /martial arts programme and the benefits are:-

- stress management
- self control
- confidence building
- discipline
- physical exercise
- improved co-ordination and flexibility
- improved cognitive skills
- de-escalation of verbal and physical threats

The programme for Self Defence will run on a Tuesday from 3.00pm to 4.00pm starting on Tuesday 17th September 2019. They will need clothes such as their PE kit (or similar) and the session takes place in the dance studio. If your child is interested in taking part in the programme the cost will be £30 per pupil per half term. Please return the consent form to the school office as soon as possible.

Payment will be via Cash or BACS direct to Activ8 Self Defence, Sort Code 16-23-31 Account No: 10145181

Yours sincerely

Gary Standaloft

FInst SMM, MIC

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out the following consent form completing all fields in relation to the person training.

Forename(s): Surname:

Address: Date of Birth:

Town: Home/Mobile 1:

Postcode..... Mobile 2:.....

Club Location Baines school Emergency Contact(2nd/3rd person):.....

Email Address:

Paid by BacsPaid by cash.....

You will be required to complete a full application form on the first week that your child attends one of our sessions. These can be given out during the first session. If you would like further details please contact us on:

www.activ8selfdefence.co.uk gary@activ8selfdefence.com or Tel: 07939 400333