



Headteacher Update – 29th April 2024

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

Another busy week which included the start of some GCSE examinations, with the ten hour 3D and fine art examinations scheduled for this week, a very successful educational visit to Manchester University and an Apprenticeship and T-Level Information evening. We will be running another Manchester University visit for any of the Year 10 students who did not have the chance to visit this time, in the near future.

We run a weekly attendance competition between the year groups, and our first winners last week were the Year 7 team! Celebrating with staff were the stars of last week Jessica and Izabella who were recognized for their hard work, dedication and positive attitude.

Uniform Reminder

In the Summer Term students are allowed to wear their white polo shirts in place of their shirt and tie. To ensure this is affordable, although there is a version with the Baines logo on, students can wear completely plain, white polo shirts (but must have no other logo on).

On PE days, students are to continue to come to school in the PE tracksuit and then wear either plain black cycling shorts (of an appropriate length) or the Baines shorts.

However, when the weather is very warm we have previously made the decision to allow students to wear PE kit (shorts and PE polo shirt) to school for comfort. This is to support the students when the weather can become so warm it can become uncomfortable. In preparation for this year, students will only be allowed to wear their PE kit on the warmer days (if needed this year) if they have the following pair of Baines shorts, the black and gold double shorts or the black and gold football shorts:



I am sending this out well in advance as although we are trying to support students' wellbeing, some students wear shorts which are not appropriate for school. From September, plain black shorts and cycling shorts on their own will no longer be part of the PE kit and all students will be expected to wear one of the above pairs. These are available from <https://www.ualonline.uk/product/baines-2-in-1-girls-shorts-black-gold/> who will deliver free of charge to Baines School each Wednesday.

Year 7 Rugby Update

The Year 7 Rugby team finished the Northern League in top spot and went to play Lytham St Annes in the final on Thursday at Fylde RFC. The boys were nervous about playing at such a venue but despite the nerves they took an early lead in the game. Lytham battled hard and at the break were in the lead - three tries to two. The Baines' Boys worked together as a team to give some outstanding performances in attack and defence. Some of the rugby they played was of the highest standard and matched the venue they were playing at. The second half got underway and the boys took the lead. The last few minutes of the game were nail biting but the boys pulled away to win the match in a convincing manner. The boys won the match 13 tries to 6. Some outstanding performances from CJ, Oliver and Josh helped the team to this fantastic win meaning they are unbeaten for the season. A big thank you from the boys goes to Mr. Vernon for the work he has done with them this season.



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 parental/carer advice regarding Tiktok. With 'Tiktok crazes' becoming more frequently reported in the news, please ensure you are aware of how to keep your child safe on Tiktok. As a school we educate the children about it, but are still supporting children when things go wrong.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

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: Mela
8: Chloe
9: Amelia
10: Zach
11: Sophie

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

Form winners for the most positive points include:

Year 7 → 7JCU
Year 8 → 8KJO
Year 9 → 9CCL
Year 10 → 10KBL
Year 11 → 11Galileo

Due to Year 11 forms switching intervention sessions in the mornings we have renamed their forms after academics rather than use their form tutors to identify the group.

Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

Monday 29 th April 2024	Assembly theme – How to revise GCSE Art and 3D exams Week LAL
Monday 6 th May 2024	School Closed May Bank Holiday (one day only)
Tuesday 7 th May 2024	Assembly Theme – Mental health Awareness Week Year 7 Exam Week 1
Monday 13 th May 2024	Assembly Theme – Rewards GCSE Examination Season Commences Year 7 Exam Week 2 Year 8 & 9 Exam Week 1
Monday 20 th May	Assembly Theme – Celebrations Year 8 & 9 Exam Week 2
Friday 24 th May 2024	School closes for one week
Monday 3 rd June 2024	School opens for Half Term 6

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

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

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