



## Headteacher Update – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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

This is the last week of the spring term, you will see from this update that we have participated in many events since my last update, I am really proud of the enrichment opportunities that we provide to our students, these are just a few of the special events and do not include the many clubs, enhancements and interventions that happen at lunchtime and after school.

Thank you for your patience with regards to the high levels of staff absence over the last two weeks, we have quite high numbers of Covid cases in both the student and staff body and we just managed to staff all the lessons last week without having to double up classes in the hall – it was a close call!

**Please remember that school closes to students at the end of the day on Thursday for Easter, we have a staff training day on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. School re-opens on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April after the Bank Holiday.**

For those in year 11, please ensure that some time is spent completing coursework and revising, using the work set by teachers but also supporting with our online tools such as GCSE Pod, Seneca Learning and Hegarty Maths, as well as creating revision notes/resources. For students in other year groups, after homework has been completed, please encourage your child to read. One of the most significant things you can do to support your child is to encourage them to read and have a love of reading. Research shows that those children who keep their reading age at least the same as their chronological age, do well as they can understand the questions and texts. Encourage your child to take some books out of our ILC for the holidays, we have something for everyone.

We have our first concert since the pandemic on Thursday night. There are limited seats in order to keep space between seats than usual, I really hope you will come and enjoy the concert which has been 100% produced by our students. There is no cost for the event but seats do need to be pre-booked please use this link: <http://www.ticketsource.us/Baines-School>

We have been getting a lot of queries about special educational needs recently and are finding it hard to respond as quickly as parents/carers would like, because our staff are teaching or working with children during the school day. To aid this, we have created a new email address, please direct all SEND related enquiries to [SEND@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@baines.lancs.sch.uk).

As parents start thinking about uniform and equipment for next year, we have developed our systems so that the Baines School tracksuit is now available to buy using your debit/credit card on our school website in an online store. We have had a phased approach to the introduction of the tracksuit to support finances. It is expected that the majority of all students should be in the tracksuit from September but definitely all KS3 (years 7, 8 & 9) students. Please follow the link below or use the QR Code provided to take you to our school shop. <http://baines.lancs.sch.uk/shop/>



## Stars of the Week (Week 1)



## Stars of the Week (Week 2)



## Subject Stars

### History

The following students have all excelled in their efforts this term. We are very pleased with these young historians and the positive contributions they have made in their lessons.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Lydia P	Amelia T	Lucy C	Matthew N	Jack C
Evie S	Ellis W	Vance C	Aliyah S	Evie D

### PE - Stars of the term

The following students have been awarded star of the half term due to their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment in PE lessons. The students have also made excellent progress in relation to their target grades. The PE staff have selected the pupils because they are an absolute pleasure to teach!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Harrison H	Alfie P	Abbie L	GCSE-Bella H	GCSE Lenny G
Lois H	Eleanor E	Sonny B	BTEC-Isabelle C	BTEC Kai N
Harrison P	George H	Kal-el SW		
Rosie D	Ellie S	Lily W		

### Creative Arts – Mr Shillitoe

The following have been identified as a 'Subject Star' for classwork, effort and attitude to learning over the last term.

Music			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11
Gabby G	Eli H	Nat Q	Joe L

Art			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 11
Daisy B	Lauren C	Reece M	Sam D

Performing Arts	KS3 Design	KS4 3D Product Design	KS4 Photography
Year 10- Louie J	Year 7 - Esme H	Year 10 - Alex F	Year 10 - George M
Year 11 - Akeelah H	Year 8 - Ellis W	Year 11 - Filip K	Year 11 - Hannah E
	Year 9 - Mya S		

## Successes

### BMX Winter Season Final



Blackpool siblings Annabelle, year 9 and Cole, year 7 are having a very successful BMX season. Annabelle achieved 1st in the finals of the winter season in her age group and Cole finished 4th in his age group. Well done to both of them, for their hard work and resilience, growing in confidence in what is a relatively new competitive sport for both of them.



### Taekwondo

Congratulations to Nyx - year 10 being recognised as 9th KUP - white belt Distinction, after taking up taekwondo just a few weeks ago.

### Lancashire FA U16 Girls Cup Final

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Bella competed in the Lancashire FA U16 Girls Cup Final with her team Fleetwood Town Junior FC against Burnley FC ladies. She has written this lovely report. There were 5 rounds to the competition, which became more exciting as the competition went on. The semi-finals went to penalties which finished at 4-1 to us and we progressed into the finals.



The day of the final arrived and the club made it very special for us, serving us with pre-match dinner and taking us to the Lancashire County ground in Leyland on a coach.

The excitement was building in the changing rooms before the starting ceremony which led us down the tunnel and onto the pitch where we were greeted with loud cheers from a very excited crowd. The game started with both teams fighting for the win but thankfully we secured a goal just before the end of the first half. Burnley were a strong team but in the second half we dominated the game and the final score was a 3-1 win to us. The award ceremony was amazing and the whole experience was one which I will never forget. Fantastic Bella, thank you for sharing your experiences and excellent photographs with us.

### Lancashire U13 girls at the Inter Counties Championships

Following a very successful cross-country season, Kristy in year 7 was selected to represent Lancashire U13 girls at the Inter Counties Championships.

The course was challenging; over 3k with lots of steep hills and mud!

Kristy finished 79<sup>th</sup> out of 301 which considering she was competing against some girls who were a school year older bodes really well for the next season.

Kristy came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the girls who represented Lancashire in an impressive time of 13:51. What a fantastic achievement, well done Kristy!



### Hegarty Mathematics – Mr Harrison

Congratulations to all the students who are working on Hegarty Maths, the number of students answering over 200 questions is very positive. Next half term, there is going to be a competition for the most questions answered correctly. The top 3 students in every year group will win a prize, the topics will be the choice of the students, however the students will be given a revision list with clip numbers for the topics which will be on their end of term assessment and this is what we will be looking for.

First name	Years	Total questions answered correctly	Time spent doing Skills (hours)
Cerys	10	598	4
Nafisa	8	356	7.1
Valentina	10	160	3
Connor	11	363	6
Clinton	7	287	1.8
Emma	11	395	6.3
Jay	11	363	6.7
Linden	9	249	4
Ewan	7	296	2.6
Alfie	9	282	0.8
Morgan	9	203	3.9
Daisy	9	207	14.9
Callum	7	214	1.8
Tia	9	199	4.3
Harry	7	208	1.9
Sujan	10	241	1.6
Alfie	8	190	2.9
Amber	8	208	1.2
Sophia	7	220	1.9
Isabelle	10	229	0.8
Elliot	11	195	2.2

## Sciathlon 2022



On the 15th March, four of our talented students competed in the Sciathlon during British Science Week. Their efforts were amazing. There were three rounds in total. The first round was in two parts and this was the Lego building and engineering challenge.



Our team had to design and build the fastest solar powered car and a windmill that would generate the most voltage.

**Our windmill was the fastest spinner!**



The quiz round followed where the team had to answer questions from 4 different science disciplines. Our team were in the top 5 at this point and answered lots of questions correctly. Next came the chemical round where we had to determine the concentrations to add in our iodine clock.





Well Done



A Stirling effort by our team!!



Team Baines

## Baines Students Visit the Blackpool Wintergardens to see “Tim Peake: My Journey to Space”

On the 10<sup>th</sup> March 10 Baines students and Ms Hutchinson went to the Wintergardens to see “Tim Peake: My Journey to Space

**Tim Peake** is a European Space Agency astronaut. In December 2015, he became the first British astronaut to visit the International Space Station to conduct a spacewalk (and run a marathon!) whilst orbiting Earth.

We joined him on an epic and thrilling journey to the International Space Station as part of his first ever UK tour.



Tim explained and guided us through life in space, with unprecedented access, breath-taking photographs, and never-before-seen incredible footage. It was a fascinating insight into what it’s really like to be an astronaut; from training to launch, spacewalk to re-entry, Tim revealed the secrets, the science and the everyday wonders of how and why humans journey into space.

We shared his passion for aviation, exploration and adventure, as we spent an evening with one of the world’s greatest living astronauts and rediscovered the wonder of the place we call home.



### QUOTES:



“It’s impossible to look down on Earth from space and not be mesmerised by the fragile beauty of our planet” **Tim Peake**

“Everything you wanted to know about life in space” **The Times**

“A delightful adventure of understanding of how and why humans journey into space” **Robin Ince, The Infinite Monkey Cage**

## Eco Club- Fylde Youth Climate Conference-



On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Shannon, Amelie and Alfie, three members of our Eco Club attended the Fylde Youth Climate Conference which was held at Blackpool Sixth Form College. There they took part with other young people and adults from different schools and organisations in a carousel of discussions on key environmental themes.



Mrs Holmes, who accompanied the children, has said what a delight they were throughout taking part in all activities with enthusiasm and interest. Well done to Amelie who successfully completed a simulated litter picking challenge to win some wildflower seeds which she has thoughtfully donated to school.



## Geography- Mrs Mycock - Earth Day is Friday 22nd April 2022

Earth Day takes place every year on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since 1970, people all around the world have shown their support for the environment by becoming involved in Earth Day. People in over 193 countries will take part in activities to help raise awareness of climate change and to protect the environment. We are going to be part of Earth Day too!

For us as Geographers, every day is Earth Day. If you feel the same, here are 51 actions and tips to make a difference, every day of the year.



### [Earth Day Tips | Earth Day Network](https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/)

By providing my phone number, I understand that Earth Day Network and its affiliates, service providers and non for profit partner organizations may use automated calling technologies and/or text message me on my cellular phone on a periodic basis.

[www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

<https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/>

We have planned some exciting activities for students to experience in their Geography lessons between 19<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



Year 7 students in Science were invited to write poetry under the title “Empowered”. As we were studying the Energy topic at the time in science, this gave us the opportunity to combine science and literacy and write our poems under the two disciplines.

We entered the best poems into the Young Writer’s Competition called “Empowered”.



Great news! On World Poetry Day we found out that 22 students’ poems have made it to publication and will be in the Empowered Anthology after Young Writers received over 5000 entries!

Well done to all the students who had poems selected and to all who entered their poems.

World Poetry Day



## International Women's Day



The 4<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day event took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Blackpool Sixth Form. Here, the girls had an opportunity to Break the Bias, challenge pre-conceptions of women's rights and speak to some business leaders and pioneers on the Fylde Coast regarding their own experiences of being a young woman in and around Blackpool.



Our morning started with some lovely relaxing yoga, followed by some mindfulness with pot painting towards lunchtime. The girls had a fantastic time and really used their voices to express their thoughts and concerns about what it means to be a woman in Blackpool.

## Literacy Update – Mrs Streetly & Mrs Simmons

### World Poetry Day

Last week during form time, our progress tutor groups watched a video of haikus reflecting on life after lockdown and our various emotional responses to covid 19. This was a reflective activity to consider the different spectrum of feelings and emotions that we all had, and may still have now.

### NGRT

By the end of this term all of our students in years 7 to 10 will have completed their New Group Reading Test. This will give the reading age for each student to enable staff to adapt lessons to build in support and enough stretch and challenge to make sure we are all achieving our best and striving to be at least the same reading age as chronological age.

### Summer Term Reading Lists

When we return for the summer term, each student will be provided with a reading list to encourage independent reading that Mrs Simmons is carefully putting together. This will include a variety of



different authors and ideas and will encourage our students to read more widely. These lists will also be supported in their ILC lessons where we are exploring different extracts from novels that appeal to what they are studying in English (March) and PE (April).

**Root of the Week**  
Multi, meaning many

**Reflections of lockdown: Student Haiku's**

<p>I recall the day, The day we got told, No more school. <b>Olivia</b></p>	<p><b>Sleeping to 8:30</b> <b>Waking up to do</b> <b>lessons</b> <b>Still in bed though</b> <b>Adam</b></p>	<p><b>Stuck Inside all day</b> <b>Hoping for all this to</b> <b>end</b> <b>Hoping it will soon</b> <b>Laila</b></p>	<p><b>Stay in bed all day</b> <b>Got nothing to do at</b> <b>all</b> <b>Only sleep and eat</b> <b>Michaela</b></p>
<p>Everyone was trapped, Caged Away, Two years later Covid is still with us. <b>Lucas</b></p>	<p>We are staying strong, two years have passed since Covid We're powering through <b>Spencer</b></p>	<p>A virus that comes, Takes away the things we love, Makes our hunger grow <b>Eli</b></p>	<p>Our heart gets larger Time goes on we get closer We never forget <b>Eddie</b></p>

**Year 7- Mrs Russell**

Please read and enjoy Oliver's Camp Report, what a fantastic few days! A huge well done to our Project students too. All Year 7 students showed grit, resilience and strength of character, both at camp and back at school. Working in teams can be a challenge for some, but everyone embraced the experience.



Mrs. A Chapman

Headteacher Update

28<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## Year 7 Camp Trip Report written by Oliver



Hello, my name is Oliver, and I am writing to tell you all about the Camp trip in Wales. We arrived in sunny Wales at about 2pm on a Monday afternoon.

Our first mission was to unpack, before we knew it we felt right at home. Not long after, our first activity was underway. My group were the building a buggy and it was an amazing group task. We built it from scratch, we worked as a



team and we were driving it within an hour! Time really does fly when you are having fun, we were soon called to the meeting point. This area is where each group had to line up. Lucky Group 1, 2 and 3 were first to visit the shop - snacks and gifts flew off the shelves!

Dinner was at 6.30pm – we had two options. We could choose chicken nuggets, with chips and beans or Hunters Chicken with cheese, BBQ sauce and chips. Delicious! After dinner, we had a little time to add more layers (it was - 3 after all!), then it was the night walk. We collapsed in bed at 9pm and lights out was 9:45pm. Day 1 over!

Tuesday was another sunny day. All of us students were up and ready to start the day. After the room inspection we had the most gorgeous English Breakfast. Just what we needed to set us up for the day.

Each group moved around the woods taking part in the different activities. The list of activities is huge! We had the Vertical Obstacle Course, Night Line, Archery, Jacobs Ladder, Leap of Faith...the very best activity had to be the 1,2,3 G SWING! Becky (the instructor) was amazing at directing us what to do.

*Breaking news - Mr Broadley is unaffected by the cold weather. Rumour has it he is half werewolf, as he has been walking around in shorts and t-shirts and it is **-5 degrees!***

There were a few funny 'teacher moments' I'd like to share. To start Mrs. Wiggins locked Mrs. Russell in the Girls Cabins, she was wandering off only to hear the door shaking, it was Mrs. Russell trying to get out! Also, Mr. Spence was not happy. He was woken up very early in the morning because Mr Mates was being very loud eating his freshly baked French croissants. Mr. Spence was furious, he stormed down the corridor knocked on Mr. Mates door and says 'Sir can you please keep the noise down!' Mr. Mates shouted 'Oui' through a mouth filled with croissants.'

\*Mrs. Russell's diet has failed too, I saw her scoffing up pasty, chips and beans at lunch time.

\*Mrs. Holmes is starting to look like a marshmallow man because she has so many layers of clothes on trying to keep warm (well it is -4 after all).

\*Mr Hartley's midnight Boot Camp sadly falls on deaf ears as nobody wanted to get out of bed to join him. However, he was overheard doing laps around camp giving pep talks to himself "Come on Hartley no pain, no gain, burn off that extra chicken nugget you had"

\*Mr. Flynn was rumbled as underneath his bulky jacket he was secretly storing 20 hot water bottles! When challenged by pupils he made no apologies and told us he just didn't want to be cold and this from a rugby man...

\*Now time for Mrs. Burns trauma (aka the Glove Gate) Mrs. Burns gloves were missing in action. Investigations established the culprit...a local racoon! Upon questioning the racoon, he claimed his innocence and that any further questions need to go through to his solicitors. Mrs Burns is said to be distraught over the loss of her designer blue mitten.

*Breaking news - Marshmallow woman shoots arrow on target on just one go in Archery!*

\*Mrs Wiggins' 3 days on camp have been very chippy! On Tuesday night we had chicken nuggets with chips and beans, but unfortunately some pupils' chips went missing...? Mrs. Wiggins was found in the kitchen doing maths equations with them!

So, our final day of camp we finished our dinner with a delicious jam donut. However, disaster nearly struck! Mrs. Moxham will forever be remembered for her superhero actions. So, the donuts in question, were placed on the staff table. All was well, until the students began to sniff out the sugary dessert. One student made a move, followed by another and another and another... the tsunami of students headed straight into the path of Mrs. Moxham. She blasted that tsunami of starved students wide open. Mrs. Moxham leapt into action, headed off the salivating mob and restored order, before firing donuts, at will, into the crowd. The donut stampede of 2022 is etched into our memory. Please do not worry, the health and safety of all involved stayed intact.

*Breaking News- Mr Hartley tells Mrs. Russell to 'PACK IT IN'!*

Rumour has it, Mr. Spence and Mr. Mates went toad hunting on Tuesday night. Mr. Spence did not want me to know, he did not want his strange hobby to be published. However, when Mr Mates said that Mr. Spence bumped into him, he went "No you bumped into... Oh I said too much." He slipped up, his cover was blown. He was hopping mad!



Campfire on the last night was great fun, lots of singing, joke telling and toasty marshmallows.

Sadly, another disaster nearly happened. Poor Mrs. Burns waterproof, plastic pants nearly set on fire. All you could hear was her running about in the trees, patting her pants! She finally returned looking a little flustered!

Anyway, thank you for reading and a big thank you to Mrs Doherty for organising our wonderful Camp trip!



**Written By: Oliver B  
(Student Council Member)**

## **Year 11- Mr Flynn**

The Year 11 students have now completed their prelims and mock exams. There was a mock results day on the 11<sup>th</sup> March. This gave the students an opportunity to have a similar experience to that of the real results day in August. As a direct result of the mock exams the students had another session with Elevate to give them strategies and advice on how to react to their mock results.

The Baines 2022 leavers' hoodies and prom are all available to pay for on Parent Pay. Please ensure that all hoodies are paid for by the deadline on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The Year 11 Prom is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June at The Glass House, Staining. The deadline for payments for the prom is the 1<sup>st</sup> May.

All Year 11 students have received an exam timetable which will now allow them to prepare a revision timetable. The examination period for GCSE and BTEC exams starts on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that your child is equipped and that a significant revision programme has been undertaken in order to give them the best possible chance of achieving their potential and beyond.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March saw an end of an era for some Year 11 students. The Year 11 rugby squad have been together and managed by myself since they were in Year 7. We have had a number of fixtures over the years as well as weekend trips to Fylde RFC to watch the 1<sup>st</sup> XV play. Their final game was a masterpiece of rugby by the whole squad who worked together to beat a strong and well organised

Carr Hill side: 10-38. I would like to say a massive well done to all the boys who have played in the team over the five years. You have been a credit to the school and most importantly yourself. I hope you have enjoyed your experiences in the squad and look to continue your passions for rugby elsewhere when you leave Baines School.

### The squad in the early years



### The squad at their final game

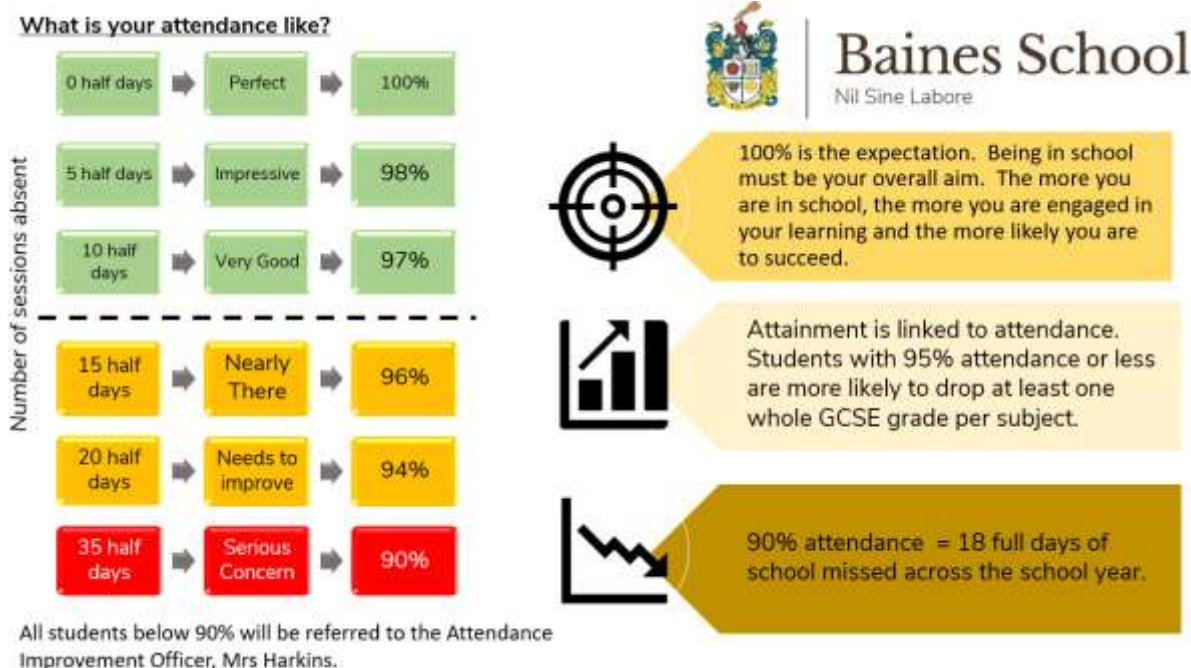


### Attendance Update

Attendance remains a key focus for school. In addition to the emphasis on being in school, the school will focus on lateness to school and lateness to lessons. Attendance is so closely linked to progress and success in examinations, it is now more important than ever that all children strive to be in school as much as possible for the remaining time left of this academic year.

The school has met with a number of students and parents in recent weeks in order to overcome the barriers that previous absence has caused. It is crucial moving forward that all students attend school well in order to maximise their progress and therefore their exam performance.

The school will continue to encourage the importance of positive attendance and challenge absence where it is appropriate to do so.





## Meet the Professional Masterclasses

Over the month of March, we have welcomed two professional guests and offered a **Royal Air Force (RAF) and Pilot Masterclass**.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we welcomed Michael, who has 40 years of experience working within the Armed Forces. Students who attended the masterclass learnt about the wide range of career opportunities available within the RAF.

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

- The sponsorships available within areas of the RAF which are experiencing job shortages such as medical and engineers
- Some examples of the RAF pre-joining fitness tests such as the bleep test and achieving a set number of sit ups or press ups in a minute
- The range of different aircrafts used by RAF pilots including helicopters, typhoons and fast jets.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March we welcomed former Baines student William in to school to deliver an engaging Pilot Masterclass. William holds his own UK Private Pilot License and enjoys flying as a hobby. This was our first face to face masterclass and students who attended really enjoyed the interactive and informal nature of the masterclass. One student commented that 'it felt more like we were talking to the professional rather than just receiving information'.

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

- The different types of pilot licenses which are available e.g. Private Pilot License (PPL) and Airline Transport License (ATPL)
- The two classes of medical certificates required for flying and the differences between these e.g. Class 1 Medical for commercial and Class 2 Medical for private
- The cost and time commitment associated with learning how to fly and obtaining a license



## National Careers Week

At the start of March, we celebrated National Careers Week by running a series of assemblies and form time activities across every year group. Student's participated in a quiz which involved matching Baines Staff to their former occupations. This was a whole school competition and we would like to say a huge **well done** to the top 5 scoring form groups:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - 8GWS

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - 9BDS and 11KST

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - 10RSH

**4<sup>th</sup> place** - 9KBL

**5<sup>th</sup> place** - 8NBL and 11TPN

How well did you know our Baines Staff? Check out the answer sheet for round 1 of the quiz. We hope you enjoyed playing along.



## Careers@Baines

### Year 10 - Work Experience

Mrs Doherty has been busy collating any outstanding aspirations from the Year 10 cohort and we would like to say a huge thank you to students for their cooperation with this process. We are now in a position to start the matching process and we have already secured placements with Ian Piper from Piper's Restaurant, an Air Traffic Controller and a Solicitor. We are still seeking professionals who could support our work experience programme which will be taking place on the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022. As a reminder, please see what this involves below along with the list of fields we are interested in sourcing student placements for.

- **Purpose:** To provide students with one day's work experience within their chosen career.
- **Activity:** This will entail an introduction to the career, meeting with a professional who will give them first hand insight and a set project to complete and present to the professional at the end of the day.
- **Format:** This can be done remotely or live at school.
- **Additional requirement:** For this to count towards the Gatsby Benchmarks, the students must virtually visit the professional's workplace. This could be a small virtual ten-minute tour / video etc.

We are currently looking for professionals who work in the following areas:

Engineering  
Bricklaying  
Marine Biology  
Science  
Deep Sea Diving  
Motorcross Engineering  
Computer Science  
Coding  
Children's Nursery

Please get in touch with a member of the careers team if you are able to support or if you would like any further information about the Work Experience programme.

Careers Team: [KKI@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:KKI@baines.lancs.sch.uk) or [CDO@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CDO@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

## Student Council



Our Student Council organised a charity event to raise money to support Save the Children's fundraising for Ukraine. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, students accessorised with yellow and blue, the colours of the Ukraine flag. Students and staff wore coloured socks, leggings, headbands, bobbles, ribbons and some special badges made by Mrs Burns, Mrs James and Mrs Bailey. We raised almost £800 for this worthy cause.

**Year 7 Student Council** are currently looking at increasing the playground equipment available to play with at breaktime, for example skipping ropes, tennis balls, footballs etc.

**Year 8 Student Council** are finalising the student voice regarding food in the refectory, ready to be used after Easter holidays.

**Year 9 Student Council** are finalising the arrangements, along with Mr Vernon for the whole school bench ball competition to raise money for The Steven Beech Foundation. Students will be asked to contribute a £1 donation to participate in this eagerly awaited competition! To find out more about the Steven Beech Foundation, please follow the link below. Steven was a former student at Baines School.

<https://stevenbeechbetterfoundation.org/>

*Dates to follow!*

**Year 10 Student Council** have designed front covers for the new achievement folders the students will keep all their certificates, attendance trackers, CVs etc in as they prepare for the future. These are to be presented by the students to Mrs Chapman on graduation from our school.

**All students are welcome to join student council and students are encouraged to bring ideas for projects.**

## Themes of the Week

Last week students have participated in activities for World Poetry Day, and Mrs Wild and her group of volunteers have led an assembly looking at how the money they have raised will be used to build a toilet block in South Sudan. A massive thanks to Mrs Wild who is very committed in supporting projects like this and fundraising.

This week is our celebration week, where students who have been awarded badges and certificates will be presented to them in a special assembly.

The week we come back to school, we will be learning about Ramadan, as we support our fellow students who participate.

## 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](mailto:cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk))

**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 Shillitoe (Head of Creative Arts and Safeguarding Person)

Miss Hayes (Mental Health and Medical Lead)

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](mailto:cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk))

Please follow this link if you would like to talk to someone about something worrying you about your child

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>





Well-Being Officer -Mrs Porter

DATES FOR  
PARENT/CARER  
WORKSHOP:

Parents/Carers,

Would you like more information on how to support your child's resilience and mental health? Headstart Blackpool have put together workshops for parents/carers to help you feel confident in offering support at home.

More information and guidance on how to book can be found on Blackpool Safeguarding website:

<https://www.blackpoolsafeguarding.org.uk/training-events/building-resilience-in-parents-carers>

These sessions are free of charge for families who live in the Blackpool area.

21 & 22 Apr 2022  
10 & 11 May 2022  
5 & 6 Jul 2022

**ReMiT: Resilient Minds – Mental health toolkit for young people and toolkit for parents and carers**

<https://www.boingboing.org.uk/remit/>

### Forthcoming Events:

30<sup>th</sup> March – 'Curtains Up' Concert 6-7.30 (Concert Rehearsal all day before the evening)

31<sup>st</sup> March – School Closes for Easter Holidays at 2.50pm for students

1<sup>st</sup> April – Inset Day – School Closed for students

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - School Re-opens after Easter break

25<sup>th</sup> April- Fine Art and 3D Art Exams- All week

2<sup>nd</sup> May- School Closed- May Bank Holiday

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher

The Year 9 Princes Trust Group are organising an event for one of their modules, please see the poster below:

