



Headteacher Update – 24th February 2025

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

Welcome back after the half-term break; I hope you have had a restful (if cold) week.

We have been kept up to date with the adventures of our skiers in Italy with the frequent Facebook posts, and it has been wonderful to see the students have such an amazing time. Our GCSE PE students who have gone have also been filmed, to allow them to be assessed. Skiing can be one of their sports for the physical element of the course.



All the students have completed a blue run with some completing red runs and a few even completing a black run! The students have also been to a disco, celebrated Lucy's 16th birthday, sampled the gelato, visited a glacier and of course been souvenir shopping. Thank you to Mr Foxtton and Mrs Mainey, Miss Dunstan and Mr Broadley, who volunteered to take the students over the half-term break. Organising an educational visit of this size is not easy, and I am so grateful to them all for giving up their time to support our students. Trips like this only happen due to the goodwill of staff.

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'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

SUDEP Action

On Friday 14th February we held a non-uniform day to raise money for <https://sudep.org/>. SUDEP Action aspires to stop preventable deaths from epilepsy.

I am absolutely delighted to share that due to the generosity of our students, families, Governors and Former Pupils, we raised nearly £1000.

Thank you so much.

Data Collection Forms

We are completing our annual data collection. Before half term, your child's data form was sent to you using Applicaa. Please complete the form at your earliest convenience so that we have up to date information for you and your child. If you have any questions or have difficulty completing the form, please email headspa@baines.lancs.sch.uk who will be able to complete the form for you.

It is crucial that we have more than one contact on the School system.

Isla Ibbotson Year 7



Isla has been selected for the gymnastics National Squad 2025. This is incredible news and reflects Isla's dedication and commitment. Well done Isla – we will definitely be cheering you on!!

Year 11 Mock Examination Results Day

Our Year 11 students will be opening their envelopes on Friday 28th February to find out how they did in their mock examinations. This is a big day for the students, as they find out the progress they are making and it will support them with their applications for post 16 studies.

We will use the data to identify and analyse gaps in learning and determine, if needed, appropriate interventions.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting these interventions.

Baines Family Forum

At Baines, we are always looking for ways to involve parents and carers as much as possible in the life of our school and, as a result, we are planning to create a Family Forum which will play a central role in evaluating current school procedures and proposed new initiatives. The Family Forum is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement. Your input and insights are invaluable in shaping the educational experience for all our students, and we believe that by working together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for all our young people.

The first meeting will be on Thursday 6th March at 2:00pm in the school hall.

If you would like to attend the Family Forum meeting, please complete the following form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZynsvkFuYr>

Further details have also been sent out on Synergy.

We hope that as many of you as possible are able to attend and look forward to hearing your ideas and suggestions.

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:

Mrs Macfarlane (DSL – Associate Assistant Headteacher)

Mrs Moxham (Pastoral Manager)

Mrs Doherty (Headteacher)

Mrs Streetly (Assistant Headteacher Wellbeing and Mental Health)

Mr Mosely (Pastoral Officer)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mrs Macfarlane (jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

What is Cuckooing?

“Cuckooing” is the name given to the practice of forcedly occupying the home of someone with the intention to conduct illicit activities such as human trafficking, drug dealing, or sex work.

When a homeowner or tenant is a victim of Cuckooing, they are most commonly a vulnerable person who is less able to resist, such as elderly people, people with disabilities, people with mental health illnesses, those socially isolated, those financially vulnerable, sex workers, those addicted to substances and undocumented migrants.

Cuckooing is deemed as a form of exploitation as it functions by means of control. This control can be financial, physical or psychological.

Spot the Signs of Cuckooing

- Significant number of people entering and leaving the property throughout the day
- Increase of bikes or cars parked outside the property
- Cars arriving at the property for short periods of time
- Anti-social behaviour, including increased noise and littering
- Damage to the property (either internally or externally)
- The homeowner/tenant seems anxious, isolated or on edge, or shows signs of a decrease in emotional wellbeing
- Indication of physical assault – bruises, scars, cuts, etc.

The practice of Cuckooing is commonly part of the formation of county lines network.

Anyone can be a victim of Cuckooing.

Why is it called Cuckooing?

This practice became known as Cuckooing because the way in which the gangs take over other people's homes has been compared to the way cuckoos take over other birds' nests to lay their eggs, which is a form of parasitic behaviour.

What are the risks of Cuckooing?

People who are victims of Cuckooing can be at risk of modern slavery, developing mental illness, decreased wellbeing, risk of involvement in criminal activities and risk of losing tenancy or ownership of their property. It is very important to report any suspicions of Cuckooing in your community.

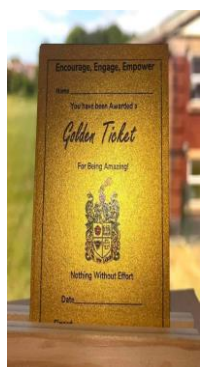
How to report Cuckooing

In the UK, Cuckooing can be reported to the police or local council. If you don't want to speak to the police directly, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or the Modern Slavery Helpline (24/7) on 08000 121 700.

If you need any support with any of our safeguarding updates please contact one of the safeguarding team.

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: Jacob
9: Isobel
10: Reilly
11: Toby
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Noah
Year 8 → Evie
Year 9 → Rowan
Year 10 → Chris
Year 11 → Wyatt

Form winners for the most positive points include:
Year 7 → 7BID
Year 8 → 8STE
Year 9 → 9OGD
Year 10 → 10MAX

Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

Monday 24 th February	School Reopens Assembly: Random act of kindness week / Headteacher Assemblies / Year 11 Performance Review Assembly
Wednesday 26 th February	Inspector Calls – Year 10
Thursday 27 th February	Inspector Calls – Year 11
Friday 28 th February	Year 11 Mock Results Day Year 11 Performance Review Assembly (process begins)
Saturday 1 st March	Musical Rehearsal – School Hall (9am-3pm)
Monday 3 rd March	Assembly: National Careers Week Y11 Catering Exams
Tuesday 4 th March	Year 9 Consultation Evening 4-7pm Y11 Catering Exams
Wednesday 5 th March	Y11 Catering Exams
Thursday 6 th March	Y11 Catering Exams Year 9 DTP/Men Vaccinations World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Y11 Catering Exams Years 9 & 11 School Photographs National Science Week starts
Saturday 8 th March	International Women’s Day
Monday 17 th March	Assembly: British Science Week Musical ‘Get In’ School Hall – All Day and Evening
Tuesday 18 th March	Musical ACT 1 Dress Rehearsal 2-5pm, School Hall
Wednesday 19 th March	Musical ACT 2 Dress Rehearsal 2-5pm, School Hall
Thursday 20 th March	Year 11 Elevate Exam Support presentation and parent information seminars Musical ACT Dress Rehearsal 5-9pm, School Hall
Monday 24 th March	Assembly: World Poetry Day / Keeping yourself safe at Easter Musical ACT Dress Rehearsal 5-9pm, School Hall
Tuesday 25 th March	Musical Performance 7pm Start (School Hall) Y10 Performing Arts Assessments
Wednesday 26 th March	Musical Performance 7pm Start (School Hall) ASDAN Trip/Event
Thursday 27 th March	Musical Performance 7pm Start (School Hall) Y10 Performing Arts Assessments

Friday 28 th March	Y11 Performing Arts Exam
Monday 31 st March	Assembly: Celebration / Rewards Year 11 Preston Geography Field Trip Y11 Performing Arts Exam
Tuesday 1 st April	Year 11 Preston Geography Field Trip Y11 Performing Arts Exam
Wednesday 2 nd April	Primary Event Year 5 Soap Science Day Y11 Performing Arts Exam
Thursday 3 rd April	All Years Rewards Activities Year 9 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walk GCSE Photography Exam – Session 1
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holidays at 3pm

Clare Doherty
Headteacher

