

Baines School

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Welcome to Baines School



Baines School is a learning environment that aims to:

- invest in and develop young people;
- provide quality education;
- be responsive to the learning, social and emotional needs of the individual;
- develop lively, enquiring minds and encourage questioning, debate and rational argument;
- provide productive academic, vocational and work-related experiences for everyone;
- offer preparation for adult life and lifelong learning;
- work constructively in partnership with our pupils, parents and wider community;
- foster an understanding of citizenship, community, race, religion and moral and British values;
- provide the broadest range of experiences within the curriculum and beyond;
- understand and embrace change and challenge.



Baines School has been providing high quality education for over 300 years. The core values underpin everything we do to ensure that the pupils are able to achieve their full potential academically and they have developed the knowledge and skills they will need to lead successful lives from the start of Year 7 through to the Sixth Form and beyond.

We celebrate our heritage and know that our Founder, James Baines, would be proud of how our school continues to embrace the community in which we serve.

Baines School is a place where pupils are enthusiastic and excited about their learning, where there is mutual respect and where staff, pupils, parents and the wider community work together to provide stimulating experiences for all.

We strive to achieve excellent qualifications and meet the needs of all of our pupils, regardless of age and ability. Your child will be supported by a motivated staff in lessons and this is complemented by a rich and varied extra-curricular programme. We truly have something to inspire and enthuse every pupil.

The choice of secondary school is an exciting time and as parents you want the very best for your children. We seek to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary school where your child will be safe and secure, feel valued and respected while receiving an excellent and enjoyable education.

I hope that you enjoy reading this prospectus and encourage you to visit the school where you can meet staff and pupils. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.



Mrs A Chapman MA, SFHEA, NPQH
Headteacher

“Across the school respectful relationships exist between staff and pupils.”

Ofsted, November 2019

Curriculum

It is our policy that all pupils have the opportunity to follow a curriculum that is tailored to meet the needs and strengths of individuals within the school.

This curriculum is broad, balanced and relevant. We offer a wide range of subjects for all pupils meeting their entitlement to a varied and diverse learning experience, equipping them for adulthood in the 21st century. As a school we remain committed to enhancing the pupil experience and constantly review our curriculum to ensure maximum outcomes for all members of our school community. Our curriculum offers maximum opportunity for progression to A Levels or alternative post-16 choices through the provision of academic and other pathways.

Teaching and learning

It is our core aim to deliver quality teaching which motivates, challenges and inspires all of our learners, equipping them with the high level of skills needed in the 21st century.

The principle aims of teaching and learning at Baines School are to:

- to inspire pupils for a life-long love of learning;
- include all pupils in a culture of high expectations;
- develop assessment for learning that ensures pupils make rapid progress every lesson;
- promote teaching strategies and techniques which make learners active in their learning;
- ensure that learners transfer key skills across the curriculum, especially those of literacy and numeracy.



“Pupils of all ages are enthusiastic about the range of clubs and opportunities on offer.”

Ofsted, November 2019

“Pupils use their prior knowledge to deepen their understanding of challenging concepts.”

Ofsted, November 2019



Emotional and Social aims:

Baines School fosters a learning environment that aims to develop young people's social and emotional skills so that they may:

- learn to manage their impulses, helping them settle quickly, concentrate and not disrupt others;
- build warm relationships, which help them to care what others think and to respond positively to them;
- manage emotions and become more resilient;
- develop self-confidence which increases capacity for independent learning;
- reflect on longer term goals, raising their aspirations and developing the ability to make informed choices;
- feel optimistic about themselves and their ability to learn, which improves their motivation to work hard and attend regularly.

Personal Development

At Baines School we aim to support the growth and development of all individuals. The promotion of spiritual, moral, social and cultural skills is essential for effective learning, high academic standards, an inclusive culture, positive behaviour and good attendance.

These skills underpin effective learning by helping all pupils to manage their learning experience.

An extensive team of professionals in addition to teachers provide a layer of support, accessible to all pupils which ensures that appropriate levels of individual support can be accessed

promptly and effectively. This personal support exists alongside academic development and can be short-term intervention or on-going support depending on the needs of the child. For those individuals who may have personal and emotional needs which require specific intervention, we work collaboratively with relevant external agencies to ensure the needs of the individual are met and a positive outcome achieved. In addition to this our pupils are involved in a cross year vertical tutor system which ensures a smooth transition from primary school and fosters a caring and supportive environment within our school community.

“Pupils are especially appreciative of the high-quality pastoral support on offer.”

Ofsted, November 2019



Personal Success

Baines School is proud of the success of its students, a few examples are shown here.

Richard Darbourne (1)

Richard is a theatre and events producer running his own company in the West End in London. This year Richard has produced shows like SPAMALOT in South Korea and Legally Blonde the Musical in Monaco. In 2012 he was also a producer for the Medal Ceremonies for the London Olympics.

Richard says, "Baines was a brilliant place for everything we could do around our subjects. The teachers taught us to be grounded and honest and get on with things and that's always stayed with me".

Aisling Carson (2)

Aisling is currently living and working in Munich, Germany for BAE Systems on an International Assignment for partner company Panavia Aircraft GmbH, managing the In Service Support for the Tornado Aircraft for the UK RAF, German, Italian, and Royal Saudi Air Forces.

Aisling says, "Baines gave me the foundation I needed to go forward to university and ultimately lead me to where I am today. I will be forever grateful for the education and support I received. Baines is very much still part of my life, as even here in Munich I work alongside former friends and pupils from Baines."

Lucy Hale (3)

After achieving a First Class Honours degree in Photography Lucy now spends more time behind the camera as Content Executive at GAME. Lucy travels the world to video game events, interviewing talented people, presenting on stage and on camera!

Lucy says, "I adored everything creative at school, from descriptive writing to drama, art and my passion for photography. The teachers at Baines encouraged me to explore and nurture my talent and this has aided me in securing my dream job."

Matt Hague (4)

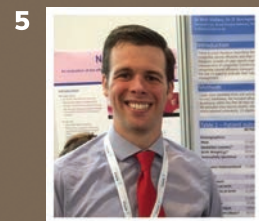
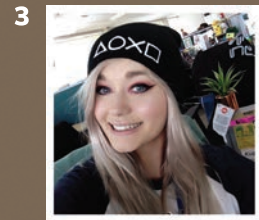
Matt is now based in London and recently returned from a year photographing the Swedish landscape. Matt has published photo books and exhibited his work on Brick Lane.

Matt says, "Taking pictures was only a hobby until I was encouraged to pursue an academic course in photography by the staff at Baines. The support and inspiration I received has allowed me to develop my hobby into a career."

Ben Shillitoe (5)

Ben is currently a Paediatrician working at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Ben is also studying a PhD investigating rare immune diseases affecting children.

Ben says, "It wasn't just the education I received at Baines that I value so much, but also the extensive range of extracurricular activities and sports the school offered. The staff at Baines care deeply for their students and without their support and encouragement in planning my career I would not be where I am today."



"Pupils are keen to become members of the school council and influence change."

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