



Headteacher Update – 16th June 2025

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

This has been one of our busiest weeks for our Year 11 students with students sitting their Biology paper 2, PE paper 2, Spanish, Maths paper 3, History paper 2, Geography paper 3, Hospitality and Catering, Polish writing and Chemistry paper 2. Most students will completely finish their examinations today with their Physics paper 2, with a small number of students still attending with a bespoke timetable to complete their Spanish and Further Maths qualifications.

Where other schools have sent students on study leave, we have kept our curriculum going, ensuring that students still have access to their experts. As and when certain subjects have finished, teachers have swapped lessons to ensure that the students can continue with their studies. This has meant for example, that ahead of the Chemistry exam on Friday morning, all students who were not in an exam were able to have at least three hours of Chemistry in their final preparations. Students who had a Geography exam, chose to stay behind after school for additional support. The resilience of our students is amazing, and we will have the opportunity to celebrate their hard work, outstanding behaviour and attendance on their Leavers' Day later in the month.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who have understood what we have done, why we have done it and supported it.

Everything we do is very much for the students.

Word of the Week

This week's word is multifarious – which means having a great variety or consisting of many different kinds. An example of multifarious in a sentence could be: A museum might have a multifarious collection of art, encompassing various periods, styles and medium.

We would be grateful if you could try to use this word at home as well; it will create a cohesive learning environment.

New Year 7 Induction Evening

We will be welcoming our new Year 7 students in July. Parents and carers are invited to our induction evening on Wednesday 2nd July with students attending for the day on Thursday 3rd July.

We are also running Friendship Friday on 27th June for any students who are the only ones from their primary school, to allow them to develop some friendships ahead of induction day.

We are excited to welcome all our new students and their families into the Baines Family.

On the same evening we will also be showcasing work from all our year groups on 2nd July 6-7pm, including the impressive GCSE work of our 3D design, photography and fine art students as well as having samples of delicious canapes on offer made by our Key Stage 4 catering students.



Green Flag Award



We are delighted to announce that our beautiful eco garden has received another Green Flag Award!

Mrs Holmes works hard with our eco club, not only in the garden but also throughout school, raising awareness of recycling and saving electricity. We cannot wait to get our plaque to display with the other two to commend their hard work.

June is the month of roses and ours are in beautiful full bloom as the photographs demonstrate.

Baines School had our own variety of rose named in 2017 to mark the 300-year anniversary of the school; the James Baines rose is to the bottom left of the photograph.

Changes to Lunchtime

We are going to trial a change to the way lunchtimes run for two weeks starting from Monday 30th June. We want to ensure that all students in school can have a sit-down meal using a plate with cutlery, if they choose to. Students who have a packed lunch will also be able to sit in our refectory with their friends and eat their lunch.

To do this we are going to trial students in Years 7 and 8 having their lunch from 12.20 until 1pm and students in Years 9 and 10 having their lunch from 1.20 until 2pm.

This will not affect any lessons or learning, or the opportunities for students to attend lunchtime clubs. It will mean that when it is raining the students can stay in the refectory rather than move to another area to allow the other year groups inside, and no students will have to queue outside. We can fit both year groups in the refectory at the same time.

As we will not be allowing any students to eat outside, there will also be less litter and we can use the new recycling system better.

Mrs C J Doherty

Headteacher Update

16th June 2025

'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

Race for Belle

In July, we will have our yearly sponsored run when all students will take part to see how many laps of the school field they can do. This year we will be raising money for one of our students who battled with cancer previously and it has unfortunately returned. The funds will go to the family to be able to make special memories together. Sponsor forms and further information will be sent in due course. We are also holding a Rainbow non-uniform day on 27th June, both as part of our celebration of Diversity Week and as an additional fundraiser. This will be a donation of at least £1 and students can wear any appropriate non-uniform items, preferably colourful!

Past Student Success



Well done to Daniel Drew who graduated from Baines School in summer 2024 and has just been appointed as Vice Chairperson of the Blackpool Sixth Form's Student Union. Some of you will remember Daniel at school as he is an amazing guitar player and always performed in our pit band in the school musicals. Daniel now studies A-Levels in electronics, IT and music technology.

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.

Disappearing messages in online communication

The use of disappearing messages in online communication raises significant safeguarding concerns, particularly for children and young people. While features like disappearing messages offer users more control over their privacy, they also create challenges for detecting and preventing potential harm, including child sexual exploitation and abuse.

Risks associated with disappearing messages:

Facilitating harmful content: Disappearing messages can be used to share intimate images, videos or engage in risky behaviours with the misconception that they will not be traceable.

Obscuring evidence: Legal and safeguarding professionals face difficulties in capturing evidence of abuse or illegal activity when messages disappear.

Mrs C J Doherty

Headteacher Update

16th June 2025

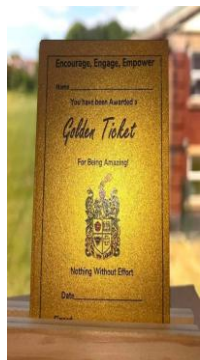
'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

Peer-on-peer abuse: These features can be used to facilitate bullying, harassment or other forms on peer-on-peer abuse, as the risk of getting caught is perceived as lower.

If you have any concerns regarding this or any other safeguarding issues, please contact our 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: Alfie
8: James
9: Calvin
10: Kayden
11: Theo
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Agnes
Year 8 → Kamil
Year 9 → Chloe
Year 10 → Sage
Year 11 → Gabriel

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

Stars of the Week



Dates for your diary:

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 Creative Arts Evening – showcasing our talented artists from 6pm Pre-admission Evening for the new Parents/Carers (please see emails for staggered start times)

Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 Induction Day 1 Year 11 Leavers' Ball
Monday 7 th July	Assembly: Years 9 & 10 Race for Life Sports day during this week Educational Visit to Cern – Years 10 and 11
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 Return from CERN
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

