



## Headteacher Update – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

Welcome back to Half Term Two! We have lots to look forward to as we approach the Winter months. The Year 11 students have started their Prelim examinations today. These will give the students practice for their real examinations, and help us to assess the students' progress and next steps for them.

Year 8 Consultation Evening is next week, and it is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress. If you are struggling to make this time though, please contact your child's Progress Tutor, so we can look to support you with an alternative arrangement.

Year 7 Camp departs in two weeks – I know the students are already very excited! It is a wonderful time for the students to get to know each other better, make new friendships and participate in fantastic activities.

Our Christmas Fair is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3 – 6pm. If anyone is interested in having a stall, please email Mrs Pyatt ([lyt@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:lyt@baines.lancs.sch.uk)). We always ensure that we do not double up on stalls, and it would be really nice to have a range. We already have Body Shop, some craft stalls, candles, jewellery, cakes and I believe Father Christmas is popping in to his Grotto where children can see him. Our Student Council and Eco-Council will also have their own stalls. The stalls are £10, we provide the tables, and all proceeds go to student council projects.

Mrs Wild sent a letter before half-term regarding our Christmas Rewards Activities. Eligibility to be involved is linked to 95% attendance and good behaviour (starting from today). The activities include:

Year 11 – Christmas Markets (there is a cost involved in terms of transport)

Year 10 – Movie afternoon (with refreshments)

Year 9 – Movie afternoon (with refreshments)

Year 8 – Christmas Disco

Year 7 – Christmas Disco

It would be wonderful to see as many students involved as possible.

The traffic outside of school continues to be a concern. Please speak to your children about road safety; we have done this in school as well. If you collect your child at the end of the day, please park further away from school to keep the congestion outside of school to a minimum. At the moment, we have five buses collecting students at the end of the day all on one side of the road and then a sixth bus on the other side of the road. I am currently speaking to the Council with regards to how this congestion can be eased to keep our students safe.



Erin, one of our Senior Head Students in Year 11 has just had a successful trial for Scotland and is now part of the Scotland U17 National Squad – well done Erin!

# 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 – Assistant Headteacher)

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))

Please see below the link to information regarding mental health in children

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

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.

## Golden Ticket Winners



Year 7 – Esmee & Amelia  
Year 8 – Dylan & Sophie  
Year 9 – Mia & Jamie  
Year 10 – Millie & Lauren  
Year 11 – Emily & Sonny  
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Form winners for the most positive points include:  
Year 7 → 7HDW  
Year 8 → 8KJO  
Year 9 → 9CCO  
Year 10 → 10JWS  
Year 11 → 11JHU

## Stars of the Week



We had our Celebration Assemblies on the final day of the half-term, and it was lovely to see so many students be awarded Bronze Badges and Subject Certificate Awards. A huge shout-out though to Alfie in Year 10 who has already achieved his Silver Badge! Hard work pays off.

**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Theme of the week – Goal setting and inclusivity Year 11 prelim examinations start all week – core subjects
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Theme of the week - Remembrance Year 11 prelim examinations all week – option subjects
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Year 8 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Theme of the week – UK Parliament Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Year 11 Class of 2022 GCSE Awards Evening 7pm Year 7 Camp departs
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Year 7 Camp returns

Clare Doherty

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