



## Headteacher Update – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

It is full steam ahead for the Baines Family now exam season is upon us and our hardworking students embrace the opportunities to show what they have learned, remembered and can do.

Today is a very busy day with our Year 7 students taking part in an educational visit to the zoo where they develop a better understanding of animal adaption and observe animals, habitats and themes from different parts of the world, to complement their learning in school. Year 10 and 11 students are all sitting their GCSE Literature Paper 1. Students have been well prepared by their teachers, and their independent learning will play a crucial role in how they perform.

### Former Pupils Association (FPA)

Following the FPA's Annual General Meeting, it was decided to give all our Year 11 students five year's free membership to allow them to keep in touch with the Baines Family whilst they continue with their studies or find their feet in their new career.

Being part of the FPA is special; you are able to keep in touch with former students and staff that have had a positive impact on your life. It is an opportunity to network with others and also contribute to the Baines Family as many members of the FPA support with assemblies and career events.

If you are an former student or former member of staff and are interested in being part of this vibrant community, please contact Mrs Porter and Mrs Whiteside ([headspa@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:headspa@baines.lancs.sch.uk)).

The FPA are also looking to organise a school reunion for anyone who attended Baines School in the 1990s. Our last reunion was in 2018 when we commemorated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Baines School becoming coeducational, which was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. Please contact school if you would be interested in attending a 90s reunion.

The Baines School Golf Society will be having their annual competition on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June with tee times booked for 4, 4.08 and 4.15pm. If you would like to be involved please email Mr Bullen ([sbullen@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:sbullen@baines.lancs.sch.uk)).

This year it is in honour of Mike Ardron, who attended Baines school in the 1940s and sadly passed away recently.

## VE Day – 8<sup>th</sup> May

VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) – was one that remained in the memory of all those who witnessed it. It meant an end to nearly six years of a war that had cost the lives of millions; had destroyed homes, families, and cities; and had brought huge suffering and privations to the populations of entire countries.

Millions of people rejoiced in the news that Germany had surrendered, relieved that the intense strain of total war was finally over. In towns and cities across the world, people marked the victory with street parties, dancing and singing.

Our school community has celebrated the 80th anniversary with an assembly, quiz and bunting competition. Well done to Lily and Evie in Year 10 who won the bunting competition.



On Tuesday 13th May we welcome a Holocaust survivor coming into school to speak with a selection of our students. His name is Dr. Martin Stern MBE. Martin was born in 1938 and lived in Holland. He survived camps at both Westerbork and Theresienstadt.

## Activities Day

A letter will shortly be going out to share information regarding our Summer Activities Day.

On Thursday 17th July, all students will have the opportunity to join in activity day, with several different activities offered. Attendance and behaviour will be reset from Monday 12th May with regards to eligibility for the activity, to ensure all students have a fresh start to participate.

Eligibility could be affected if your child does not adhere to Baines School expectations as follows:

- 95% Attendance (with genuine medical needs taken into consideration)
- A positive ratio of reward points
- Uniform discrepancies
- Lack of independent learning
- Any C2 removals from lessons, isolations or other serious incidents.

The activities on offer are:

- Blackpool Pleasure Beach (open to all year groups);
- Trafford Centre (open to Years 9 & 10);
- Cinema (open to all year groups);

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- The Hill Rossendale Ski Centre (open to all year groups);
- A range of in school activities.

Students will shortly be given the opportunity to select their activity for the day. Please discuss the expectations, choices and associated costs with your child to help them make their decision. No payments need to be made yet.

## 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)

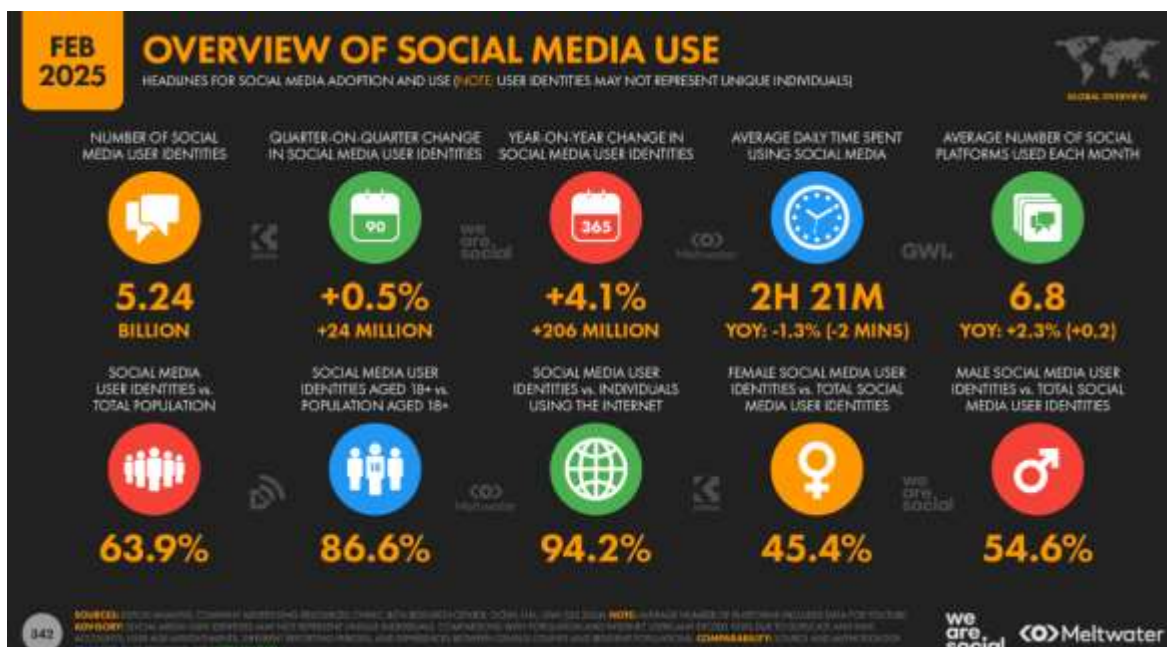
Mr Moseley (Pastoral Officer)

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](mailto:jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk))

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school's safeguarding lead on [jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:jma@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

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

Social media continues to play a big part in the majority of children's (and adult's) lives. Below is a extract from a data report showing some statistics of social media users.



It is also important to remember the age restrictions on platforms:



Social media platforms have age restrictions in place for several reasons. By setting a social media age limit, platforms can ensure their users are old enough to understand the risks associated with online interactions. Moreover, social media age restrictions help safeguard children from inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and potential exploitation. Younger children may lack the maturity to navigate the complexities of social media, making them more vulnerable to these risks. By setting an age restriction on social media, platforms aim to create a safer online environment for their user.

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



7: Klayton  
 8: Oliver  
 9: Ewan  
 10: Oliver  
 11: Bobby  
 Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:  
 Year 7 → Betsie  
 Year 8 → Lily  
 Year 9 → Oscar  
 Year 10 → Lydia  
 Year 11 → Stass

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

## Stars of the Week



## Dates for your diary:

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly: Mental Health Awareness Week Year 7 Science Visit to Blackpool Zoo
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Visiting guest speaker and Holocaust survivor Martin Stern
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly: Activities Day & Celebration
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 8 Science Visit to Blackpool Zoo
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closes for May Half Term at 3pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Re-opens Assembly: Headteacher's Assembly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly: Race for Life launch
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly: Charity Week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Assembly: School Diversity Week Year 10 Experience Day at Blackpool & Fylde College
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 River Wyre Field Trip
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 River Wyre Field Trip Year 11 Leaver's Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Work Experience Week Year 10 River Wyre Field Trip Celebration of Achievement – 7pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Assembly: Our Year in Review Year 10 Work Experience Week
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 10 Work Experience Week Pre-admission Evening for the new Parents/Carers 6:30pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day 1 Year 11 Leavers' Ball
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day 2 (TBC)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Assembly: Years 9 & 10 Race for Life Sports day during this week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 7 & 8 Race for Life Year 10 Blackpool Sixth Form Experience Day
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Creative Arts Summer Concert 6pm in school hall
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 9 Dissection labs event
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Celebration Assemblies Silver Duke of Edinburgh Qualifier
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Assembly: Celebration & keeping yourself safe this summer Year 7 Musical In A Day

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Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 7 Musical In A Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 9 Dissection labs event
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Activities Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration Assemblies Years 7-10 School Closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm

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