



Headteacher Update – 22nd April 2025

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

Welcome back to the Summer Term for the Baines Family! This is always such a busy term with lots going on. The examination season kicks off on Friday 2nd May with Travel and Tourism being the first exam. There are 43 examinations in total and the last one is Further Mathematics on Wednesday 18th June. Year 11 students will be provided with bespoke timetables showing where they move away from the usual lessons for 'Booster Sessions' prior to examinations for some final top tips and to steady any nerves. Excessive nervousness can hinder examination performance, but a moderate amount of nerves can be beneficial as it can sharpen focus, increase motivation and even improve memory retrieval. This can be viewed as a healthy response to a challenging situation, motivating students to perform at their best. It is important to distinguish between healthy nervousness and debilitating anxiety, and I would ask you to please contact school if you are concerned about your child. The contact details for the Year 11 Leadership Team include:

Mr Mycock (amk@baines.lancs.sch.uk) – Assistant Headteacher

Miss Pass (epa@baines.lancs.sch.uk) – Progress Leader

Mr Moseley (ams@baines.lancs.sch.uk) – Pastoral Officer

Likewise, our Year 10 students will be completing their first GCSE qualification this year as they sit GCSE literature examinations (12th May Paper One and 20th May Paper Two). If you would like to speak to the Year 10 Leadership Team regarding any concerns, their details are:

Mrs Spencer (asp@baines.lancs.sch.uk) – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Flynn (rfn@baines.lancs.sch.uk) – Progress Leader

Mrs Fisher (kfi@baines.lancs.sch.uk) – Pastoral Officer

During this term we also have Year 10 work experience events, the Race for Life, college visits, James Baines Book Awards, Year 7 & 8 Zoo educational visits, Silver Duke of Edinburgh, musical in a day, dissection days and of course our annual activities day at the end of the year.

Now that we are in our final term, students can wear their Summer uniform, where they can swap the tie and formal shirt with a polo shirt. This can either be the Baines branded one, or a completely plain white one. Just a gentle reminder that excessive make-up, false eyelashes, false nails are not permitted and we appreciate your support in ensuring these rules are maintained.

Sad News – Mike Ardron

It is with great sadness that we share that Mike Ardron passed away on 9th April 2025 following a brave battle with cancer.

Mike was part of the Baines Family through and through with his family connection covering four generations. He was in Year 7 in 1943, and would speak fondly of his time at Baines, with funny memories and having made friends for life. He was a dedicated member of the Former Pupils Association, and he would retell some cheeky story during every get together.

When the Baines Golf Society started last year, Mike was a reliable player, turning up in his Baines blazer!



The funeral will be on 12th May 2025. More details will be shared once known.

Racial Equality and Inclusion

This week assemblies are regarding Racial Equality and Inclusion, focusing on the difference between tolerance and acceptance. The film Hidden Figures is very powerful, and for some students they are surprised to learn that at one point the bathroom you could use was determined by the colour of your skin.

We want to be part of a society where we accept and value our differences.



Everyone is welcome at Baines School.



It was lovely to see our students make the headlines again in the Blackpool Gazette as part of their work with Plan International. The event's purpose was to put the spotlight on the challenges girls face across the UK today. The girls met with government representatives to share their lived experiences and present potential solutions to the issues impacting their lives. Issues they are concerned about include feeling safe on public transport highlighting concerns such as poor lighting, the absence of CCTV, harassment, poverty, loud or threatening crowds and intoxicated passengers.

Olivia Doherty, 16, said: "I thought this event was truly impactful. We tried to make the most of this experience to create real change, not just for ourselves, but for young people across the Fylde Coast."

As a school we are committed in ensuring our students are Encouraged, Engaged and Empowered to be the best versions of themselves. These students are our future, and it is humbling to see them on this virtuous campaign.

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 Moseley (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)

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school's safeguarding lead on jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk

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



<p>7: Noah 8: Freya 9: Skye 10: Freya 11: Leila Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.</p>	<p>Students with the most positive points this week: Year 7 → Hughie Year 8 → Ella Year 9 → Salote Year 10 → Dominic Year 11 → Millie</p>	<p>Form winners for the most positive points include: Year 7 → 7COL&OGD Year 8 → 8OGD Year 9 → 9STE Year 10 → 10OGD&COL</p>
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Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 22 nd April	School Re-opens Assembly: Headteacher's Assembly Theme of Week: Stephen Lawrence Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	GCSE Photography Exam – Session 2
Monday 28 th April	Assembly: Earth Day Year 7 Gideons Assembly Fine Art Exam
Tuesday 29 th April	3D Exam
Wednesday 30 th April	Fine Art Exam
Thursday 1 st May	Year 8 HPV vaccinations 3D Exam
Friday 2 nd May	James Baines Book Award 2025 (School Hall)
Monday 5 th May	School closed – May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	Assembly: How to revise Remembering 80 th Anniversary VE Day
Thursday 8 th May	GCSE Summer Examinations start
Monday 12 th May	Assembly: Mental Health Awareness Week
Monday 19 th May	Assembly: Activities Day & Celebration
Tuesday 20 th May	Year 8 Science Trip
Friday 23 rd May	School Closes for May Half Term at 3pm
Monday 2 nd June	School Re-opens Assembly: Headteacher's Assembly HE* Event at Cardinal Newman College (Year 9 Excellence Cohort)
Monday 9 th June	Assembly: Race for Life launch
Monday 16 th June	Assembly: Charity Week
Friday 20 th June	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice
Monday 23 rd June	Assembly: School Diversity Week Year 10 Experience Day at Blackpool & Fylde College
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 10 River Wyre Field Trip
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 10 River Wyre Field Trip Year 11 Leaver's Day
Thursday 26 th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 10 River Wyre Field Trip Celebration of Achievement – 7pm
Friday 27 th June	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 30 th June	Assembly: Our Year in Review Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 10 Work Experience Week Pre-admission Evening for the new Parents/Carers 6:30pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 Induction Day 1 Year 11 Leavers' Ball
Friday 4 th July	Year 6 Induction Day 2 (TBC)
Monday 7 th July	Assembly: Years 9 & 10 Race for Life Sports day during this week
Tuesday 8 th July	Years 7 & 8 Race for Life Year 10 Blackpool Sixth Form Experience Day
Wednesday 9 th July	Creative Arts Summer Concert 6pm in school hall
Thursday 10 th July	Year 9 Dissection labs event

Friday 11 th July	Sports Celebration Assemblies Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier
Monday 14 th July	Assembly: Celebration & keeping yourself safe this summer Year 7 Musical In A Day
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 7 Musical In A Day
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 9 Dissection labs event
Thursday 17 th July	Activities Day
Friday 18 th July	Celebration Assemblies Years 7-10 School Closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm

Clare Doherty

Headteacher



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22nd April 2020

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