



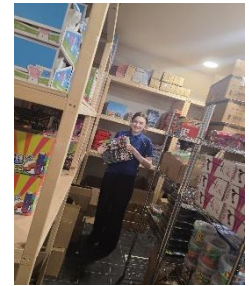
Headteacher Update – 6th July 2026

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

Mr Egan, our Careers Leader has had a very busy week as he has tried to visit as many students on work experience as possible.

Work Experience Update Day 2

Today we visited several of our students during their Work Experience week. The day began at Ribby Hall Coffee Blend. Max had settled well into the coffee shop – clearing tables and supporting service. Jess was working hard in the stockroom and experiencing a variety of different customer service roles at the Treasures gift shop.



Corey was working at BMW, learning all about sales and car finance. BMW was impressed with his maturity and willingness to ask questions. At NST Gabriela was learning about all aspects of supporting and planning school visits and was eagerly making notes ready for an end of placement presentation. Jack was out and about with his manager at Northern Trade Solutions, a building, refurbishment and maintenance contractor.

In the morning, we also visited students working in the Hair and Beauty sector. Kelsey was enjoying working at the salon Rhia, whilst Beau was in his element working at Huntsman barbers. Niamh was enjoying her second day at Naked Skin and Aesthetics. She was very excited to tell us about creating a mood board for her future salon as well as sitting in on sessions with clients.

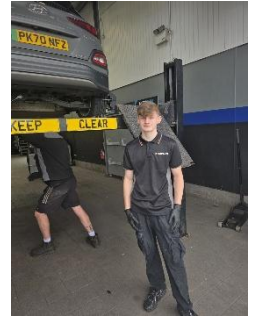
At The Plant Place, Vincent and Lewis were learning about retail, plant care, and customer engagement. As we left Lewis was being shown how to operate the till and serve customers. Carmela was out and about working for local company Lucela's. She was also working on invoices, supplies and ordering.

Three of our students are at Carr Head Primary. Mollie and Violet were supporting the Year 6 summer show and helping students learn their lines. Natalia was praised for her organisational skills, and Carr Head were impressed with the support she gave in lessons. Two of our students, Tobias and Connor, were enjoying learning all about the rail and how trains operate. They both expressed a keen interest in pursuing a career on the rail.



Work Experience Update Day 3

This morning, we visited a local garage to see Josh. He was assisting with basic workshop tasks, organising tools and learning how to change tyres. The staff were very impressed with his willingness to learn. During the week Josh will be learning all about vehicle maintenance.



We then visited a nursery to see Issy. The staff were very complimentary about well she was doing and how much the young children had already taken to her. Whilst there Issy was comforting a young boy and was far too busy to chat!

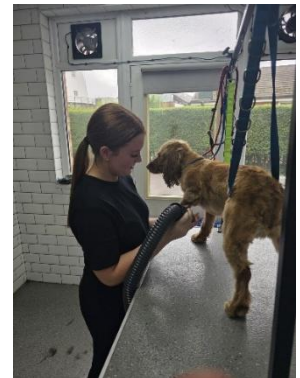
We then went to see Marta at the Cliffs Hotel. Marta was enjoying learning all about the hospitality sector and had spent her time learning about variety of roles. She was just about to head to shift on reception.

Leyla was really enjoying learning all about the work of a tattooist artist. She was keen to show us her designs that she had been working on throughout the week.

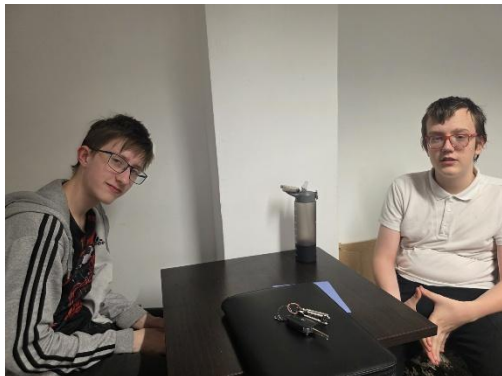


Next, we went to see Lilly work at Dolly's Daycare. She was helping care for dogs by supervising play sessions, cleaning exercise areas, refreshing water bowls, and supporting feeding routines. The staff said she was working hard and not afraid to get stuck in and do the mucky jobs!

Matilda was very busy when we arrived, drying freshly groomed dogs and was enjoying learning about different coat types, grooming techniques, and the importance of handling animals calmly and safely.



In the afternoon we visited our students working closely with Building Spatial intelligence. They are currently mapping our school using modern 3D techniques. The students have been involved in the process and will be in school on Friday supporting site engineers!



It was great to see Kai working hard and 'buzzing' about the variety of tasks he has performed this week!



Finally, we caught up with Ann at our local library who was doing a great job creating crafts for the summer reading programme!



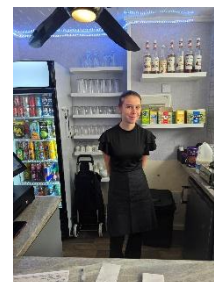
This week a small number of students have been working in school on Virtual Work Experience. They have been working with the NHS, a professional catering company, and on Friday will have a session with the Metropolitan Police. Today they were learning about every aspect of retail with ASDA!



We also contacted many companies over the phone to see how students were doing. Mya was enjoying her time at optometrists and serving customers. Employers were very complimentary about our students; their punctuality, politeness and willingness to get involved.

Work Experience Update Day 5

Today we began the day visiting students working in Blackpool town centre. Faith was front of house in a café, serving customers, operating the till and preparing drinks. The staff commented on how well she was working and how quickly she had become part of the team.



Tianna was doing an excellent job working at Café Meow alongside many cats! The staff were very complimentary, and Tianna was keen to tell us that she had been asked back to volunteer at weekends and work over the summer holidays. This was because of her hard work and willingness to get involved. Well done, Tianna!



We then visited a Premier Inn and as we walked in Lauren was sat at reception dealing with customers – looking very much part of the team. Premier Inn introduced Lauren to all aspects of hospitality and were very impressed with her willingness to learn.

Corey and Imaan had both had a positive week working in very different jobs. Corey had been doing vehicle diagnostics in a garage and Imaan had been working in a chemist, learning all about the important role of a pharmacist.



In the afternoon we met with Connor, who had been working with Northern Rail all week. He had been learning about the variety of roles available on the railway and been on trains all over the Northwest. Today, we were very lucky to experience a cab ride with Connor and Northern Rail to learn all about the work of a train driver! We headed from Blackpool to Preston developing our knowledge of signals and stops. A great end to the week!



Lots of calls took place today and we can share some stories and the praise given about our students. Charlie, Noah and Nana had a great week based at Weeton Barracks and had impressed with their confidence and willingness to get involved!

Ryan and Blake really engaged with Blackpool Football Club and the community trust, and the staff said they were a pleasure. Safia had shown a keen interest in learning about all aspects of teaching dance, and it was said she would make a great teacher! Ann was praised for her work with young children in a nursery, in particular her professionalism and willingness to take on any task.

Many employers have emailed with very positive responses about our students:

“Lincoln spent a week with us on work experience, and he was a pleasure to have as part of the team. He arrived on time every day, showed a real interest in the work, and was always keen to learn. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him, and he was happy to get involved with any task we gave him. Lincoln has a great attitude, is polite, hardworking, and a credit to himself. We really enjoyed having him with us and wish him all the best for the future.”

Mrs C J Doherty

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‘Encourage, Engage, Empower’



The Year 11 students, who have upheld our expectations all year, were welcomed to the school prom on Thursday night where they literally danced the night away. Considering that just one month ago they were still doing GCSE examinations in their uniform, they looked completely different.....Suits, ties, tie clips, shades and dresses that could have been worn to the Oscars!! The students looked amazing, and there was a fantastic atmosphere.

Thank you to Bridal by Brittany Ann (based in Cleveleys), who donated some beautiful dresses for our students to wear, and to Mr Flynn who organised everything. Was he a wedding planner in another life?!

Mobile Phone Pouches

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already purchased the pouches. If you are in receipt of free school meals and feel you would struggle with the cost, please do contact school.

Any students who do not have a mobile phone pouch will not be allowed to bring their phone to school.


We have had an outpouring of positive messages from parents and carers who are pleased with the steps we are taking to ensure their children are protected from the effects of social media during the school day. We have also been approached by a number of other schools interested in this initiative.

We have noticed previously how a lot of our Year 7 and 8 students still act like children in the way they act and play on the yard at break time and lunch. It is lovely to watch because none of us want our children to grow up too quickly in a world which can be difficult to manoeuvre. Mobile phones have made some of our students grow up far too quickly.

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.

Word of the Week

<p>Word of the Week</p>	<p>technique</p> <p>(noun) a way of doing an activity that requires skill.</p> <p><i>From the Greek, 'techn-', meaning 'art'/'skill'</i> (e.g. '<i>technician</i>', meaning 'a person who requires specialist skills'; '<i>pyrotechnics</i>', meaning 'the art of creating fireworks')</p> <p>"The football coach taught them a <u>technique</u> for scoring penalties." "Extra points are rewarded for demonstrating excellent <u>technique</u>."</p>	
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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.

Mobile Phone Update from NSPCC

Please see below for an update from the NSPCC

[Children, phones and online safety | NSPCC](#)

Stars of the Week:



Golden Ticket Winners



7: Alfie
8: Cait
9: James
10: Work Experience

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

Students with the most positive points this week:
Year 7 → Maxwell
Year 8 → Maryam
Year 9 → Laura
Year 10 → Work Experience

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

Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Monday 6th July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip School Vaccinations (mop up session)
Tuesday 7th July	Year 9 & 10 Sports Day
Wednesday 8th July	Year 7 & 8 Sports Day Year 10 Blackpool Sixth Form Visit Creative Arts Summer Event
Thursday 9th July	Year 10 Geography Field Trip
Friday 10th July	Silver DofE Expedition
Monday 13th July	Year 7 Musical in a Day
Tuesday 14th July	Year 7 Musical in a Day
Wednesday 15th July	Sports Assembly Year 9 & 10 Paris Trip Departs
Thursday 16th July	Whole School Activities Day
Friday 17th July	Celebration Assemblies School closes for summer holidays at 1pm
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	School re-opens for the new academic year

Clare Doherty

Headteacher

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