



Headteacher Update – 27th September 2021

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

Thank you so much for your support in allowing your children to participate in our Open Evening last week. We organised the event with a booking system, had tours and a one-way system in place. Our students were excellent ambassadors on what was a fantastic evening showcasing our wonderful and vibrant school.

I had hoped it would be a while before I had to mention the pandemic in my updates, but alas as you are aware (and probably to be expected) as schools have returned, the number of cases has risen. This is a pattern nationally. We are following all of the guidance but this is different to last year. We are no longer required to phone home and ask students to go home if they are close contacts. The NHS Test and Trace have now taken over the close contact tracing so we will not phone you to ask who your child has been close to if they have tested positive. Many apologies for the families who have expected the call back.

It is still very important that you do notify us of positive lateral flows and the results of PCR tests as we have to complete daily reports to the DfE and Lancashire, so we need to track the number of cases and identify if we meet any thresholds regarding groups.

As you are aware, following the PHE recommendation, we have now stepped up our Covid procedures for the next two weeks where masks are now to be worn in corridors and communal spaces. Please encourage your child to wear a mask and also increase their hand hygiene routines through regular sanitisation.

We will review the numbers regularly and reduce the measures when we are able to, however, I do expect numbers to rise over the next few days before they reduce because of the time-lag between transmission and testing.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Today you will have received an email informing you that all 12-15 year olds have been given a letter and consent form from the NHS regarding the Covid-19 vaccination for young people. As a school, we have been asked to distribute and collect the consent forms and to provide the venue for the vaccinations. The date the team will be visiting Baines is Wednesday 6th October. Please return the form to school as soon as possible, it is a form that contains a 'yes' or 'no' response.

If you have any queries about the vaccination, please use the links and contacts in the documentation rather than contacting school because we do not have any further information ourselves than what you have been given and therefore are not likely to be able to answer any questions about this.

Uniform

Thank you for your continued patience about uniform concerns and I really appreciate your support in ensuring our high standards are maintained, especially with regards to the wearing of polishable black shoes, blazers, lengthening of skirts and no jewellery. I think most of the tracksuits have now arrived and we are just waiting for payment in order for you to receive your tracksuit. The students are looking extremely smart and wearing their uniform with pride, and the new tracksuits really look fantastic.

If you still have any queries about the uniform, please contact your child's Progress Tutor in the first instance.

Remote Learning

We are finding it challenging keeping up with the ever-changing situation of students self-isolating at home. Please be patient while teachers upload materials for home learning, as they have to balance planning for classes in school as well as suitable materials for remote-learning. Most work will appear on either ClassCharts or Google Classrooms. In the meantime, your child can always complete work on Hegarty Maths, SAM Learning, BBC Bitesize, GCSE Pod (for older students) and read. We still have the online ILC for students who may not have a hard copy book at home.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We are now in a situation where we have two parent governor places on the governing body to fill. Mr O'Brien's term of office has come to an end, he is very willing to stand again but the process is to ask for nominations. We also have a new parent governor vacancy. It is very important that we have parent/carers on our governing body and although it is a voluntary role, I hope you will find it a very rewarding role. All parents/carers of Baines students are eligible and encouraged to stand (If anyone has a legal background, that skill set would be extremely useful for us but please do not be put off if you don't, we welcome everyone). Once elected, the term of office is four years. If we have more than two nominations, we will go through an election process. If you are interested or would like to find out more about the role of the governor, please send your details to my PA, Mrs Porter (CPo@baines.lancs.sch.uk) and she will put you in touch with the Chair of Governors.

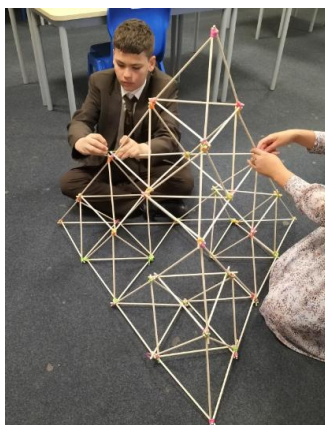
Stars of the Week (Week 1)



Stars of the Week (Week 2)



Mathematics – Mr Houghton



Mrs. A Chapman

I wish to share the that Thomas; a Year 7 student gave great support last night. He spent ages supporting others and building a large tetrahedron.

I gave him the nickname "Tetrahedron" Tom

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Mr Harrison – Hegarty Maths

Name	Year	Points
Jay	11	394
Emma	11	300
Nafisa	8	226
Jack	10	209
Jayden	8	206
Lillie	7	164
Emily	9	122
Daniel	9	117
Jay	9	113
Aaliyah	10	108

In mathematics we have started using a new online learning platform, called Hegarty Maths, once again I am extremely impressed by the uptake of students to work independently. Each class teacher will be setting individual homework for students to complete weekly on a topic which the students are working on in lesson or the students will decide on their own task based on weekly mini quizzes in lessons. All students should have tasks to complete usually taking between 30 minutes to an hour. These students on the leaderboard have gone over and above in the first 2 weeks of school and have completed more questions than any others in the school, it is fantastic to see such a mix of year groups showing an interest in improving their learning in such an important subject.

It makes me immensely proud to see how many students are taking care in their work and all of the mathematics staff are seeing vast improvements in student effort since the start of this school year. Long may it continue. If anyone has any issues with logging on to Hegarty maths please email jhn@baines.lancs.sch.uk . Keep up the good work.

Motocross - Ricky – Year 10



Ricky continues to train and compete hard during the motocross competition season in what was supposed to be just a rehearsal year on the adult 125cc bike. Ricky decided to compete in the 2021 Newton-le-Willows motocross club championship alongside the Cumbrian Mx championship this year. He has competed in all eight rounds this year travelling around the North West of England. Ricky has coped immensely well under pressure, as a fourteen year old, competing against other riders as old as eighteen, he has performed consistently all season and we are really proud that he has been placed in first position. Congratulations Ricky, we look forward to hearing about how the Cumbrian championship has gone.

Musical Success - Thomas in Year 9

Thomas is going to be performing in the touring show Elf this October at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. This is a fantastic achievement as it is a national show and he is singing a solo as part of his role. If anyone would like to see the show, it is at the Winter Gardens on 21st, 23rd, <https://www.wintergardensblackpool.co.uk/whats-on/elf-the-musical>

Literacy Update - Mrs Streetly

Now that our new term is fully underway all of our year 7 students have had their first ILC lesson. We have been discussing genre and encouraging our students to find something they really like to read. They should be reading for 20 minutes every evening.

We have begun to undertake reading tests to ascertain the reading ability of our students and to help them to thrive and grow over their time at Baines and leave us as confident, able readers.

During form time, they are undertaking a Boggle challenge and our form groups are progressing well where they have to create words from a mix of random letters. It is a great activity to get brains warmed up early in the morning.

Year 7 – Mrs Russell (Year 7 Progress Leader)

It has been fantastic watching our Year 7's settle over the last few weeks. I am so proud of their resilience and determination to embrace life at Baines. I have observed individuals master the complexity of their timetables, succeed in finding their classrooms and flourish in their understanding of the refectory system! All seem small obstacles, but they are quite challenging for our lovely Year 7s. However, each and every student has made wonderful progress – please congratulate your child on settling in well.

We have some ClassChart superstars already: Jenna (SPE), April (PDU), Elizabeth (EDR) and Callum (DHA).

Congratulations to Mrs. Davies' form (CDS), the reigning champions of the Inter-Form Olympics! The competition is heating up!

Well done to our very first 'Year 7 Form Prefects', they are doing a superb job and I look forward to them developing the role over the next few weeks.

Next week's assembly: In a world where you can be anything – be kind.

Year 6 Taster Sessions

On Monday evening we welcomed over two hundred families and Year 6 students to our school for our Open Evening. We would like to thank all of the students who helped us during this evening who were excellent role models and ambassadors for our school. We have received some really lovely feedback from a range of families who attended praising our school and students. All students who helped have received positive Class Charts points.

We are now offering a limited number of places on some taster sessions for Year 6 students. This is an opportunity to see our school during the working day, have a guided tour of our school with students and staff, drop in to lessons and experience a lesson for themselves. Please see the flyer below for details. Please share this information with any year 6 families who you think would be interested.

SAM Learning

Sam Learning is a wonderful tool to help students with revision. Studies show a correlation between the number of hours a student uses SAM Learning and academic performance. There is a wealth of activities for almost every subject for Key Stages 3 & 4 as well as KS2 transition materials for our youngest students. Two of the real benefits of SAM Learning are that: i) it marks students' work for them ii) it shares this information with teachers allowing us to see what students can do really well and what they require further support with.

For login details, please see the graphic below.



Logging in as a student:

•	We will set your Online Review and Assessment work on SAM Learning
•	Go to www.samlearning.com . Our Centre ID is: FY6BS
•	Your User ID is your Date of Birth and Initials (e.g. 230209SK) - and your starting password is the same (ask a teacher for a reset)
•	Go to 'My Set Tasks' to see what has been set for you - or 'Activities' to find your own work.

Year 10 and 11 Parent/Carer Information Evening - Wednesday 29th September 2021

Mr Mycock will guide parents/carers through the target setting process, how we monitor progress during Years 10 and 11, demonstrate the range of resources that are available to support revision and working from home and discuss some practical strategies that can be used at home to support your child. There will be the opportunity to ask some questions in the live chat feature and the event will be recorded for those unable to attend whilst it is live.

The **Year 10** event will start at 5pm and can be accessed here

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The **Year 11** event will start at 6pm and can be accessed here

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Invites have also been emailed to parents/carers. If you have not received the email, please check your junk folder or that your email address is correct by contacting the school office.

Year 7 Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs)

Over the coming few weeks, Year 7 will be sitting their CAT tests that give teachers some extra information to help support our young people in the classroom in the absence of SATs this year. We will also be running some separate reading and mathematics assessments. These tests are conducted online and cannot be revised for; we ask that parents/carers reassure their children about this and simply encourage their child to do their best.

Careers@Baines

In this Careers Update, the Careers Team would like to highlight the recent work they have been doing with the Year 11 cohort along with some exciting internal and external events for Years 9, 10 and 11 to get involved in.

Careers Guidance Interviews

The Careers Team have had a positive start conducting one to one career guidance appointments with the Year 11 cohort this week. Every Year 11 student will have access to a 1:1 appointment with Mrs Dillon our Careers Advisor to help with career planning and next steps after school. These appointments will take place every Monday over the next few months until the Careers Team have seen every Year 11 student. We offer this service to ensure that every Year 11 student receives personal guidance (Gatsby Benchmark 8) which is specific to their individual aspirations and skill set. We hope that these appointments will help guide students on to the right career path towards their dream career.

Further Education Assemblies

The Careers Team has arranged for some Further Education and Apprenticeship providers to deliver virtual assemblies to the Year 11 cohort over the next couple of weeks. Last week we welcomed Blackpool Sixth Form who provided a video presentation which explored the range of academic and vocational qualifications they offer. This week we are looking forward to receiving a LIVE virtual assembly from Blackpool and The Fylde College to explore their range of vocational courses and to learn more about their new qualifications called T Levels. Next week the Year 11's will be introduced to Myerscough College and their popular land-based, science and sports focused courses. Then lastly, they will hear from Amazing Apprenticeships who will explain what apprenticeships are and the benefits of this qualification route. We hope these assemblies will help to inform students about the different types of qualifications available to them at post-16 level and provide an insight into the local Further Education offer.

Careers Drop In's

Miss Kinder will be based in the Year 11 area on a Tuesday and Wednesday lunch time for Year 11 students to drop by with any careers or further education queries. Students should feel free to go along for an informal chat, there will also be materials available from local college providers for students to take away with them for more information. Miss Kinder can support students with their college applications either via a lunchtime drop in or an after-school appointment in the Careers Hub. To arrange an appointment, please contact Miss Kinder at kki@baines.lancs.sch.uk

Careers Fair - Years 9, 10 & 11

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Careers Fair on Thursday 14th October 2021 from 4pm - 7pm, where students and families in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be invited on site to find out more information first hand from a variety of providers and employers.

We are inviting a number of post-16 providers to the Careers Fair including Myerscough College and Blackpool and The Fylde College. We will also be welcoming some universities from the local area including UCLAN and Lancaster University. Additionally, there will be a number of apprenticeship providers attending along with representatives from other providers and businesses such as the Armed Forces, NHS, BAE Systems, National Citizen Service and Blackpool Football Club.

During the evening there will be a series of talks which families can book on to for further information on the following topics: Apprenticeships, T Levels and The Excellence Programme at Blackpool Sixth Form. A letter detailing the full event will be making its way to all Years 9, 10 and 11 student homes soon, so please look out for this and in the meantime save the date!

Upcoming Further Education Open Events

Year 11 Students - Further Education Open Events are a crucial decision maker when it comes to deciding which college/sixth form is the best choice for you. Take the time to visit as many establishments as you can this year because these events are a great opportunity to get a feel for a place, chat to teachers and speak to current students about their own student experience. We will continue to add any upcoming Open Events to the HTU here so you can make a note of them in your diaries and start taking control of your future plans now!

Blackpool Sixth Form - Saturday 2nd October 2021: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Blackpool and The Fylde College - Saturday 2nd October 2021: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Myerscough College - Saturday 2nd October 2021: 10am – 12.30pm

Preston's College - Wednesday 6th October 2021: 4pm - 7pm



Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair – Friday 10th December

On Friday 10th December, Baines School will be hosting our very first Christmas Winter Wonderland!

The Christmas Fair will run from 4 – 7pm, with some entertainment from our very own talented students.

So far, we have the following stalls:

Aromas and sweets

Candles

Cakes and bakes

Chutneys

Confectionary

Dog Wear

The Body Shop at Home

Home and gift stall

Christmas wreaths

Woodcraft

Gelicolous Gifts

Craft stall

(And of course, a visit from Santa!)

If you would like to have your own stall, please contact Clare Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk); we are aiming to have a variety of stalls rather than a number of the same kind; stalls will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. It would be lovely to get an assortment of stalls – and do a bit of Christmas shopping!

We are also looking for donations for a bottle tombola and for a Christmas Raffle. If you feel you can donate any prizes for either of these please contact Clare Doherty or drop any prizes at our front office. All donations will be very gratefully received.

Friends of Baines

The first Friends of Baines meeting was held on Tuesday 21st September.

The purpose of the group was discussed and we felt there were a number of projects including raising the profile of Baines School within the community and to support the community, to fundraise for resources for the students. Lots of ideas were discussed with the main projects this term are to support the Reverse Advent, the Year 7 and 8 Christmas Disco and of course, our Winter Wonderland Christmas Fair.

If you would like to attend future meetings please contact Mrs Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk).

Student Council

Thank you to everyone who supported Jeans for Genes. We raised nearly £300 With Mrs Angell's form raising the most!



Year 10 student council met to eat the delicious potatoes we had grown and to discuss classroom culture and the values the students consider the most important in school. Students felt respect and gratitude were extremely important.



A massive thank you to Mr Noon who made some culinary delights with the potatoes which the students had a feast with. The students were treated to Spanish omelette, mini-jacket potatoes and bacon and pepper tapas.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Last week the students all had safeguarding assemblies, where they have been reminded of the safeguarding team, and other supports in school.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students discussed keeping themselves safe, the NSPCC underwear rule and the importance of being kind to each other.

Year 10 and 11 students discussed consent, harassment and also being careful about taking lifts in cars with people.

To celebrate Mental Health week in October, we have booked **'Here At Last'** to visit our students on Friday 8th October; they are a band from across the UK. Formed in 2020, Here at Last sold out their first headline UK tour & will be headlining another tour later this year. They are also the biggest UK boyband on TikTok with over 1.5 million followers. Having all had their own issues with cyber bullying and mental health, the boys are in the perfect position to deliver such a positive message to pupils and are excited to be given the opportunity to educate and inspire. Please find a couple of links to their music videos below:

[Here At Last - Ocean Eyes](#)

[Here At Last - Someone To You](#)

The band will discuss mental health, the causes of mental health problems (stress at school, relationships etc), a time one of them had their own mental health issues, who to turn to for help and the importance of speaking up. They will also speak about the stresses of this year during the pandemic, the loss we might all have felt and how we can all better handle the unpredictability and hardship of it all. They will give advice on how to stay safe online (Never giving out personal information, never meeting strangers online, safety on social network sites, following rules of your parents on the internet etc) as well as discussing cyber bullying and where to go for help. They will also discuss personal stories ie a time he was affected by cyber bullying, how he felt at the time, how he reacted, and the outcome of the situation.



Just a reminder that if you or your child has any safeguarding concerns, please contact a member of the safeguarding team:

Mrs Doherty (Deputy Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead)

Miss Harkins (Pastoral Manager and Safeguarding Person)

Mr Shilitoe (Head of Creative Arts and Safeguarding Person)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mrs Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

Forthcoming Events:

29th September –Year 10/11 Virtual Information Evening. Year 10 – 5pm Year 11- 6pm

6th October – Covid-19 Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

7th October – Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event – this will be a virtual event and information will be sent out to Year 7 parents/Carers.

8th October – Mental Health Performance all years

14th October – Re-start a Heart for Year 7 /10

14TH October Careers Evening 4-6pm

18th, 19th & 20th October – Year 8 Camp

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Workshops

FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Are you a parent or carer living
in Blackpool, Fylde or Wyre?

Would you like to know more
about children and young
people's mental health and
resilience?

If yes, please come along to our Mental
Health and Emotional Wellbeing
Workshops for parents and carers. All
workshops are co-produced and co-
facilitated by parents, carers and mental
health professionals.

LINKS

Understanding Anxiety
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164138999165>

Combating Low Moods
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164180015847>

Behaviour that Challenges
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164180960673>

Discussing Self-harm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/164181654749>

WORKSHOP DATES & TIMES

Understanding Anxiety
23rd September 10AM-12.30PM
Online Via Zoom

Combating Low Moods
13th October 10AM-12.30PM
Online Via Microsoft Teams

Behaviour that Challenges
10th November 10AM-12.30PM
Online Via Zoom

Discussing Self-harm
2nd December 10AM-12.30PM
Online Via Microsoft Teams

TO BOOK:
click on the links to the left or
phone/text/e-mail Vicki
vicki@boingboing.org.uk /
07908860429





Baines School Family Tours

are offered on:

Friday 1st October 2021
Tuesday 12th October 2021
&
Thursday 21st October 2021

If you would like to see Baines School during the school day, we are offering the opportunity to parents/carers and pupils* to visit our school.

Pupils will be shown round by a Senior member of staff and there will be the opportunity to take part in an activity with other Year 6 pupils.

You will be greeted by pupils and staff at the Front office at 9.30am. The tours will run for around 75 minutes.

Please telephone school to book a place on any of these dates on 01253 883019.

Numbers for each tour are limited and we ask that families try to minimise numbers in their party.

**All pupils must be accompanied by a parent/carer.*



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