



Headteacher Update – 18th July 2022

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

This is a short update because there was an update last week. I didn't want to finish the school year without a final communication. **Thank you to all of our Baines community for what has been a fantastic year at Baines School.** It hasn't been easy and I know we are still learning to 'live and recover from the pandemic' but I think we have pulled together to support each other, and out of it our school is going from strength to strength. The atmosphere on Friday at our first every Summer Fair, demonstrated that, it was such a fantastic event and people are already asking if we are going to run a Christmas Fair. A personal thank you from me because you have supported me through what has been an unprecedented year with regards to me being absent from school (Covid twice) and also having a short period of bereavement leave.

Since the last update went out, only a week ago, there have been so many amazing events, Creative Arts Concert, Year 7 & 8 Excellence Programme, Summer Fair and Sports Award Assemblies. With lots happening this week, including our celebration events for those with 100% attendance, those who have work displayed on this term's PROUD Boards and our final Celebration Assemblies on Friday. We have so many students to reward for their achievements and contributions to school.

We have lots of events planned this week with Year 7 learning and performing in 'A Musical in a Day – Joseph', Fun Sports sessions and Activity Day on Thursday. Given the weather forecast, thank you for supporting and being positive about any last-minute changes we make due to the weather and temperature. I have received the government guidance about supporting children in education during a heatwave and as always, I will follow that guidance. With it being focussed on temperature, we aren't quite sure how this will impact in the school buildings because we haven't had such temperatures expected before, so there will be a dynamic monitoring throughout the days. It is possible that some of the PE and sporting activities may need to be adapted, but we will try to maintain the events so that they are fun (and safe) adapting if possible instead of cancelling. Similarly, we may need to adapt outside break and lunchtimes if the heat and sun is so strong. We will monitor the temperature and conditions in the classrooms and buildings too, re-rooming some groups if necessary. I am checking the weather forecast and Local Authority guidance, and hopefully the extreme conditions will only be on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you in advance for your support in any changes we may need to make.

The building work on our new '**Super Toilet Block**' and **Medical Room** are in full swing. There will be some room changes due to noise disruption the building works will cause, but it will be worth it when our new facilities are ready (hopefully for the start of term in September). The toilets in B-block are no longer in use, students have been made aware of the toilet facilities their year groups should use.

If you have any uniform or PE kit that is too small for your child, we would welcome donations for our school shop. We support families through selling the uniform to families for a donation of £1-£2 per item. It would be wonderful if Year 11 uniform/PE kit that is no longer needed could be donated. Thank you in advance for this.

Staff Leaving

It is this time of year that we say some fond farewells. This year, we have four members of staff leaving Baines School:

Mrs Manasseh and **Mrs Withnell** both joined the Science department in September 2019, and they are leaving us at the same time. **Mr Grundy** joined the Creative Arts department in February 2019, teaching catering and more recently construction. **Mrs Spencer**, a Learning Support Assistant will also be leaving us. I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and commitment to the students and Baines School community while they have been here and wish them the very best for their future.

We say a temporary 'Goodbye' to **Mrs Gibson**, in English and **Mrs Porter** who is my Personal Assistant, we wish them both the very best for their maternity leave and look forward to sharing baby news with you in the new academic year.

We welcome **Mrs Dawber** (Head of Business and Computing) back from maternity leave at the end of this week. I would like to thank **Mr Patel** for leading the department while she has been away. Mr Patel will return to his Progress Leader role, leading our current year 8 into their important year 9 (Options year). A massive thank you to **Mr Watters** who has been the Year 8 Progress Leader since December, he has worked very hard so that he is handing a wonderful year group back to Mr Patel.

As is my tradition, I shall introduce you to the new staff in my first Headteacher Update of 2022/23.

Arrangements for last day of term

Friday 22nd July is our last day of term. Lessons 1 & 2 will run as normal. Brunch will be served at breaktime so that students can get some food. As we are not here at lunchtime, those students who have Free School Meals will be able to have their food at Brunch on this day (10.55-11.10). Students will be in forms for lessons 3 & 4, where they will have form group activities and celebration assemblies. We will dismiss them orderly at 1.00pm, and wish them a lovely summer break.

Arrangements for the start of term – 5th September 2022

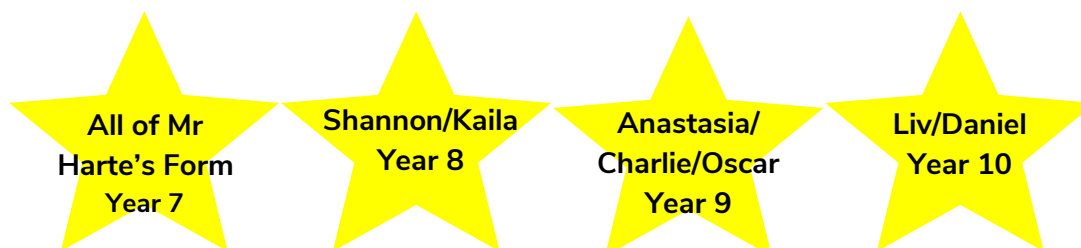
School will open for all students on Monday 5th September 2022 at the normal time. They should be onsite no later than 8.35am and in form rooms for 8.40am.

We ask our new year 7 to go to the main school hall.

Years 8-11 will need to look at the signs posted around to see where their new form room will be.

Thank you again for all of your hard work in supporting your children so that they can be the very best version of themselves both academically and in their personal development. Have a wonderful summer holiday, have fun, relax and stay safe. I look forward to seeing 850 happy, smartly dressed students here at school in September, ready to work hard to achieve their very best in all that they do (both in lessons and in enrichment and leadership opportunities).

Stars of the Week



Mrs. A Chapman

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Successes

On Tuesday 5th July the Year 8 girls represented Baines School at the Wyre and Fylde Rounders Tournament held at Millfield School.

The girls finished in 3rd place overall after playing brilliantly against the eventual winners Lytham High to achieve a 9-9 final score; just losing the game on having more batters out!!

It was great to see the girls implementing all the strategies and tactics in their games, which they had worked on every Monday evening at training.

All the girls did themselves and Baines School proud. Well done!

Bowler - Freya

Backstop - Olivia

1st Base - Chloe and Olivia

1/2 - Evelyn

2/3- Daisy

3/4 - Ellie

Deep fielders - Elise, Laila, Phoebe, Rae



Eco-Council Success

Our Eco-council have had amazing success this year, below is a photograph of them with the Eco-School highest award, **The GREEN FLAG Award**.

They have also been awarded **Silver by the Wyre Council in the Young Wyre in Bloom competition**.

They will write an article for September, so I do not want to give you all the details, but did want to share these fantastic photographs with you, so much to celebrate.





Ogden Trust Awards - Mr Broadley

This year in science students have been taking part in the various different competitions run by the Ogden Trust, with Baines having some amazing successes. This success has culminated in an awards ceremony hosted by the Ogden trust at the Blackpool 6th form College. This awards ceremony had a guest show hosted by Dr Marty Jopson, who put on an incredible physics show. Lily Y7 won the Sustainable energy solutions competition. In year 7 we also had a collection of second and third place winners well done to everyone. Also, in KS3 and KS4 the physicist of the year award was chosen and after much deliberation between science teachers Erin Y9 and James stood out as excellent Physicists. They are worthy winners of the award from Baines. Well done to you both!!

Sustainable energy solutions competition - Lily Y7



KS4 Physicist of the year – James Y10



KS3 Physicist of the year - Erin Y9



Science- Mrs Kellet

Congratulations to the Bronze Crest Award Winners, 2022

CREST is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects. This year Victoria, Evie, Ruby and Valentina designed an investigation into the 'best bath bomb'. They identified their meaning of 'best' to be duration of fizzing, too short no fun, too long not enough bath time. They explored the varying quantities of ingredients to give them the 'best bath bomb' experience and wrote up their findings. After their report was submitted for assessment against the Bronze Award Criteria by the CREST network of industry experts from the STEM and education sectors we were delighted to receive news of their success! Well done!



Attendance – Mr McGrath

Attendance remains a key focus for the school. Good attendance is crucial and is linked to the outcomes that your children receive. The school has invested in banners that are around school to emphasise the key message promoting good attendance. The government are keen for all schools to have a drive to ensure the very highest attendance, especially post-pandemic, so please support us in helping your child to attend school every day.

It is really important that next year all children have attendance in the high 90's. We appreciate all the parental / carer support in your children maintaining high attendance.



What is your attendance like?



All students below 90% will be referred to the Attendance Improvement Officer, Mrs Harkins.



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100% is the expectation. Being in school must be your overall aim. The more you are in school, the more you are engaged in your learning and the more likely you are to succeed.



Attainment is linked to attendance. Students with 95% attendance or less are more likely to drop at least one whole GCSE grade per subject.



90% attendance = 18 full days of school missed across the school year.

Reading

As we approach the summer holiday, students will be looking forward to a well-earned break. So that their young minds don't completely switch off, please encourage your child to find a book (or books!!) that they will enjoy reading. Reading and developing vocabulary absolutely underpins every subject in the curriculum. We have had a huge push on reading and vocabulary over the last couple of years (which will never stop) and we are really seeing this pay off now. **Reading is the single most important thing you can help your child with at home!**



Y6 Transition to Year 7

All year 6 (our new Year 7 in September) students received a book to read over the summer to reinforce the importance reading. Please encourage them all to read this book (and others too) over the summer holidays. Their first reading lessons in year 7 will be based on this book.



Thank you to everyone supporting the race for life. We had about 600 students take part. Please can all sponsor monies either be brought into school by the end of the week, or uploaded onto the just giving page. Our total online is currently £945 and £300 has been handed in at school as

sponsorship. Our current total is £1245.00. Thank you, I will give a final figure in the first edition in September.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/baines-school-1>

Activity Day – Thursday 21st July

The school will be running a series of trips on Thursday 21st July to the Pleasure Beach, The Flower Bowl, the Trafford Centre and Chill Factore.



These trips would not have been able to run without the tremendous team effort to make them happen. A special thank you to the Team Leaders on the trips who have given hours of their time to organise the trips. **There will also be a range of school-based activities that will be taking place on this day for the children who are not going on these trips, the details of which are still being finalised. It will be a lovely day for all students, whether they are at school or on one of the trips.** I ask for safeguarding purposes that all students wear a Baines School (PE) top so that they are easily identifiable as a Baines Student. They can wear their own clothes on the bottom half of their body and own shoes, appropriate for the activity.

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 Doherty (Deputy Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead)

Miss Harkins (Pastoral Manager and Safeguarding Person)

Mr Shillitoe (Head of Creative Arts and Safeguarding Person)

Miss Hayes (Mental and Medical Health Lead and Safeguarding Person)

If you have any ideas how you feel we could improve our safeguarding of students, please feel free to email Mrs Doherty (cdo@baines.lancs.sch.uk)

How do I Know my Child is Being Groomed?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/>



Over the Summer holidays, other help available includes:

Online Kooth.com

Talk zone Text 07786511111

Talk online Lancashire.gov.uk/youthzone

Call 0800 511111

Young Minds Test YM to 85258

Childline 08001111

Casher 07810 696565

CAMHS 01253957160

Samaritans call 116 123

Events:

18th July – Year 7 Musical in a Day

19th July – Year 7 Musical in a Day

19th July - PE Fun Events (May need to be adapted due to potential temperature)

20th July - PE Fun Events

21st July – Activity Day

22nd July – School closes for the Summer Break (1pm)

25th July – 29th July – Summer School – See Mr Hartley

1st & 2nd September – School INSET Days, school closed to students

5th September – School Term starts, all year groups in school.

New Year 7 students, please go to the main school hall.

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Alison Chapman, Headteacher