



Headteacher Update – 9th May 2022

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

We are now in that busy exam period for our year 11 students. The final vocational examinations start this week and then next week is when the GCSE subjects start and they continue until towards the end of June. Mr Flynn has put a notice in this update as well as the announcements on Class Charts and information to the students. Please encourage year 11 students to be following a revision timetable, to not give up, boost them and their self belief as well as manage mindfulness. It is a balance of hard work, dedication and commitment over the next month, but supporting positive mental wellbeing at the same time.

It is an important term for our other year groups as all will have exams during this term. Our year 9 students are completing their KS3 national curriculum studies, preparing to graduate from KS3, consolidating their learning and preparing to start their KS4 course. Year 10 exams are vital this summer as it gives a strong indication about their learning as more than half of their GCSE courses will be complete. For year 8, they progress into year 9 which is the top of KS3 and usually the powerhouse of our student council, working hard to extend the depth of learning in preparation for those important options choices next year.

Our year 7 now prepare to be role models for our new year 7, by now they should have settled in and have grasped the basics across all subjects and now be ready to go into greater depth across all areas, as well as developing their independent learning and study skills, able to take responsibility for their learning and personal development. I am so pleased we were able to re-arrange our Founders Service and look forward to it on 18th May. Many thanks to Reverend Martin Keighley and the community of St Chad's for providing this opportunity.

The Lancashire Parking Authority are developing a more targeted approach to how they deploy their Civil Enforcement Officers to deter people from parking outside schools at the start and end of the day. This is mostly linked to people parking in restricted areas and on the zig zag lines. We have wonderful neighbours who are very understanding and I would like to support legal parking and considerate parking for the neighbourhood. Thank you for your support with this.

We have held two lovely Year 5 Moving Up evenings so far, where pupils in year 5 and their parents have had the opportunity to visit, have a talk, meet some key staff and have a tour of the school. We have two more left and I am really looking forward to those.

We have a packed last ten weeks of the school year with exams for all years, the Duke of Edinburgh Award expeditions, award events, Race for Life, year 10 work experience, fun day, activity day and induction day for our new year 7 students, just to name a few events. I am very proud of the wider opportunities we offer for our students at Baines so they develop academically but also as a whole person. Please encourage your child to take part in enrichment and after school activities because it really does develop those wider skills, especially social skills.

As parents start thinking about uniform and equipment for next year, we have developed our systems so that the Baines School tracksuit and calculator are 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)



Successes

Congratulations to Jayden in year 7

Jayden plays Bobby Costello in Hollyoaks and what a fantastic experience for him to be part of the Hollyoaks cast who are nominated in the British Soap Awards. The shortlist for each award will be announced on Tuesday 10th May and the voting opens then.

We have a number of successful performers at Baines School, appearing in drama productions, successfully completing qualifications in the performing arts. Our first cohort of BTEC Performing Arts students complete this year and I am pleased it is a growing area for our school. Please do keep me informed of individual successes.

Year 7- Mrs Russell

Over the last few weeks Year 7s have been thinking about their individual actions when facing challenging situations. Our last two assemblies have covered Racism and remembering VE Day. Both assemblies left the students to think about how they treat others, how they respond to conflict and how they can improve their reactions. Year 7s are maturing and are becoming more aware that every action has a reaction. The importance of accepting consequences and reflecting on their own behaviour helps to build resilience.

Being a teenager is tough at times - Year 7 students are finding their way; it is inevitable that sometimes they will get lost. Please remember, the Y7 Progress Team are always here to get them back on the right path!

Year 11- Mr Flynn

We are fast approaching the start of the GCSE examination period for Year 11. It is this time of the year that routine is vital for the students. Please encourage good habits in relation to lifestyle and revision. It is really important that amongst all their revision, that students still take time to get some fresh air and do something they enjoy to keep them motivated whilst revising. All students have received their personalised exam timetable so that they are aware of the order of their final exams.

The contingency date from the exam boards is Wednesday 29th June. This means there will be no exams after this date. Please take this into account when planning any holidays. Students have received two sessions from Elevate on how to revise and the best approach to exam success. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in what will be a stressful but rewarding time. They have worked extremely hard throughout their time at Baines School and they have overcome many hurdles too.

On Google Classroom (code s7hvj4) there is some information about the exam procedures and expectations of students. Please spend some time reading these as there are a few changes this year.

To help celebrate their time at Baines, the Prom is on Monday 27th June at the Glass House, Staining. This is a ticket only event. We are looking forward to celebrating the time the students have had here at Baines and wishing them all the best for their future plans.

All students should have applied for a Post-16 option place of some description. If for some reason this is not the case they must speak with the careers officer Mrs Kinder (kki@baines.lancs.sch.uk) as a matter of urgency.

Some Successes

Bronze Award					
Oscar P	Elliot P	Leah H	Finn N	Amber M	Lily C
Jasmine E	Harry M	Laila C	Yasmine H	Lenny G	Milly H
Caleb G	Kaleb D	Sam D	Torah L	Darcie M	Owen S
Anna T	Poppy W	Jasmine B	Filip K	Kealan H	Henry O
Maisie N	Rosey B	Milly H	Kai N	McKenzie M	Ellie H
Connor I	Imogen W	Chloe C	Henry M	Matthew P	Reuben W
Joe M	Kya C	Layla J	Ethan B	Henry C	Kenzie T
Akeelah H	Liam W	Jack V	Jasmine E	Rhianna S	Ben N
Harry M	Jessica S	Sam B	Madeline B	Jordan G	Joshua B
Haiden W	Lucas N	Mary D	Nat L	Sasha F	Lewis R
	Kenzie F	Elliott M	Ethan K		

Silver Award					
Abigail M	Hope R	Jessica M	Hannah E	Katie L	Cordelia W
Jackson B	Rohan W	Domi S	Faith C	Livs B	Shannon F
Milly W	Jake B	Zoe T	Jake B	Harry Evans	Megan R
Sophia S	Georgia H	Tom S	Elliot J	Archie D	Chelsea B
Ollie B	Jessica M	Hope R	Abigail M	Hannah E	Domi S
	Cordelia W	Rohan W	Jackson B		

Science

In year 7 we have been very impressed with the hard work of

- Lydia P
- Tyler S

In year 8 we have been very impressed with the excellent work from

- Alfie H
- Ellie D

In year 9 congratulations to the BAE Competition Winners

- Magda S
- Erin M
- Olivia F
- Mary J

In Year 10 congratulations to the BAE Engineers

- James B
- Reiss H
- Harry W

And we have been impressed with the hard work from

- Aliyah S
- Victoria C
- Callum S
- Valentina C

In Year 11, well done to the following for their hard work

- Jocelyn F
- Domi S
- Lily C
- Jay L
- Ollie B

England Transplant Football Team.

Congratulation to Ruben for getting into the England Transplant Football Team. As a school we are all really proud of him and we wish him all the best in the upcoming fixtures.



Excellence Programme Update

It's once again been a busy couple of weeks for our Y9 and Y10 Excellence Programme students.

Y9 welcomed guest speaker Charlie O'Brien to discuss his journey from GCSEs through to gaining a place to study Economics at the University of Cambridge. As an ex-Baines student, Charlie was able to share his experiences with our Y9 students, offering vital insight and advice ahead of GCSEs and post-16 pathways. It was great to be able to welcome Charlie back to Baines - a real inspiration for our younger students.

Y10 then continued with their Peace and Conflict conference at Blackpool 6th Form, with an inspirational session meeting and talking to four military veterans. The students listened to experiences of conflict in Afghanistan and Ireland, as well as spending time with two WW2 veterans, one of whom is 99!

Y7 and Y8 students should watch this space as we continue to expand this programme this coming term.



Protected Characteristics Group – Mrs Moore

A reminder to students that there is a drop-in session in N13 every Thursday lunchtime focused on the Protected Characteristics. It is open to all students whether they are looking for advice, have any questions, want to share their ideas or are looking for resources.

Upcoming focus sessions:

12th May - Representation in Literature – the books and resources can you access in the ILC

19th May - Supporting our community - how our language affect others

All are welcome to pop in for a chat, bring their lunch and to meet others.

Literacy

Read around Creative Arts

This month we have been reading around Creative Arts. In particular we have been looking at adaptations of some of our more challenging texts. Sometimes part of the difficulty of reading is creating an image in your head of the characters or setting. To address this, we've been looking at copies of script versions of stories such as Dracula, Around the World in 80 Days, Bone Sparrow and Kes. This had led to discussions on how lines should be read, intonation and intention of delivery. Hopefully the students may feel inspired to now pick up more of our challenging 'red band' texts.

Reading Plus

We have a new cohort of students beginning Reading Plus this term so we have no successes to celebrate just yet. However, those who have graduated the programme have been rewarded and we hope that they use their new skills to continue reading.

Root of the week

Dyna - meaning power

Graph - meaning writing

Free School Meals – Mr Hartley

'If you feel as a parent/carer your child may be entitled to FSM. Please access an online application with LCC through the link provided'

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/?page=3>

[Free school meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

3. Register. Register for free school meals and pupil premium > What happens next. We will confirm whether you are eligible by email. If you do not get an email within 5 working days, contact your area education office. Remember to also check your spam or junk email folder.
www.lancashire.gov.uk

Mental Health week

As part of our Mental Health week at Baines, 9th – 13th May, 2022, we have the Fylde Coast Mental Health Team in school hosting a Parent/Carer drop – in session on Tuesday 10th May from 10.00am – 11.30am. (Please see attached poster)

The team will be available to talk to carers/parents about mental health services and advise/signpost to support and local/national services.

The team will be working with staff from Baines to establish a mentally healthy school and develop a whole school approach, tailored to the needs of our students over the next few years.

Your input and support would be greatly appreciated.

Support and Help IN Education
Fylde Coast Mental Health Support Team
Parent/ Carer drop-in session

NHS
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust

A mentally healthy school is one that adopts a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing.

Coffee & Chat drop in session is all about encouraging conversation about mental health and increasing openness on the topic.

The purpose of the sessions is to hear the parent/carer's voice and views in relation to mental health services for young people and also offer to signpost and support to local services and provide information on services nationally and locally.

Venue : Baines School
Date : Tuesday 10th May
Time : 10.00am - 11.30am
If you have any further questions please contact
bfwh.shine-mhst@nhs.net

Careers@Baines

Meet the Professional Masterclasses

On Wednesday 4th May, we welcomed two professional guests to deliver a Pilot Masterclass for interested Year 9,10 and 11 students. Our first professional guest William holds his own UK Private Pilot License and enjoys flying as a hobby. Student's heard from William back in March and enjoyed the session so much that they returned for his follow up Masterclass with colleague George. Our second professional guest George is a commercial airline pilot who currently works for Jet2 and travels to destinations all over the world. Over the last four years, George has been working as a first officer for Jet2 and enjoys working as a flying instructor around his busy schedule.

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

- The skills required to become a pilot - including problem solving, decision making, situational awareness, flexibility and assertiveness.
- The progression routes available - some examples include switching from short to long haul flights, going into flight safety or becoming a trainer or flying instructor.
- The complications a pilot could face when flying including delays and weather warnings.

Year 10 - Work Experience

We are thrilled to have secured further placements with Blackpool Football Club Community Trust, Blackpool and The Fylde College and Maxine's Feathers. However, we are still seeking professionals to support our work experience programme which will take place on the week commencing 20th 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/industry (either by talk or presentation) and a set project or activity to complete and present to the professional at the end of the day.
- Format: This can be done remotely (virtual) or live (employers to come into 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 or a pre-recorded video which can be shown on the day.

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

- Animal Care
- Social Work
- Travel and Tourism
- Psychology
- Graphic Design
- Construction
- Marine Biology
- Deep Sea Diving
- Animation

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 or CDO@baines.lancs.sch.uk

Student Council

Year 7 Student Council have placed posters around school for donations for any playground equipment such as skipping ropes etc.

Year 8 Student Council – the food survey will be on class charts for students. Please encourage your child to complete it.

The Year 8 students will also be planning a culture day in the near future.

Year 9 Student Council organised with Mr Vernon for the whole school bench ball competition to raise money for **The Steven Beech Foundation**. Students raised £200 for this very worthwhile cause. To find out more about the Steven Beech Foundation, please follow the link below. Steven was a student at Baines School.

<https://stevenbeechbetterfoundation.org/>

Year 10 Student Council are currently looking at organising the tombola for the summer fair. If you have anything new, that you think would make a great prize and are happy to donate, we would be very grateful.

All students are welcome to join student council and students are encouraged to bring ideas for projects. We have lots of things planned for the next few weeks and all students in student council will be encouraged to participate in something.

Themes of the Week

Last week the students learnt about Black Lives Matters in assemblies.

This week the students learnt about VE day.



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 currently organising a Summer Fair!!! It will be on Friday 15th July from just after 3pm on school premises. We have changed the time to make it earlier for students to browse as well. If you would like a stall, please contact Mrs Doherty. The stalls cost £10 (they will be set up for you in advance), which we will ask to be paid upfront to secure your place. We are hoping to get a selection of stalls and the student councils will be supporting with our tombola's.

If anyone has any prizes which they are happy to donate, either for the bottle stall, the usual tombola or for the grand raffle, we would be extremely grateful! Thank you in advance for your support.

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)

As our Year 11 students finalise the examination preparation, and other year groups start theirs, here is a link for parents and carers to support them.

<https://www.thelivelovelaughfoundation.org/blog/self-care-support/parents-guide-coping-with-exam-stress>

A Parents' Guide to Teenagers

Part of [Support](#)

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Welcome to the *Parents' Toolkit*

Being a teenager can be hard, but being the parent of a teenager isn't always a picnic either! It can be tricky navigating hormones, rebellion and poor sleep routines as a parent, but psychologist Anjula Mutanda is here to help.

In *A Parents' Guide to Teenagers* she explains the rapid changes your child is experiencing at each age and what you can do to help. She's joined by Happy Mondays legend Bez and his son Arlo, as they reminisce about their own teenage years and how Bez coped as a parent when Arlo was growing up.



Forthcoming Events:

9th May- Year 11 Exams commence

18th May-Year 7 Founders Day

27th May- School Closes for May Half Term at 2.50pm

6th June- School Re-Opens after the half term holiday

8th June- Year 7 Consultation Evening 4-7pm.

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