



Headteacher Update – 15th June 2026

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

This is our final week of examinations for the Year 11 students. They just have Physics, Further Maths and Spanish reading and writing. The students have been incredible and have shown such resilience. The vast majority of students have attended every day as their teachers have continued to provide booster sessions all the way up to their examinations. A massive thank you to the students for working so hard; we are very proud of them, the families who have supported and encouraged them, and to our staff for believing in all our students and preparing them so well.

Our Year 11 Leavers' Day is Wednesday 24th June and is invite only.

James Baines Golf Society Competition at Staining Lodge

The James Baines Golf Society held one of its most successful competitions to date at Staining Lodge Golf Club. The event saw a record number of ex and current students taking part, creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the day.

Despite challenging conditions on the course, the competition was fiercely contested with some excellent golf on display. Players battled hard in excellent spirit from start to finish.

After all the scores were in, Mr Paul Foxtan was declared the winner following a card playoff. Taking second place was Mr David Uphill, who also produced a very strong performance.

Everyone agreed that, even with the difficult conditions, the day was thoroughly enjoyable and great fun. The record turnout brought together many old friends and former classmates, adding to the special feel of the occasion.

The event was a huge success and a wonderful example of the spirit of the James Baines Golf Society. Congratulations to Paul Foxtan on his victory and to David Uphill for finishing a very close second. Well played to all who took part and made it such a memorable day.



British Sign Language

The new and exciting British Sign Language enrichment club starts on Monday, after school in B4 from 3-4pm. All welcome!! Thank you to Miss Simpson who is offering this, after numerous requests from students.

#Belong at Baines!

Open Evening September 2026

Our Open Evening this year will be on Tuesday 22nd September. We are absolutely thrilled with the number of families who have already participated in a Year 5 tour (every Tuesday and Wednesday morning). If you would like to come on a tour as a prospective parent, please contact info@baines.lancs.sch.uk

Activities Day

Our annual activities day is Thursday 16th July this year. Attendance and behaviour have been 'reset' from 1st June, to ensure all students have the opportunity to attend. For students to be able to participate we expect them to have at least 95% attendance from 1st June, positive behaviour, excellent uniform, and completion of independent learning.

Activities on offer include:

Pleasure Beach.

Trafford Centre.

Cinema.

The Hill Rossendale Ski Centre.

A range of activities in school.

Mrs Wild, who runs activities day, has sent a letter via Synergy with more information including approximate costs.

Summer School 2026

Our annual Summer School runs from Monday 20th July to Friday 24th July and is open to Year 5, Year 6, Year 7 and Year 8 students. It is an excellent opportunity for Year 6 students who will be transitioning to Baines School as it's an opportunity to meet new students and become familiar with the buildings.

The cost of the week is just £75, and it runs from 9.30 – 3pm every day.

If you would like more information, please contact Mr Vernon – dvn@baines.lancs.sch.uk

Word of the Week

Word
of the
Week

contradict

(verb) to state the opposite of what is said; to disagree

From the Latin, 'contra': against/opposite (e.g. 'contrast')
From the Latin, 'dict': to say/speak (e.g. 'dictate', 'verdict', 'dictionary')

'The CCTV recording **contradicted** his story of what happened.'

'Don't **contradict** me when I am speaking to you.'

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)

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school's safeguarding lead on

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. We will be extremely discrete.

Sexualised Behaviour

Below is a very informative link about sexualised behaviour in teenagers and how parents can support them.

[Preventing harmful sexual behaviour - Stop It Now](#)

Stars of the Week:



Mrs C J Doherty

Headteacher Update

15th June 2026

'Encourage, Engage, Empower'

Golden Ticket Winners



7: Ashton
8: Harry
9: Carissa
10: Asher

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

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Millie
Year 8 → Hayden
Year 9 → Libby
Year 10 → Marcus

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
15-06-2026	Year 10 Geography Fieldwork Year 10 Exam Week 1
16-06-2026	Year 5 Tours period 1
17-06-2026	Year 5 Tours period 1
19-06-2026	Year 8 Junior Award Scheme Walk & Camping
22-06-2026	Year 10 Exam Week 2
23-06-2026	Year 10 Blackpool & Fylde College Visit
24-06-2026	Year 11 Leavers' Day
25-06-2026	Celebration of Achievement Evening 6pm
26-06-2026	Friendship Friday Bronze DofE Expedition (return 27th June) James Baines Book Award
29-06-2026	Year 10 Work Experience Week
30-06-2026	Year 7 Blackpool Zoo Trip

Clare Doherty

Headteacher

Nil Sine Labore