



**Headteacher Update – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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

Our Year 11 students are continuing to work hard as they reach the final few days now of their GCSE examinations. We have biology, French writing and reading, Spanish listening, geography, creative iMedia, maths and further maths, hospitality and catering, chemistry and physics left.

A Memorable Day at Buckingham Palace

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Mr Vernon had the incredible privilege of visiting Buckingham Palace to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award. It was a truly special occasion, bringing together young people and leaders from across the country to recognise the lasting impact of the award and its founder, Prince Philip.

From the moment Mr Vernon arrived, there was a real sense of excitement and pride. The grandeur of Buckingham Palace provided a fitting backdrop for such a historic milestone, and the atmosphere was both celebratory and inspiring. Being among so many others who have taken part in the Duke of Edinburgh programme highlighted just how influential it has been over the past seven decades.

Throughout the day, they had the opportunity to explore the palace grounds, meet other participants, and reflect on shared experiences. The event showcased the values at the heart of the award—resilience, teamwork, and personal development—and it was rewarding to see those values recognised on such a prestigious stage.

The photos from the day capture some fantastic moments, from the beautiful surroundings of the palace to the energy and enthusiasm of everyone involved. They serve as a lasting reminder of what was not only an enjoyable day out, but also a celebration of achievement and opportunity. Overall, the visit to Buckingham Palace was an unforgettable experience and a proud moment to be part of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award community, marking 70 years of inspiring young people to reach their full potential.

Later in the term, 18 students in Year 8 will be participating in the Junior Award walk, where they will complete a walk in the afternoon, followed by setting up a camp site and cooking their tea. 46 Year 9 students will be completing their bronze expedition this month and 17 pupils are completing both their practice expedition and their qualifier later in the term. We also have a number of 2025 Baines graduates who are currently completing their Gold Award at their current provision. Our Duke of Edinburgh Programme is sponsored by the Former Pupils’ Association (FPA).



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Thank you to all the staff involved for giving up their time and helping lead a great group of pupils, to make memories and develop skills which will last a lifetime.

### #Belong at Baines



### Carleton Green Sports Day

Well done to our Year 10 GCSE PE and BTEC PE students who supported at Carleton Green with their Sports Day: Imaan, Cory, Rowan, Marta, Amelia, Lola, Michael, Jack, Calvin, Sophie, Eva, Lauren and Chloe. They all got fully involved and were fantastic ambassadors for the Baines Family.



### Parking

Please can parents and carers continue to be mindful of our neighbours regarding parking at the end of the day. We have had some complaints about cars being parked across neighbours' drives, and them not being able to access their house. The front school car park is also only for families with permission to park there. It should not be used by anyone else, as we need to ensure that our students can leave school safely.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe.

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*'Encourage, Engage, Empower'*

## Word of the Week

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# illustrate



(verb) to use an example, story, diagram or image to make the meaning of something clearer.

*From the Latin, 'illustrare': to light up, to make bright  
(e.g. 'lustre': to shine; 'lacklustre': dull or uninspired; 'illustrious':  
somebody/something that stands out)*

'Quentin Blake's drawings helped to **illustrate** Roald Dahl's stories.'

'The example the speaker gave **illustrated** the point she was making.'

## Crown Green Bowling Former Pupils Association (FPA)

The FPA are looking at putting on a Crown Green Bowling game for anyone from the Baines Family who is interested in joining in, as a one-off game to start with. It will run like the Baines Golf Society. Once we have numbers, we will look at making firmer arrangements.

If you are interested in taking part, please email [info@baines.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:info@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

We look forward to hearing from 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](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.

## Bullying



### The Anti-Bullying Alliance defines bullying as:

- The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.
- Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.
- It can happen face-to-face or online.

We constantly educate students about bullying, what it is, (what it isn't), the impact of it and dealing with it.

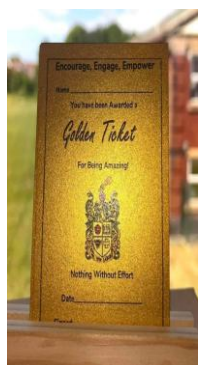
If you have any concerns regarding bullying behaviour, please do contact school. We have an excellent pastoral team who can always help.

If anything happens outside of school, or online, please contact the police.

### Stars of the Week:



### Golden Ticket Winners



7: Ella-Mae  
8: Elizabeth  
9: Kaelia  
10: Liam  
11: Elliott  
Well done to all our students who have been awarded Golden Tickets.

Students with the most positive points this week:  
Year 7 → Violet  
Year 8 → Bentley  
Year 9 → Lucy  
Year 10 → Violet  
Year 11 → Harrison

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
09-06-2026	Year 5 Tours period 1 Paris Trip Parental Meeting 5pm
10-06-2026	Year 5 Tours period 1
12-06-2026	Baines School Golf Society Annual Competition Staining Golf Club
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

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