



Headteacher Update – 7th February 2022

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

I cannot believe we are almost at February half term (which marks halfway through the academic year). I am pleased that the Covid cases seem to be settling and this should mean that attendance improves. Attendance needs to be a major focus, because students learn so much more when they are in school. I know this isn't always possible and Covid has impacted significantly, but please support your child in coming to school as much as possible so that they can ensure they are into good study habits and really focussing on knowing and remembering more.

Well done to our year 11 students for completing the first week of their mock examinations. I am pleased they are taking these seriously because it will provide us with clear evidence in how they perform under exam conditions, what they know and what they need to do to prepare themselves for the summer examinations. We hope it won't happen, but the mock examination papers would provide some evidence should there be any last-minute changes from the government with regards to how the GCSE grades may be awarded.

Our year 9 students are now starting their options process, you will see the timeline of events later in this update. Some year 9 students have already had a career interview to support them in making their subject choices.

I have been pleased with the engagement of many of students in years 8 & 9 who have received after-school tutoring as part of the government recovery processes. The first groups have had fifteen hours of tutoring across mathematics, English or languages. It was a shame that some students refused to attend so could not access this support. I know it is after school but anything we can do to help students identified with learning gaps to fill those, is encouraged. I look forward to the next groups starting after half term.

Last week I spent time looking at the quality of work in a range of subjects. This coincides with our PROUD initiative where we expect all students to complete work to the very best of their ability and for their work to be detailed, well-presented and show learning and progress. I saw some excellent work in some books in mathematics, physics and geography. I also saw some fantastic practical work in PE and in art and design. This week I will visit more lessons to see the learning in other subjects. I would encourage parents and carers to talk to their children about what they have been learning. Children being able to explain their learning is an important skill (and encourages strong communication skills). Hopefully you will also see some good quality work in your child's books.

I would again like to reinforce that we expect high standards of uniform (the skirt rolling has become ridiculous in some cases, with skirts being shorter than the blazers). Our skirt is knee length and I need parental support to talk to the students about how they are wearing their skirts. Negative uniform points will be added for this. I also still need help with children going to the toilets during lesson time. I do not want to have to lock the toilets at lesson time and students having to go to reception for a key

each time. Almost all children should be able to use the toilet before school, at break, at lunchtime and after school. There are very few students who should need the toilet outside of these times.

We have recently had a few parents driving into our site to pick up or drop-off children where the speed of their driving has been dangerous. Please ensure that you consider safety if coming onsite, I do not want to have to stop cars coming onsite, because it would mean the roads would become congested. Thank you for your help with this.

Please remember to ask your children to talk to their Progress Tutor, Progress Leader, member of the Pastoral Team or any member of staff if they have any worries or concerns. We are really mindful to support positive mental wellbeing, but cannot help if we do not know.

Finally, some very good news: Charlie O'Brien who was our Senior Prefect in 2020, has secured a place at St Catherine's College in Cambridge to study Economics. This is a fantastic achievement as there are thousands of applications every year and a very difficult process to secure a place. I look forward to telling you about his and other former student successes in the summer after their summer examinations.

Other good news, Dave 'the rocket' Ryding who has carried the GB flag at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, is the Grandson of Muriel Ryding (former Headteacher at Baines School). Our year 7 students made him a good luck video (see it on our school Facebook page). We will watch with pride and hope for him in Beijing. He has sent us a lovely reply:

*"To all pupils at Baines School,
Although we have not met, I want to say a big thank you for taking the time to send me a message of support to the Winter Olympic Games, Beijing 2022.
When we are away from the UK and competing in foreign countries, we really appreciate the fact that people from home, particularly in the North, let us know that they are thinking about us and will be cheering us on. It really raises our spirits.
I hope that I can give my best performance on the day to bring home a medal, but whatever happens, I promise I will be doing my best.
Thanks again,*

*Dave Ryding
GB Alpine Skier
Olympian 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022"*

Let us help Dave Ryding inspire us all, hard work is the key to success, Nil Sine Labore.

Have a lovely half term break, I cannot wait to see our students return for half term 4.

Stars of the Week (Week 1)



Stars of the Week (Week 2)



Successes

Blackpool BMX – Annabelle Year 9



Annabelle entered a BMX race at Blackpool BMX Course at Stanley Park and won **Rider of the Day**. She gained 2nd place in one of the races that day. This was an excellent achievement, especially after Annabelle had dislocated her shoulder the week before!

From having little to no confidence she has battled to achieve her goals and proved she has so much more to accomplish.

Congratulations Annabelle!

Wyre and Fylde Championships - Indoor Athletics

On Friday 21st January, Mrs Blackwell and Mr Vernon took the Year 7 and 8 girls and boys Indoor Athletics teams to Cardinal Allen to compete in the Wyre and Fylde Championships.

The athletes had to compete in a variety of field events including the standing long jump, speed bounce and shot put, and the 2 lap, 4 lap, and 8 lap parlauf events on the track.

After attending several weeks of training sessions after school the pupils performed brilliantly. The girls finished in second place and the boys in 4th place overall.



Literacy Update – Mrs Streetly & Mrs Simmons

National Storytelling Week and World Read Aloud Day

Reading Plus

Well done to our students who have been invited to participate in this - we have more students engaged in the programme than we ever have before and they are making good progress towards their targets. In particular, in the B1 group the top 5 currently are: Lilly, Holly, Ruby, Cameron and Devon. In the ILC group the top 5 are: William, Robert, Aaliyah, Thomas and Freya.

Read Around Maths

We are now in the month of February which means we are reading around Maths. The students are looking at the use of wording and vocabulary in Mathematics and trying to use their word skills to solve problems. We also have a wonderful reading list to help your child develop their skills and knowledge in Mathematics.

Root of the Week

'Ject' meaning to throw.

'pro' meaning forward or to the front.

National Storytelling Week

To celebrate National Storytelling Week and World Read Aloud Day students were invited to visit the ILC at lunch each day and listen to members of our staff read from their favourite book. Thank you to Mrs Burns, who read from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll, and Mr Harrison, who read from 'Sabriel' by Gareth Nix.



English – Mrs Dunstan



7B have thrown themselves into learning about Shakespeare and have made some impressive models of The Globe Theatre!

Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

We have had a group of Year 10 students learning more about the Holocaust and the importance of learning about, and remembering, the events of the Holocaust and genocides that have happened since then. The group helped to prepare an assembly for the whole school and short clip about Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) last Thursday 27th January, and encouraged our school to remember all those killed in genocide and to aim to speak out against prejudice and injustice in our lives. This group aim to do further work around this subject throughout the year.

Alongside this, Miss Simmons in the ILC created a display to mark HMD, with recommended reading about the Holocaust and linked topics, so we would encourage students to go have a browse!



Year 9 Art- Mrs Burns

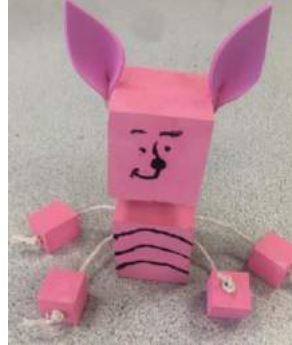


Noel - Mixed media piece of Art inspired by the artist Dave White. Amazing attention to detail and accurate proportions.

Reece - Mixed media piece of Art inspired by the artist Dave White. Amazing attention to detail and accurate proportions.



Year 8 Design – Nathan
Bot Blocks 8X4 Piglet!
Super impressive work!



Calling all Artists at Baines School – Mrs Burns

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4 - 19 years studying in the UK.

Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme. When you enter, we will ask for an image of your artwork plus some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. Your artwork will be seen by our panel of judges and the selected pieces will be shown in our online exhibition. Some of the artworks will also be shown at the Royal Academy of Arts

Prizes are awarded each year for two inspiring artworks from each key stage, as chosen by the President of the Royal Academy. They will each receive vouchers for art materials or a free practical workshop for their school. You can also vote for your favourite artwork in our annual People's Choice Award, with the winners receiving vouchers for art materials. Take a look at the 2021 prize winning artworks.

Submit your work to Mrs Burns by the 20th March 2022

Either email CBu@Baines.lancs.sch.uk

Or bring the work in and Mrs Burns will photograph it.

Good Luck!



Mathematics – Mr Harrison -Hegarty Maths Leaderboard

First name	Year	Total questions answered correctly
Maisie	11	558
Ethan	11	357
Nafisa	8	357
Jake	11	334
Samuel	11	271
Domi	11	263
Zoe	11	262
Torah	11	258
Jackson	11	243
Lily	8	237
Max	7	217
Maddison	8	214
Aliyah	10	211
Lily-Mae	7	207
Amber	11	200

Great to see how many year 11s have stepped up the revision during the mock weeks. The effort for the mocks is excellent, and I am impressed to see the how many students have identified key areas to improve. I hope to see the improvements in their results.

Times Table Rockstars:

The year 8 competition had some fierce battles between the classes.

The lead between 8X1 and 8Y1 was swapping from class to class. The classes ended with an average of over 1500 questions answered per pupil, however the group which was surpassed these was 8X2 with over 1800 questions done per pupils.

There were a few pupils who individually answered over 10,000 questions.

8X1	1811
8X2	1879
8X3	100
8Y1	1648
8Y2	33
8Y3	150
8Y4	385

Top scorers in each class were as follows:

8X	8X	8Y	8Y	8Y
Olivia - 17530	Amber - 16464	Alfie - 15820	James - 923	Nemesis - 2075
Evelyn - 11762	Khadijah - 14419	Shannon - 9267		Gabriel - 1023
Freya - 7413	Kian - 5288	Rhiannon - 5387		Elliot - 720

Year. 9 Options – Mr McGrath

Date	Event
31 st January – 11 th February	Careers Advice for Year 9 Options Students Mrs Kinder will be offering group and individual sessions for students who require specific careers advice. She will be working closely with Blackpool Sixth Form to provide up to date advice on next steps.
11 th February	Letter home to Parents / Students regarding the dates of the upcoming events and Options Process this year
Half Term	
21 st February -25 th February	Year 9 Progress Review Week This will be an opportunity for Progress Tutors and Progress Leaders to discuss the individual progress of students within their forms and year groups.
23 rd February	Year 9 Consultation Evening
25 th February	Year 9 Options Assembly – Mr McGrath to will run an assembly where he will outline the process for this year. The Options Booklet will also be allocated.
1 st March	Year 9 Options Evening Details on how this will run this year will follow soon.
11 th March	Deadline for handing Options Forms

Year 7 Progress Leader update

Friendship is the best, but sometimes friendship can be a challenge.



Below is a little advice about making healthy relationships in school:

- Find the right fit — don't just fit in.
 - Stick to your likes.
- Keep social circles open and diverse.
 - Speak out and stand up.
- Take responsibility for your own actions.

Remember 'EFFORT' is what makes us progress - hard work pays off!

Well done to our weekly ClassChart Champions:

Charlie C	Charlie E	Marcella	Rosie	Freya	Dexter	Willow
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Reminder to year 10 and 11- Mrs Tilley

Science revision materials are available to purchase on ParentPay.

These very helpful revision resources are available at a substantial discount to those found online.

See your science teacher if you need further guidance.

Year 11 Mock Interview Day

On Wednesday 26th January we held Employer Mock Interviews for our Year 11 cohort in order to provide students with an opportunity to develop their interview techniques and gain experience within a one to one interview setting. The event was a huge success as we welcomed 14 employers from a range of different industry areas to interview our Year 11 cohort. Some of the employers present included: BAE Systems, The NHS, Royal Air Force, Atlas, Blackpool Transport, Northern Rail, ASK Apprenticeships, Blackpool Sixth Form and Blackpool & The Fylde College.

Employers were impressed with the quality of CVs presented and the shining personalities of our students. One employer commented that 'all students were a credit to the school' and others commented about the polite and well-mannered nature of our students. Students also enjoyed this experience and took away many positives from their interview along with tips on how they can perform even better in the future. We are extremely proud of all our students who participated in this event and we feel it has had a great impact on preparing students for the world of work.

Star Interviews

A huge **congratulations** to the following list of students who were hand selected by employers as the **star interviews** of the day:

Kai	Livs	Kealan	Chante	James	Domi	Sienna
Daisie	Rohan	Lily	Harleigh	Sasha	Tom	Benjamin
Cordelia	Sophia	Ethan	Torah	Jack	Haiden	Filip

We will soon be awarding prizes for the students in the above list who have scored the highest on their interview feedback form. Well done to all!



Meet the Professional Masterclasses

We had another busy month of Masterclasses in January and finished strong by welcoming two professional guests in one week!

We firstly heard from Kirk, an engineer from Leonardo UK who has worked within the engineering industry for nearly 40 years. The main focus of the Masterclass was on aerospace engineering however students also found out about other types of engineering which they could explore further.

Our professional guest provided insight into a range of topics including:

- Good qualities to have as an Engineer e.g innovative, open mindedness and wonder.
- How the industry is facing a shortage of engineers and how there will always be a job waiting for you after training.

We then heard from the owner of Tattoo Unicorn based in Blackpool Town Centre, about the role of a tattoo artist and the journey of opening up your own business. Students were lucky to have a virtual tour of the studio where they viewed the waiting area, working space, tattooing equipment and some recent tattoo designs.

Our professional guest provided insight into a range of topics including:

- The qualifications required to become a tattoo artist including A Level/BTEC Art and a tattoo license.
- Key tips for students who are seeking an apprenticeship e.g to start building up an art portfolio of drawings.
- The importance of hygiene and cleanliness within the profession linking to Health and Safety.

Our next masterclass will be held on **Tuesday 8th February** where we will welcome a **Police Officer** as our professional guest. Please can interested Year 10 and 11 students put their name forward to Miss Kinder if they would like to attend.

College Applications

Please be aware that Blackpool Sixth Form have announced that the final closing date to apply for courses starting in September 2022 is **Tuesday 1st March 2022**. Only applicants can attend their taster events in March and the New Student Day in July. Therefore, if your son/daughter is considering Blackpool Sixth Form as an option then please apply before the closing date and as soon as possible.



Some key points to remember when making an application:

1. Students can apply to multiple sixth forms/colleges as the decision on where you are going to study is only finalised on GCSE results day.
2. The courses selected on your college application can change, as these again are not finalised until you enroll at your chosen provider on results day.
3. Predicted grades should be used on application forms to give the provider an idea of the grades you are working towards, so they are able to give you a conditional offer/place on the course.
4. Check your spam/junk folder as the education provider will contact you on email with updates about the progress of your application and important information regarding upcoming college events.

National Apprenticeship Week (7th February – 11th February)

The week-long celebration of Apprenticeships brings together businesses and apprentices from across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

To celebrate National Apprenticeship week, we will be offering apprenticeship activities for students in Years 7 to 10 to participate in. These activities will be delivered during form time and will aim to

increase awareness of this type of qualification and will help to develop students' knowledge around apprenticeships.

If students would like any further advice about apprenticeships then Miss Kinder is available during lunch and after school for drop in appointments. Miss Kinder is based in the Careers Hub (L13) every Monday to Thursday.

Parents can also find out more information by visiting the Amazing Apprenticeships website by clicking on the link below. Make sure you check out the fantastic resources section which is available for parents and carers. Please see the fact file below for the eight key facts about apprenticeships for some light reading! Link - <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/>

WHAT IS AN APPRENTICESHIP?
8 key facts you need to know

Amazing Apprenticeships

- 1 An apprenticeship is a real job**
Available to individuals aged 16+ (with no upper age limit), apprentices are typically employed for at least 30 hours per week.
- 2 Apprentices are paid a salary**
All apprentices will earn a salary of at least the National Minimum Wage for apprentices which is currently £4.30* per hour. Many employers pay more!
- 3 Apprenticeships last a minimum of 12 months**
Most apprenticeships take between 1 - 4 years to complete. It will depend on the level and delivery model of the apprenticeship.
- 4 Apprenticeships range from level 2 to level 7**
There are apprenticeships at levels equivalent to GCSEs right up to Master's level and you can now achieve a degree through an apprenticeship.
- 5 Apprentices do not pay for their training**
All apprenticeship costs are paid for by the employer and/or the government meaning that an apprentice will never have to pay for their training.
- 6 Apprentices will receive 20% off-the-job learning**
20% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent undertaking off-the-job learning, gaining valuable skills and qualifications.
- 7 Apprentices will spend 80% of their time on-the-job**
80% of an apprentice's paid time will be spent on-the-job, working with colleagues to learn new skills and gain experience of the workplace.
- 8 There are thousands of apprenticeships in more than 170 industries**
New apprenticeships are advertised each week covering a wide range of job roles. You will be amazed at the variety and breadth available!

*The National Minimum Wage for apprentices is reviewed each April.

Discover more about apprenticeships:
www.amazingapprenticeships.com

Kindness Counts Charity

Enter the WOW competition and get your design printed on this year's Kindness Counts Charity merchandise. An opportunity to be noticed as an artist and also raise money for anti-bullying resources in our school. Entries can be given to the Pastoral Office before March 28th.



kindness counts UK
www.kindnesscountsuk.org
Supplying Anti Bully Resource to our Schools

Annual Mug Design WOW COMPETITION

DESIGN YOUR MUG NOW:
Design our Youth Champions mug to be given to our schools this year.
•Designs must be 8cm x 21cm•

All funds go to **Kindness Counts U.K.** to help schools get anti bullying resources like yours.

Watch out this year for our new book, song and post box system. We have lots going on to help our local schools.

ENTER NOW:
Time is running out to submit your entry to the competition. Entries must be in by midday on **March 28th 2022**. Winning design will receive a trophy, prize and the winning cup design with their name on it!

Good luck folks!

50p per entry

Our bank details are: Kindness Counts UK
Sort Code: 20-78-91 Account No: 70798924 Reference No: 993444398
Or place your 50p in the box provided

For more information contact: 07506 106 853 or Michellekindnesscountsuk@gmail.com
Local Authority No's. - SL 0311 Charity Registration No's. 1195961

Student Council

The student council has promoted the fundraising appeal for Isabelle Grundy and the staff and students have raised a whopping £ 452.27. This is fantastic; thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this.

Cleveleys girl with rare cancer needs £280k for potentially life-saving treatment in US

GRANADA | HEALTH | LANCASHIRE | Tuesday 11 January 2022, 3:32pm



Following the student voice, Lilly in Year 9 Student Council felt a meditation / reflection club would support students in school, and she has now led two sessions which has been really well received by students. Well done Lilly – a natural leader!!

Themes of the Week

Our theme last week was Mental Health; students listened to an assembly looking at supporting mental health, and drop in sessions ran at lunch time for students, to look at how they can use distraction techniques to help support themselves, when they start to feel anxious. Thank you to Mrs Porter and Miss Hayes who ran the sessions. Next week's themes are E-Safety and Apprenticeships.

Friends of Baines

If you would like to be involved with our own version of a PTFA – Friends of Baines, please contact Mrs Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk). We are hoping to start looking at organising more fund raising events after the success of the Christmas Raffle.

We very much value your input in shaping our community.

Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Just a reminder that if you or your son / daughter 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)

Please see below for a Government Campaign 'Stop Abuse Together'

<https://stopabusetogether.campaign.gov.uk/>



Child sexual abuse is a reality for thousands of children across our country, with at least one in ten estimated to experience sexual abuse before they turn 16.

But we can all play a part in protecting children and getting them the right help. That's why it's important to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support. This website brings together advice and resources to help you keep the children in your life safe.

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact the NSPCC helpline on **0800 800 5000** or email help@nspcc.org.uk

The dedicated NSPCC child protection specialist you talk to will know what to do next and will take any necessary action. It's never too soon to speak out when a child needs help. Even if you're unsure, if you're worried, the best thing to do is to talk to a trained professional. Your call could protect a child from experiencing sexual abuse. If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

Forthcoming Events:

31st January- Year 11 Mock Exams will continue in to the week after Half Term w.b Monday

21st February

8th February- Safer Internet Day

11th February- School Closes for February Half Term -2.50PM

21st February-School Re-Opens

23rd February- Year 9 Consultation Evening (Virtual)

1st April- Year 9 Options Evening (Virtual)

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher

Mrs. A Chapman

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TRAINING DATES

11TH FEBRUARY UNTIL APRIL 14TH

10 WEEKS 6.30PM - 8PM

ROSSALL SCHOOL SPORTS CENTRE

AGES 5 - 14

£4 PER SESSION



For further information contact the club
or contact Jon Amor on 07595 176136
amorj@sky.com