



Headteacher Update – 18th September 2023

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

We have had a very busy week, with students having now completing the full two-week timetable.

The additional tracksuits will be arriving today and tomorrow so every child will be fully kitted out for the year. We have also purchased spare equipment sets, so anyone needing to borrow one can collect one from their Progress Leader in a morning. All of these things ensure students are prepared for learning straight away. It really is a pleasure to walk round school and see the students learning.

Enrichment activities started again last week and we had two very successful audition evenings for We will Rock You, on Thursday and Friday. We pride ourselves on being inclusive and we want everyone to be able to join in any of the activities and try to ensure there is something for everyone. The enrichment offer will start to appear on Synergy.

You should all have now had your Synergy log in. Using this you can see your child's timetable, positive points, homework being set, and attendance compared with the average attendance for their year group.

It is our Prospective Students Open Evening on 26th September 6.30 – 9pm. If you know of any prospective parents / carers who would like more information regarding this, please advise them to contact our reception. Thank you in advance to all our fabulous students who are helping on the night by being ambassadors of the school.

To celebrate Eco Club, on Thursday Mrs Holmes welcomed Councillor Simon Bridge, who met students and their families to a garden open event. It was a lovely evening, and the students showcased their hard work. They then harvested the homegrown vegetables.

To support our new Year 7 students and their families, Mrs Russell will be available every Thursday between 9 and 10am for any of our parents or carers of Year 7 students who wish to speak to her.

Wonderful news for Laila L in Year 10 - she competed at the Swim England Summer National Championships in Sheffield in August. She came 6th in 200m backstroke, 8th in 100m backstroke and 12th in 50m backstroke of all the English swimmers. She has also been selected on the Swim England age group development program which supports the countries most talented swimmers on the talent pathway to senior level. Well done Laila!



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)

We have recently seen 'Chroming' being mentioned in safeguarding updates. Chroming is a method of getting high by inhaling toxic substances.

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

<https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/glues-gases-and-aerosols>

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. We will be extremely discrete.

Golden Ticket Winners



Year 7 – Ali E

Year 8 – Holly M

Year 9 – Dexter B

Year 10 – Shannon M

Year 11 – Beth N

Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

Monday 18 th 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
Saturday 23 rd September 2023	Baines School Alumni Golf Day, Saturday 23 rd September 2023, Staining Lodge Golf Course – please see poster below for more information
Monday 25 th September 2023	Friendship Theme GCSEpod and Seneca revision launch with Years 10 and 11
Tuesday 26 th September 2023	Prospective Year 7 Open Evening 6.30pm – 9pm School Photographs Year 7 and 10 Individual photos
Wednesday 27 th September 2023	Year 7 Streetwise Road Safety Presentation
Friday 29 th September 2023	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Monday 2 nd October 2023	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 4 th October 2023	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event 4-7pm Year 10 (5pm) & 11 (5.45pm) Information Evening

Baines School Alumni Golf Day Saturday 23rd September 2023 Staining Lodge Golf Course



Weekend rate is £22.50 a head.

We can also do tea/coffee bacon barm beforehand for £5.50 or of course the brasserie is open if you wanted full lunch.

Please fill in the form from the following link if you want to enter,

<https://forms.gle/F6rnpmYbKVNPisY86>

Clare Doherty
Headteacher

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