



## Headteacher Update – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

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

Welcome back to school after the Easter Break – I cannot believe we are in the final term of school, where has this year gone? And what a year it has been so far.

In the final week of last half term, we received ‘the call’ we had been expecting for a while and welcomed four OfSTED inspectors to Baines School on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Staff and students really did show the best of Baines, whilst continuing with a busy week of activities including the Year 9 trip to the theatre to see Macbeth on Tuesday and the Battlefields Trip on Wednesday. We also experienced all four seasons of weather in those two days! Yet the horizontal hail did not dampen our spirits, and we thank you all for the supportive messages we received as we showcased our school and the improvement journey we have been on.

As we are now in the Summer Term, students can wear plain white polo shirts in place of their shirt and tie, along with their blazer. If we do end up with a heat wave at some point, like we have for the past two years, we will look at adapting the uniform and this will be communicated with families and students.

In our assemblies this week, we will be reminding students of classroom etiquette. Key aspects of classroom etiquette include students being punctual and present in all lessons, listening respectfully, and actively participating in all discussions and activities. Students should prepare for all lessons by ensuring that they have completed any independent learning in advance, and that they have the correct equipment.

We will also be continuing with our Personal Development programme by discussing misogyny and ensuring that all students understand that sexist language is not “banter”; it can be a serious safeguarding issue. We will be reminding them that any inappropriate language will be challenged by staff because we expect our young people to build respectful attitudes, to promote inclusion and a sense of belonging, and to have an informed understanding of positive masculinities. It is important for everyone at Baines to feel safe, to feel equal, and for our differences are celebrated.

### **Former Pupils Association**

If you are a member of the FPA and have not yet confirmed your attendance, please email either [hal@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:hal@baines.lancs.sch.uk) or [headspa@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:headspa@baines.lancs.sch.uk) .

Millie, Nat, Gabe and Libby are re-forming for one night only as the Baines Band!



### Macbeth

To support the English studies for our Year 9 students, they visited the Octagon Theatre in Bolton, to watch a lovely performance of Macbeth. Thank you to the staff, led by Mrs Kalinski, who enabled this to happen. We are very proud of the year 9 students. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit to their families and the school.



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## Paint Party

Miss Angell ran our very first Paint Party on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March for staff, students and families. Miss Angell is the Subject Leader of our very successful Art and Design Department.



Thank you to everyone who attended this fun and relaxing activity.

## Baines Year 10/11 Rugby Team Completed Stunning Comeback Victory!



The Baines Year 10/11 rugby team produced an incredible second-half comeback to defeat Carr Hill 20–15 at Fylde Rugby Club, under the guidance of the dream coaching duo, Mr McIntyre and Mr Vernon.

After a difficult first half, Baines found themselves trailing 10–0 at the break. However, a shift in mindset and determination saw the team come out fighting in the second half. Showing greater desire in every duel, Baines began to dominate both physically and tactically.

The comeback was built on outstanding teamwork, with players supporting each other across the pitch, combined with moments of brilliant individual skill. Kean, Jake, Ashton and Ethan all got on the scoresheet to complete an impressive turnaround.

The victory was a testament to the team's resilience, character, and refusal to give up, turning what looked like a certain defeat into a memorable win

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## Uniform

Uniform and Leisure has launched a new website, and as part of this have changed the code to ensure you receive free delivery of uniform items directly to school. Please use the code – BAINESFD.

## Word of the Week

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# identify



(verb) To establish or to be able to indicate who or what someone or something is.

Includes the root word, 'iden-', from the Latin 'idem'; meaning 'the same'.

"We need to be able to **identify** the parts of the cell in Biology."

"She **identified** the reason for her low marks."

## 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 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 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.

Below is a link to support parents and carers regarding TikTok trends for 2026.

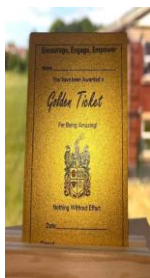
<https://gabb.com/blog/tiktok-trends/>

## Stars of the Week:



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## Golden Ticket Winners



7: India  
8: Ethan  
9: Eryn  
10: Harry  
11: lysha  
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:  
Year 7 → Ava  
Year 8 → Hayden  
Year 9 → Eliza  
Year 10 → Becky  
Year 11 → Kean

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

**Dates for your diary:**

Date	Event
16-04-2026	Year 8 Vaccinations
24-04-2026	Bronze DofE Practice Walk
27-04-2026	GCSE Art & 3D Exam Week
28-04-2026	GCSE & BTEC exam season starts
04-05-2026	School closed – May Bank holiday
06-05-2026	Year 7 Blackpool Zoo trip
20-05-2026 – 22-05-2026	Year 10 River Wyre Field Trips
22-05-2026	School closes for half term and returns on Monday 1st June 2026

Clare Doherty

Headteacher

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