



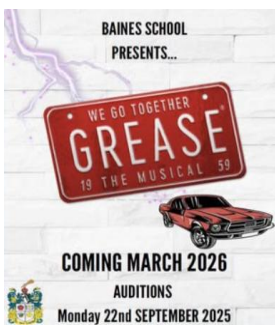
Headteacher Update – 22nd September 2025

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



We have celebrated an outstanding achievement this week, with our Year 8 students having 100% attendance on Tuesday! This is something that all our year groups can aspire to.

We have had several new students recently join the Baines Family, in each year group, as families have chosen to move schools and decided on Baines for the next part of their educational journey. We extend a warm welcome to both them and their families.



Auditions for this year's school musical is Monday 22nd September.

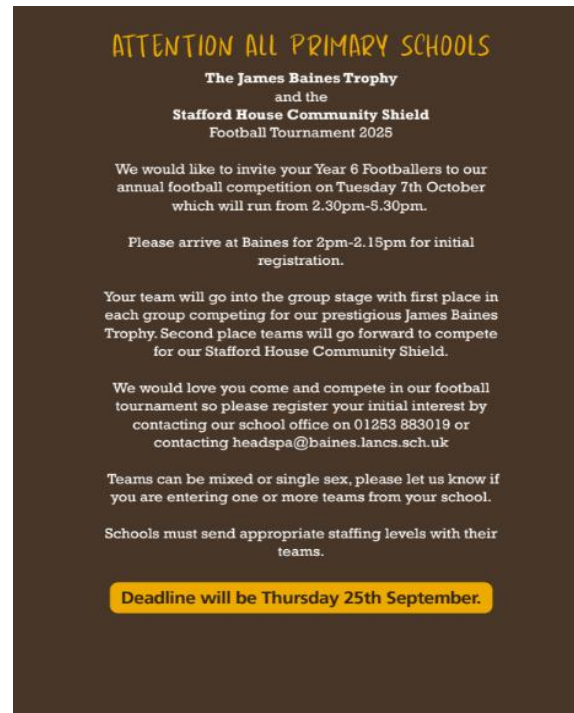
As an inclusive school, all students who audition will be given a role.

Open Evening

In preparation for our open evening on 23rd September, our senior leadership team has visited all our local and feeder primary schools, to invite them to attend, and we are delighted to meet prospective families.

It is at the earlier time of 4-7pm, to fit in with busy family schedules.





We are holding our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September. All entries for the Bake Off should be brought to the school hall at the start of school on Friday.

There are two categories: Show Stopper and Best Taste. There is also a staff competition, but who will win this year? Miss Kasmir or Mrs Davies?!

We would like to invite the Baines Family and our wider community to be part of this.



Teaching and Learning

Students are now well into their new school term and their studies. You can see what the students are studying by looking at the school website. This link will take you to the overview:

<https://baines.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum-model-2/>

This link will take you to an example of the sequencing of the curriculum:

<https://baines.lancs.sch.uk/ks3-english/>

To support the students with their independent learning, you will have seen that their independent learning timetable has been sent home via Synergy.

Year 9	Platform	Day set	Day due
English	Seneca	Thursday	Thursday
Maths	Sparx	Wednesday	Wednesday
Science	Sparx	Wednesday	Wednesday
French	Sentence Builder	Week 2 Friday	Week 2 Friday
Spanish	Sentence Builder	Week 2 Friday	Week 2 Friday
Geography	Seneca	Week 1 Monday	Week 2 Friday
History	Paper based and online	Week 1 Monday	Week 2 Friday
RE	Paper based/Carousel	Monday Week 1	Week 2 Friday
Music	Synergy/Quizziz	Week 1 Friday	Week 2 Friday
Art	Paper based	Week 1 Monday	Week 2 Friday
Design	Paper based	Week 1 Tuesday	Week 2 Tuesday
Computer Science	IDEA	Week 1 Monday	Week 2 Friday

Using this will help the students with their time management whilst preparing them to become independent learners.

Enrichments

Our enrichment offer is an absolutely bumper one this year. If there is anything that you think your child would be interested in, please do let us know and we will try and see what we can do!

Please find below a summary for each day.

Club	Day	Location & Time
Yr 7 Buddy Club - KGA & EST	Daily	N18 Lunchtime
Buddy Club - All Years - CWA	Daily	B1 Lunchtime
Study Club - All years - BSI	Daily	ILC 3-4pm
Learning from the Holocaust KS4	Monday	T15 3-4pm
Maths Drop-in - All years - PFO	Monday	N1 3-4pm
Mindful Mondays - All Years- BSI	Monday	ILC Lunchtime
TCG Club - All Years - WCP	Monday	T1 3-4pm
Grease The Musical - All - RAD/PKA	Monday	M11/School Hall 3-4.15
Y8 Netball - KBL	Monday	Sports Hall 3-4pm
KS3 Italian Club (after half term) - JCO	Monday Wk2	B3 3-4pm
KS3 German Club - SHI	Monday Wk2	B4 3-4pm
Yr8-11 Football - DVN/RFN	Monday	School Field 3-4pm

Tournament Tuesdays -All Years- BSI	Tuesday	ILC Lunchtime
International Men's Day - Year 10 - AMS	Tuesday	TBC Lunchtime
Media Club (after half term) - All Years - SKI	Tuesday	N21 Lunchtime
Guitar/Ukulele Club -All Years - PKA	Tuesday	Lunchtime M11
Chess Club - All Years - JHO	Tuesday	Lunchtime B06
KS4 3D Design Workshop - HWD	Tuesday	A1 Lunchtime
KS4 Netball - CTY	Tuesday	Sports Hall 3-4pm
Yr9 Netball - See CTY/KBL before attending	Tuesday	Sports Hall 3-4pm
Paper Craft Club - All Years - JIN	Tuesday	Student Support 3-4pm
Grease The Musical - See PKA/RAD	Tuesday	M11/School Hall 3-4.15pm
Fitness - All Years - LSH	Tuesday	Fitness Suite 3-4pm
TCG Club - All Years - WCP	Wednesday	T1 Lunchtime
Diversity Club - All Years	Wednesday	T11 Lunchtime
Music Theory - All years - RDS	Wednesday	N22 Lunchtime
Mandarin - All Years - start date TBC	Wednesday	B02 3-4pm

Yr 7 & 8 Science Club	Wednesday	B18 Lunchtime
All Years Vocal Ensemble - RAD	Wednesday	N19 Lunchtime
Silver Duke of Edinburgh Year 10 - KFR	Wednesday	B1 3-4pm
Dance - All Years - CLA	Wednesday	Dance Studio 3-4pm
KS4 Geography	Wednesday	N16 3-3.45pm
Eco Club- All Years - CCL	Thursday	T12 Lunchtime
Book Chat- Open to all-BSI	Thursday	ILC Lunchtime
Chess Club - All Years - HKE/MFE	Thursday	B16 Lunchtime
KSS Art Club - LAL	Thursday Wk2	A1 3-3.40pm
Yr 7 Football - DVN/RFN	Thursday	Sports Field 3-4pm
Baines Jazz Band - All Years- PKA	Thursday	M11 3-4pm
KS4 Art Club	Thursday	A2 3-4pm
Fitness - All Years - LSH	Thursday	Fitness Suite 3-4pm
Yr7 Netball - CTY	Thursday	Sports Hall 3-4pm

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

Mrs C J Doherty

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‘Encourage, Engage, Empower’

Below is a link for a website to help parents and carers select age appropriate films for children. If you type in the name of the film, it will tell you the age rating and give you a short review.

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

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.

Stars of the Week



Golden Ticket Winners



7: Ella
8: Bailey
9: Ellie
10: Lexi
11: Lucy

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

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Poppy
Year 8 → Maryam
Year 9 → Kush
Year 10 → Chloe
Year 11 → Elliot

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

Dates for your diary:

23-09-25	Prospective Year 7 Open Evening 4-7pm - (early finish 1.20pm – school buses have been arranged) Years 7 & 10 School Photographs
26-09-25	MacMillian Coffee Morning
01-10-25	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event 4-7pm Year 10 and 11 Information Evening from 5pm
02-10-25	Year 10 Romeo & Juliet Trip to Liverpool
13-10-25	Year 7 Streetwise Road Safety Presentation (period 5)
15-10-25	Careers Fair 12-4pm Years 9-11
23-10-25	School Closes at 3pm for October half term
03-11-25	School re-opens
12-11-25	Year 7 PGL departs and returns on Friday 14 th November
20-11-25	Years 7-10 BBC Careers Session
25-11-25	Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Preston)
26-11-25	Year 11 Geography Field Trip (Preston)
26-11-25	Year 8 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
27-11-25	Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre hosted by the Friends of Baines 3 -6pm
28-11-25	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
03-12-25	Year 11 Class of 2025 GCSE Awards Evening
04-12-25	Year 9 Workplace Explorer Day
08-12-25	Christmas Lunch served all week in the refectory
10-12-25	Year 11 Consultation Evening 4-7pm
11-12-25	Year 7 Theatre Trip
12-12-25	Year 7 Founders Service at St Chad's Church 1.30-2.15pm – parents welcome
17-12-25	Christmas Concert 6pm
19-12-25	School Closes at 1pm for the Christmas holidays – school buses have been arranged

Clare Doherty
Headteacher

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