



Headteacher Update – 4th December 2023

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

The school is starting to look and sound festive with the Christmas Fair a wonderful success. Thank you to all the parents, carers and members of our community who visited and supported the Fair. Father Christmas paid us a visit in his very own grotto and it was a lovely atmosphere. Our Choir, Jazz Band and School Band all performed in Poulton Town Centre on Friday and we have had really positive feedback. Thank you to all our students, Mr Shillitoe and Mr Kaseke for organising and leading the students. We will be serving Christmas Dinners from next Monday, if you would like your child to take part in this, please look on ParentPay for further information.

The students will soon be taking part in their Christmas Rewards activity. An invite to the rewards activity is based on 95% attendance from the start of this half-term and positive behaviour. The Year 7 and 8 disco has been moved to 21st December due to an external clash, the Year 9 and 10 students will be invited to a movie afternoon with refreshments and 124 Year 11 students have been invited on their Christmas shopping trip. Due to feedback from the students we have changed the visit from the Christmas markets to the Trafford Centre. This is due to go on Monday 18th December.

In the build up to our Prelims and Academic Monitoring 1 for Year 11, we introduced the UPBEAT rewards program to incentivise our year 11s and ultimately reward the students for their hard work. The program looks at rewarding students for their Uniform, Punctuality, Behaviour, Effort, Attendance and progress towards their Targets, plus bonus credit for 100% attendance. On Friday last week Year 11 students were all given a statement of how much UPBEAT credit they have earned, they can use this credit towards paying for school trips, prom, leavers hoodies and also exchange them for vouchers just in time for Christmas. Some of the students have linked the voucher scheme with their visit to the Trafford Centre.

We will be running this program again, starting Monday 4th December, in the run up to our mock examinations which will be taking place next term. All students have a fresh start to earn UPBEAT credit as everything resets and starts again today.

Students in Y7, 8 and 9 recently carried out the 'Bebras' competition which is a computational thinking exercise looking at problem solving. This was done nationally across many schools and gave our students the chance to compete on a very good level. The Computing Department are extremely proud of the 14 students who received results in the top 10% nationally and will be invited to enter the 'The Oxford University Computing Challenge'. They will also receive a gold certificate too! Some of the results are listed below:

Juniors age 10-12

Top 5 students in school:

1. Kelly H
2. Holly W
3. Harry M
4. Oliver J
5. Jacob L

Inters age 12-14

1. Noah W
2. Chloe B
3. Amy P
4. Emma T
5. Tyler S

We would like to give a special shout out to Noah W in Year 8 who got the highest score in school!!

Well done everyone who took part.

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)

Please see the link below for information regarding drugs. Talk To Frank is a very good website for parents/carers and students for honest information regarding drugs.

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

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



7: Isabella

8: Riley

9: Phoebe

10: Noah

11: Libby

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

Form winners for the most positive points include:

Year 7 → 7HWD

Year 8 → 8KJO

Year 9 → 9CDS

Year 10 → 10SMK

Year 11 → 11KBL

Stars of the Week

Kelly & Charlie
Year 7

Molly & Megan
Year 8

Chloe & Leah
Year 9

Phoebe & Ellie
Year 10

Cayden & Liam
Year 11

Mrs C J Doherty

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'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4 th December 2023	Assembly – It is not just Christmas
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	Frank Cottrell Boyce event at Blackpool Tower
Wednesday 6 th December 2023	Year 10 STEM activities
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day Year 11 Excellence Programme visit to Chester University
Monday 11 th December 2023	Assembly Theme – Keeping yourself safe at Christmas Christmas Lunch served all week
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Science Competition
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Science Competition
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Year 9 & 10 Reward Christmas Activity during the school day
Friday 15 th December 2023	Year 7 Christmas Founders Service during the school day – This has changed from 18th December
Monday 18 th December 2023	Assembly theme – Celebration Year 11 Reward Christmas Trafford Trip
Wednesday 20 th December 2023	Creative Arts Winter Showcase doors open 5.45pm
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Rosendale Ski Trip Year 7 & 8 Reward Christmas Disco 6-8pm – This has been changed from 14th December
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Celebration assemblies School closes at 1pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	School reopens

The whole school calendar can be accessed by following this link:

<https://baines.lancs.sch.uk/calendar/>

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Headteacher