



## Headteacher Update – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

Welcome back to the new academic year!

It has been a lovely week, welcoming all our new Year 7 students and new students in other year groups as well as our returning students. The students have had a really positive start and have certainly embodied the 3Ps - 'Positive, Professionalism, Perseverance', which we are encouraging in all the students.

It has certainly been a nice week to return to school and the children are fully involved in their lessons and learning again. The academic side of school is so important and it is wonderful to already see students eager to learn.

Uniform is looking better than ever. Although we have insisted that students come to school with their full uniform, students have been actively encouraged to take their blazer and tracksuit top off everyday since they started back, due to the heat. We have supported a large number of families with uniform this past week, and will continue to do so, as it is important that no-one should have to choose between uniform and food. There has been a delay in the delivery of the most recent tracksuit order, however we are hopeful that every child will have a tracksuit by the end of this week. In the meantime, if any student does not have the tracksuit, as a temporary measure only, they can wear their brown uniform and change for their PE lesson.

If anyone does wish to purchase some new uniform, Uniform and Leisure will deliver uniform free of charge to school each Wednesday.

<https://www.ualonline.uk/?s=Baines>

However, for any families needing support with uniform, please contact [uniform@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:uniform@baines.lancs.sch.uk). Likewise, if a student would like to swap a smaller blazer, skirt etc. for a larger size (if we have them in our pre-loved range) they should pop to the pastoral office either before the school day starts or at the end of the day.

As part of our commitment to make uniform more affordable, we will be looking at our current uniform to see what further changes can be made to the branded items. We have already made plain black unbranded PE shorts and plain white unbranded polo shirts (currently Year 11 all year, all other years Summer Term only) new options.

# Baines School Celebrating the achievements of our Class of 2023 - GCSE Results

Baines School is really proud of the fantastic achievements of our Year 11 students. It was a pleasure to see them receive their GCSE and Vocational qualifications. These students have achieved success in what has been a difficult four years for them. The Baines students have been amazing in their work ethic, positivity, resilience and flexibility to cope and support each other throughout the pandemic.

Our students have shown remarkable determination and commitment to their studies; they have really embodied our school motto: Nil Sine Labore (Nothing Without Effort).



When writing this update, it is always difficult because we cannot mention every single student and their achievements. All students have had their own journey over the last eleven years of their education and this point in time is where all of that culminates into grades that the students have achieved. These grades will open the doors to the next stage of their lives. It is such a fantastic moment, seeing what the students have achieved and knowing what and where they are going to study next. For many, this stage will shape their future career; it is such an exciting time.

It is pleasing to see students at all levels achieving well across a wide range of subjects. All students studied the core subjects and the majority have four option subjects selected from a broad range including humanities, languages, business, physical education, creative subjects and a number of vocational courses such as hospitality and catering, travel and tourism, construction and health and social care, to name a few.

There are so many students who have achieved excellent results and far too many to mention all by name. Although we have listed the Grade 9 and Distinction grades. Some students have written comments about their results and time at Baines School.

**“Thank you for all your support. All the teachers were amazing.”** Anastasiia Didyk

**“I’m extremely happy. Thanks to all the staff for getting me through my schooling years.”** Finley Davies

**“It’s been an excellent 5 years at Baines. The quality of teaching has been outstanding; it’s what makes this school special to me, each teacher has a unique style of teaching to brighten up everyone’s day.**

**Thanks to all the staff at Baines.”** Jacob Chappell



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## Students achieving a Grade 9 and / or a Distinction

Achieving a grade 9/Distinction is acknowledged as being in the top two percent of the whole country. It is a phenomenal achievement to be awarded the top grade. We have named all of those students who have been awarded one of these coveted top grades across the full range of qualifications.

Name	Number of Grade 9s
Parker Hawe	3 x Grade 9 and 2 x Level 2 Distinction
Joe Preston	3 x Grade 9
Matthew Newman	2 x Grade 9
Aliyah Shah	2 x Grade 9s
Jacob Chappell	2 x Grade 9s
Emily Harrison	2 x Grade 9s
Isabelle Clarke	1 x Grade 9, 1 Level 2 Distinction* and 1 Level 2 Distinction
Carys Benson	1 x Grade 9 and Level 2 Distinction
Reiss Hawe	1 x Grade 9 and a Level 2 Distinction
Basia Piwo	1 x Grade 9
Goda Nalivaikaite	1 x Level 2 Distinction* and 1 x Level 2 Distinction
Tom Anderson	1 x Level 2 Distinction*
Evie Walker	1 x Level 2 Distinction*
Kirsten Barker	1 x Level 2 Distinction
Gabi Farina	1 x Level 2 Distinction
Ethan Filkins	1 x Level 2 Distinction
Cerys Jones	1 x Level 2 Distinction
Jack Kershaw	1 x Level 2 Distinction
Daniel Loose	1 x Level 2 Distinction
Ruby Stratton-Lowe	1 x Level 2 Distinction



Due to the new GDPR rules, we have only listed students who have signed a form to give specific permission to share these details (some students signed but forgot to tick the box and a few forgot to put their name on the sheet, so we cannot identify them, sorry if we have not included you in the list). Students achieved the following number of GCSE/Vocational passes:

**10 passes**

Benson Carys
Brennan-Clarke Isabelle
Chappell Jacob
Doherty Nyx
Morris Sujana
Newman Matthew
Prescott-Jones Sophie
Shah Aliyah
Sheldon Alex
Weaver Harry
Yeung Leo

**9 passes**

Akbaba Ali	Higham Jamie	Pilling Daniel
Alston Luke	Higson Mimi	Pilling Kynan
Anderson Thomas	Hindle Brooke	Piwo Basia
Barber Sienna	Holland Bella	Potts Charlie
Barker Kirsten	Howarth Ryan	Preston Joe
Bullen Charles	Hughes Charlie	Sproston Oliver
Conner Alfie	Humphreys Imogen	Stanley Noah
Croft Harrison	Innis Tianna	Strain Ethan
Davies Ella	Jones Cerys	Stratton-Lowe Ruby
Davies Finley	Jones Jayden	Stubbs Jack
Didyk Anastasiia	Kenyon Kelsie	Swindells Harrison
Dutton Jenson	Kerr Sophie	Turner-Quinn Tiahna
Eva JJ	Kershaw Jack	Uhiara Mikey
Farina Gabriella	Loose Daniel	Walker Evie
Filkins Ethan	Loughlin Rosie	
Fleming Emis	Marwood Luke	Weber Ryan
Gallagher Rees	Mcevoy Oliver	Whalley Luke
Gammage Adam	McGrath Niall	Wheeldon Elliotte
Gill-Jones Daniel	Meazey Logan	Wilkin Phoenix
Graham Ameelia	Mellor George	Wilkinson Lily
Hardman Laila	Nalivaikaite Goda	Wilkinson-Parry Courtney
Harrison Emily	Nicholls Molly	Woodburn Matthew
Hastings Ryan	Noctor Emily	Worden Charlie
Hawe Parker	Orr Ace	Yates Grace
Hawe Reiss	Pass Summer	Zorn Sophie

**8 passes**

Beardsworth Jasmine	Ogelsby Megan
Beckett Loukas	Patterson Maia
Bird Dylan	Rossall Liv
Brierley Oliver	Schofield Sienna
Doherty Jake	Tart Keagan
Grimes Chloe	Taylor Collesha
Hawe Harrison	Taylor Kaylum
Holt Abbi	Valente Cara
Jones Louie	Wood Anya

**7 passes**

Griffin Zakary
Richmond Megan

**6 passes**

Heaney Robbie
Richmond Jay
Watkinson Jack

**5 passes**

Khan Cache
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**4 passes**

Ray Ella
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**2 passes**

Forsyth-McDonald Keira
Hollingdrake Abbey
Lyttleton Max

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Our students have been fantastic in rising to the challenge of achieving their very best through what has been a disrupted secondary education. They have been such a wonderful year group in their studies, friendships and enrichment activities. We want to congratulate all of our students for their positive attitudes and successes, appreciate their families for the support they have given and thank the Baines School staff.

We wish them all the very best for the future and hope they will keep in touch with school to keep us informed about their future achievements. Congratulations, Class of 2023!

### **New Behaviour Policy**

After the successful trial before the summer break, we have continued to implement the new system. We have seen a reduction in low level disruption and an increase in positive behaviour for learning. I am sure you will agree this is extremely important, and we very much appreciate your support with this.

## **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:

Mr Shillitoe (DSL - Head of Creative Arts)

Mrs Moxham (Pastoral Manager)

Mrs Doherty (Headteacher)

Mrs Streetly (Assistant Headteacher Wellbeing and Mental Health)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mr Shillitoe ([rsh@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:rsh@baines.lancs.sch.uk))

Over the summer there have been numerous newspaper articles about some new vapes which look like highlighters. Below is a picture from one of the articles.



Please see below the link to 'Talk to Frank' about vapes, if you need more advice.

<https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes>

If you are worried about the mental health of your child, or need some food from our food hub (tins, pasta, cereal etc), sending home, please contact the wellbeing team on [wellbeing@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@baines.lancs.sch.uk). We will be extremely discrete.

### **Stars of the Week**





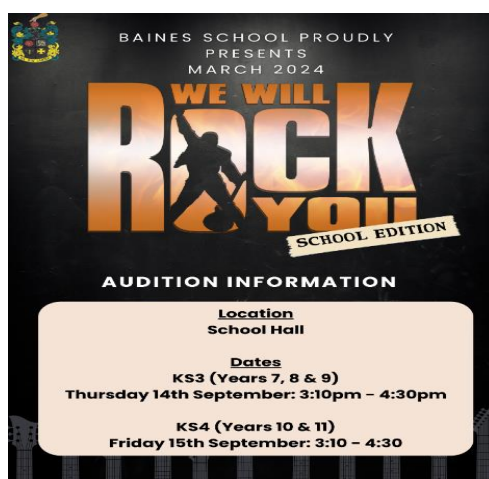
## Freya Coppen 2001 - 2023

It is with great sadness that we share that Freya passed away suddenly two weeks ago. Freya was a much-loved student who studied at Baines School until she left in July 2018. Freya will be remembered for her hard work and her dedication to everything she put her mind to. More than that though, she will be remembered fondly for her humour, her individuality and friendliness. Freya was a model student and we are so proud to have called her a pupil at Baines School.

There will be a service for Freya on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at St Teresa's Church in Cleveleys at 11am, then a service at Carlton Crematorium at 12.30pm followed by refreshments and the opportunity to remember Freya and share their memories at the Venue in Cleveleys. Freya's family have said that anyone who knew Freya and would like to go are very welcome.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Being Mindful Introduction Safeguarding Assemblies
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Key Stage 3 auditions for We Will Rock You 3.10 – 4.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Key Stage 4 auditions for We Will Rock You 3.10 – 4.30pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Launch of Enrichment Activities – please encourage your child to get involved with as much as they can. Year 9 Key Stage 3 Graduation Launch
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friendship Theme GCSEpod and Seneca revision launch with Years 10 and 11
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Prospective Year 7 Open Evening 6.30pm – 9pm School Photographs Year 7 and 10 Individual photos
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Year 7 Streetwise Road Safety Presentation
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	MacMillan Coffee Morning



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