

Baines Sixth Prospectus





Welcome to Baines Sixth

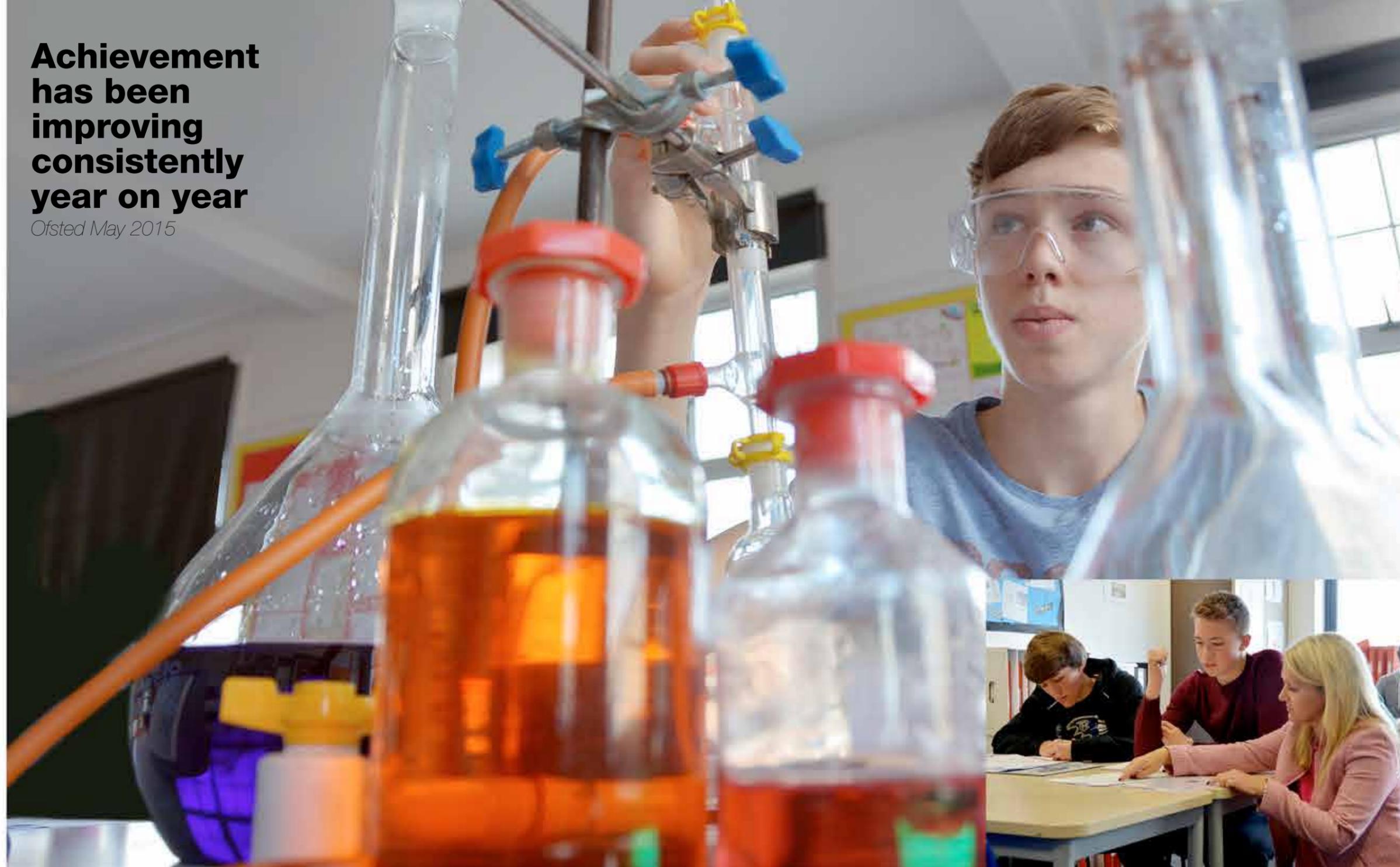
Baines Sixth Form provides students with a friendly, caring and supportive environment where they are treated as adult individuals. We recognise that the move from GCSE's to A Level study is challenging and we have designed a sixth form which makes this transition as easy as possible providing students with both independence and structured support.

Supporting students in achieving academic achievement is important but we also recognise and encourage personal development in our students providing a balance enrichment programme which I believe has something to offer everyone. We believe that students who actively participate in the life of the sixth form will enjoy their time with us and will achieve their best potential where they are happy in their environment.

The essential ingredients of the Sixth Form at Baines can be summarised very briefly: small class sizes, a wide choice of academic subjects and activities, a dedicated Sixth Form Centre, a highly dedicated team of teachers and advisers – and a student body characterised by its energy, camaraderie and academic focus.

Achievement has been improving consistently year on year

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'I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience at Baines Sixth, having joined the sixth form from a different school everyone made me feel welcome and I settled in quickly making lots of new friends'

Erin Porter, St Aidan's



Teachers ensure learning is interesting and stimulating. Students say they really value the additional time and support that teachers give

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- Volunteering opportunities
- Trips abroad e.g. Skiing
- Coast to coast bikeathon
- Social committee
- Charity committee
- Senior prefects
- Ethics conference
- Weekly debates
- Sports teams
- Music
- Drama

Students have many good opportunities to enhance their leadership skills and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is promoted well.

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“The chance to get involved in extra curricular activities have given me the chance to gain experience and skills that I will need in the future’

Elle Hunter, Baines School



Enrichment opportunities

Life at Baines Sixth form is more than just about studying towards qualifications and we have built into the two years a range of opportunities for our students to enhance their skills and challenge themselves, listed are just some of the opportunities that exist for our students.

We also offer the Extended Project Qualification in Year 13 where students are able to focus on a area of personal interest and submit a project, this is the equivalent of an AS and is

a good chance for students to build the skills that will be needed at University such as time management and effective research. The EPQ is also well recognised by some universities, Cambridge university says *‘We welcome the introduction of the Extended Project and would encourage you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school/college to higher education’.*

We also offer students the chance to complete the AQA Baccalaureate which combines core A Level subjects with wider learning and enrichment programmes.



Support and Guidance

One of our key strengths at the sixth form is the support and guidance that we are able to offer our students through our experienced sixth form team. We ensure that our students are given the best opportunities and we support students in choosing suitable courses to study right from initial information advice and guidance interviews in Year 11.

Personal tutors are able to provide day to day support and with small class sizes support also extends to the classroom. We recognise that every student is an individual and we are adaptable and flexible with the support that we are able to offer our students. We offer a range of learning environments to suit the differing needs of our students which include a common room, space for group work and discussions and a quiet working environment with access to ICT.



The high-quality care and guidance extends to ensuring students are well informed about their next steps. Almost all students go on to good university courses or apprenticeships.

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Careers guidance

At Baines we are proud of the support that we offer our students in choosing the appropriate next step for them. The majority of our students choose to study at university but we recognise that students are also looking for alternatives and we provide opportunities for our students to explore all of the options available to them post sixth form.

Throughout their time at the sixth form students can expect:

A careers convention held at the school
Visits to UCAS fairs
Visits to university open days
Visiting speakers on topics such as student finance, the UCAS process and how to choose a university course
Personal statement tutorials
Access to careers based websites through the sixth form
Independent advice
Mock interviews



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