

Headteacher Update - 13th November 2017

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

Welcome back to the autumn term. I hope the students are all enjoyed their half term and have returned to school well-rested and ready for their learning. By Christmas nearly 40% of the school year will have passed, we need to maximise learning time and encourage all students to be as enthusiastic and focussed about their learning even in the run up to Christmas.

Star of the Week Awards



Blackpool Gazette Education Awards

We are thrilled that four of our school community have been shortlisted for the Blackpool Gazette Education Awards this year. Congratulations to:

Mrs Clare Davies – Inspirational Teacher Award Alice Holt – Secondary Student of the Year Rachel Carpenter – Creative Arts Award Adam Mitchell – Creative Arts Award

The awards evening is being held at Blackpool Tower Ballroom on Tuesday 28th November. We will let you know the results. No matter what, we are proud of them and their achievements.

Remembrance Assemblies

Annual Remembrance assemblies are an important part of our school's history and tradition. These are held for all pupils throughout the school and 6th form in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday. The theme for this year's assembly was "The Importance of Remembrance" and our school community was encouraged to rethink remembrance which behind this year's Royal British Legion campaign. Our assemblies included a short presentation, the laying of the wreath on the war memorial in the hall by the Head Boys and Girls, a reading by the Head of House, the playing of the last post by Alex Boyes in Year 10, the observation of a minute's silence and the reading of a prayer of remembrance by Mrs Chapman.

To round off our week of Remembrance the Year 11 Head Boys and Girls attended the Sunday Remembrance Service held in Poulton centre. Here the students laid 4 wreaths, one from each of the Houses in school. Oliver, Joe, George, Joe, Erin, Sinead, Grace and Lauren were wonderful ambassadors for our school at this public event.

Throughout the week the pupils were highly respectful of the traditions observed and in doing so took advantage of the opportunity to reflect on lives lost and changed through conflict in the past and the present in order to secure a future for us all – "we will remember them"







National Anti-Bullying Week

It is National Anti-Bullying Week between 13th-17th November. We will have a range of activities in form time during this week. On Friday 17th November we will be running a **'wear odd socks day'** to help promote the concept of how we are all unique. For this £1 is to be collected from the pupils to be used as donations to the anti-bullying alliance and badges etc. for school. As it is also Children in Need Day we will donate half of the money collected to Children in Need and half to the Anti-Bullying alliance.

The Careers Conference

Our annual Careers Conference was held on 25th October 2017, providing our Year 10 and 11 students and their parents with an opportunity to access impartial next steps advice and guidance. The event showcased training providers from a range of further and higher education and apprenticeship providers, and many of our public services, including: Lancaster University, Blackpool and Fylde College, Leeds University, the NHS, Army, Navy and many more.



Results from the PE Department

Year 7 started their competitive Netball fixtures, away against Cardinal Allen; A team won 19-1 B team won 6-0

Year 9 Netball won 22-5 against Cardinal Newman.

Jordanna Williams, Year 10 has just gained her Black belt in Karate



Seven years ago, after Jordanna's third Karate lesson, sensei Andrew predicted that Jordanna will be a Black Belt. Jordanna has learnt that through determination & perseverance, comes great mental, spiritual, physical and emotional gains, known in Karate terms as Ossu - to persevere whilst being pushed.

Jordanna says she now looking forward to helping her fellow Karate students achieve their goals.

Cormac Bell in year 7 Meets Prince Harry

Cormac Bell met Prince Harry just before half term during his visit to Lancashire on 23rd October. Here is a lovely photograph of him meeting the Prince, this was linked to the work his family carries out with army veterans.



Saturday 18th November Baines Open Day





Tickets are now selling from the school office for the evening event of 'Music and Memories' arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. This includes a hot buffet (£15 per person). I am really looking forward to meeting parents, neighbours and former pupils and former staff at this event, as well as see performances from current and former students and staff.

The PE department and GCSE PE group have planned the fun run, entry forms are available from school. You can choose 1km, 2km or 3km and may run, jog or walk. This is free to enter with the aim being a community activity that brings a modern slant to the Baines tradition of cross country.

The school will be open between **10.30am and 1.30pm** with the runs starting at **11.00am**. There will be a display in the hall that shares some of the memories about the school. A number of former

pupils have sent in some information about their memories. We are also pleased that Muriel Ryding (former Headteacher) and David Astall (former computing teacher) have started to create Baines archives, with the long term aim of producing an online record on the new website about Baines School that builds on the work from Paget's book in 1925. Hopefully our Open Day will be the stimulus for many people to write and leave information about their memories of time at Baines.

Refreshments will be able to be purchased in the refectory during the morning (bacon buns, sausage buns and drinks).

Sleep

A personal plea from me to parents for heightened awareness on the quality of sleep our students get during the week. We have become aware that a number of students are sending and receiving messages very late at night (sometimes in the early hours of the morning). Some students then come in to school tired, yawning and lacking the ability to concentrate on their learning. It is really important that young people get enough sleep to re-charge their batteries and keep their brains alert for learning with high levels of energy. It is recommended that we get at least 8 hours of high quality uninterrupted sleep per night.

Forthcoming Events:

- Monday 13th November Year 11 Consultation Evening
- Tuesday 14th November Bags2School Collection
- Saturday 18th November Baines Open Day
- Wednesday 22nd November Year 11 Class of 2017 GCSE Awards Evening
- Tuesday 28th November Year 7 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
- Tuesday 12th December Year 7 Christmas Founders Service 7pm St Chad's Church
- Thursday 14th December Headteacher Coffee Morning 10-11.30am
- Wednesday 20th December Christmas Concert (TBC)
- Wednesday 20th December A Level Class of 2017 Collection of Certificates 3-4pm

Please remember to keep us informed about any changes to phone numbers or email adddesses. We also love to hear about successes in and out of school.

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Alison Chapman



ACTIVITY	WHEN + WHERE	WHO FOR?	STAFF
Ancient History Club	Monday 3pm – 4pm	Year 7 and 8	Mr J Joyce, Mr G Walker
Aerobics/exercise to	Dance Studio 3pm – 4pm Week 1 (starts after	All	Mrs A Chapman
music	October half term)		
BBC News School	Tuesday Week 2 B1	Years 9	Mrs K Streetly, Miss J Wallace
Report Club			
BTEC Booster Travel	Monday Wk1 3pm-4pm B1	Year 10, Year 11	Mr A Mycock
Careers	HT2 and HT3 Blackpool & Fylde College	Year 10,11	Mrs S Wright
Choir	Monday 3-4pm	All	Mr C Hartnett
Coding Club	Tuesday 3 – 4pm – IT rooms in S block S11, S13	Years 7 and 8	Mr A Worth, Mr R West
		mainly.	
Craft Club	2.50pm-3.50pm Monday Week 1 Student Support	Year 7, 8 and 9	Mrs J Tilley
Creative RE	Tuesday 3-4 T12	All	Miss Wild
Drama Club	Tuesday 3-4pm School Hall	All Years	Mr S Davies, Mrs C Davies
Duke of Edinburgh	Details: 3x Weekends + various school based training	Year 9 only by	Miss E Pass, Mr R West
Y9s only Application	on Thursdays commencing Jan 2018.	application	
only.			
Euro Club	WK 1 Thursday 3 – 4pm N18	All	Miss A Smith
Film Club	Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.15 -1.45pm N12	Year 7	Mrs Russell
Gamers Club	Tuesday Lunch time	All	J Kattanattu 8S AWO, Mr A Worth
Fitness	Fitness Suite 3pm – 4pm Week 2 (starts after	All	Mrs A Chapman
	October half term)		
Gardening Club	Thursday wk1 3-4pm	All Years	Mr T Hallsworth
GCSE Art Support Club	Mon – Thu 7.10am-8.10am A3	Years 10,11	Mrs L Angell
GCSE Art Support Club	Tuesday 2.50pm-3.50pm A3	Years 10, 11	Mrs E Giles
GCSE Business	Thursday 3-4pm L12	Year 10,11	Mr A Worth
Revision			
GCSE French Club	Thursday 3-4pm N20	Year 11	Mrs C Robinson, Mr G Mates
GCSE Geography	Tuesday 3pm-4pm N15	Year 10, Year 11	Mrs S Mycock, Mrs S Petricco
GCSE History Support	Tuesday lunch, Thursday 3-4pm N8	Year 10, 11	Mr Patterson, Mr Egan, Mr Joyce, Mr Walker
GCSE IT Intervention	Thursday 2.50-3.40pm	Year 10, 11	Mr I Patel

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GCSE Maths Clinic	Thursday 2.50 – 3.50pm N5	All	Mr J McCombe, Mr C Sharpe, Mr Harte
GCSE Maths Revision	Thursday 3-4pm	Year 10, Year 11	Mrs N McCombe, Mr A Metcalfe
GCSE Music /AS/A2	Friday 3-4pm M12	Years 10 to 13	Mr C Hartnett
Support Club			
GCSE Music/AS/A2	Tuesday 3-4pm M11	Year 10/11/13	Mr B Farmer
Support Club			
GCSE Science Revision	Tuesday 3-4pm B13	Year 9, 10,11	Dr J Bradburn, Miss G Latham
Netball Monday,	Netball	Year 8, 9, 12/13	
Tuesday and Thursday			
3 – 4.15;			
Orchestra	Wednesday 8am – 8.30am M11	All	Mr C Hartnett
Photography Support	Tuesday 3-3.30pm	Year 10,11,12,13	Mr W Cropper
Physics Master Class	Monday Week 2 3pm-4pm B15	Year 13	Mr M McGrath
Project Nepal 2018	Friday 3 – 5pm Baines and St Mary's	Years 11 and 12	Mr R Raeburn & Mrs S Wright
Project Rocket Year	Monday 3 – 3.45pm B16	Year 11	Miss J Hutchinson
11 Science Revision			
Religion, Media and	Thursday 3 – 4pm T15	Years 10, 11, 12, 13	Mr R Raeburn
Culture Club			
Rock School	Monday Lunch M11		Mr B Farmer
Sport- Athletics, Cross	Half-term 2 – Indoor Athletics, Cross Country	All	PE Department
Country Sport Badminton	Tuesday lunch	Year 7 & 8	Mr R Flynn
Sport Badminton	Wednesday lunch	Year 9 & 10	Mr M Hartley
Sport Badminton	Thursday lunch and after school	Year 9 & 10	Mr D Vernon
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Sport Dance Club	Tuesday and Wednesday lunch		Mrs C Tyson, Mrs K Blackwell
Sport Football	Tuesday 3-4pm	Year 7	Mr Vernon
Sport Football	Monday 3-4pm	Year 8	Mr Vernon
Sport Handball	Tuesday and Thursday	Year 9,10,11	Mr R Flynn, Mr M Hartley, Mr D Vernon
Sport Hockey	Monday & Thursday 3-4pm	All	Mrs Mountain-Wood
Sport Indoor athletics	Monday lunch and after school	Year 7 & 8	DVN & KBL
Sport Netball	Mondays 3-4pm	Year 8	Mrs Tyson, Mrs Balckwell
Sport Netball	Tuesdays 3-4pm	Year 9 10 and 11	Mrs Tyson, Mrs Blackwell

Sport Netball	Thursdays 3-4pm	Year 7	Mrs Tyson, Mrs Blackwell
Sport Rugby	Tuesday 3-4pm	Year 7	Mr R Flynn
Sport Rugby	Tuesday 3-4pm	Year 8	Mr M Hartley
Sport Rugby	Monday 3-4pm	Year 9	Mr D Vernon
Sport Rugby	Thursday 3-4pm	Year 10 & 11	Mr R Flynn
Sport Trampolining	Tuesday lunch	Year 7	Mrs K Blackwell, Mr D Vernon, Mr C Tyson
Sport Trampolining	Wednesday lunch	Year 8	Mrs K Blackwell, Mr D Vernon, Mr C Tyson
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Sport Trampolining	Thursday lunch	Year 9	Mrs K Blackwell, Mr D Vernon, Mr C Tyson
STEM (Science,	Tuesday 3 – 3.30pm B19	Year7 to 10	Mr M Thomas
Technology,			
Engineering and			
Maths) club			
Student Support Club	Monday week 1 3pm-4pm	Year 7/8	Mrs G Newhouse
Ukulele Group	Group Thurs Lunch,	Ukulele Group - All	Mr B Farmer
Ukulele Orchestra	Orchestra Thurs 3 – 4pm M12	Orchestra – invite only	Mr B Farmer
Y7 to Y9 Art Club	Tuesday 2.50-3.50pm A1	Years 7 to Year 9	Mrs L Angell
Yoga	Tuesdays 3 – 4.15pm Dance Studio	All	Mrs H Kimber
Young Writer's Club	Thursday wk2 3pm-4pm B12	Year 7/8	Mr A Cotterall