

Insight—Online Access for Parents

Insight is an online tool that gives parents secure access to view their child's data via computer, tablet or mobile phone. Insight accounts have now been created for all pupils providing information about attendance, rewards, sanctions and school notices. Usernames and passwords will be sent out shortly via text message. Once you have received your login details you can access the site via <http://insight.sarchs.com:1590> or by following the link on the school's website www.sarchs.com. Only the person named as first priority contact will be given a username and password although additional users can be set up on request. Where families have more than one child at school, a separate account will be available for each pupil under a single login.

Insight is designed to be a convenient way for parents to monitor attendance, rewards and sanctions. Daily registers (morning and afternoon) will record attendance 'live' and registers will also be taken in most lessons. Insight can also be used to notify school of any absences (before 9.00 am) and to keep personal details up to date.

There is an Insight User Guide on the school website that provides more information about the system and what it can offer.

Online access to information about your child should be seen as additional to the existing lines of communication and if you have any concerns about your child in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch to speak to a member of staff.



For up to date news and school policies (including Severe Weather Policy), visit www.sarchs.com.



Diary Dates

Friday 19th December 2014	School Closes at 12.15pm
Monday 5th January 2015	Return to school
Thursday 15th January	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4.15-7.15pm
Monday 19th—Fri 30th January	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 22nd January	PTFA Meeting 7pm in the Staff Room
Friday 23rd January	Year 11 Mock Results day
Thursday 29th January	Year 11 Parents Evening 4.15-7.15pm
Thursday 5th February	Year 9 Options Meeting 7pm
Wednesday 11th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.15-7.15pm
Friday 13th February	Non-Uniform Day (to support Library)



On behalf of all at St Augustine's RC High School, we would like to wish you a happy and holy Christmas.



ST AUGUSTINE'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2014



Christmas Spirit



As we look forward to Christmas, we look forward to a time of family gatherings and giving and receiving presents. Our Year 11 pupils have been considering what it is like for homeless young people who are on their own and isolated when all around them are images of happy families. They have been supporting the Nightsafe charity by collecting gifts of food, clothing and toiletries which were delivered to the Blackburn-based organisation this month. Nightsafe aims to make Christmas a happier time for the homeless young people in our area as well as providing emergency accommodation throughout the festive period.

Another festive event was the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party which took place in the first week of December. This was a lovely occasion with entertainment from the pupils including music, dance and singing, as well as Christmas Bingo and a visit from Santa. There was even a comedy sketch led by Father Frankie and including a number of teachers. The Year 11 pupils made our guests feel very welcome, spending time talking with them and making them comfortable. If you are aware of an elderly person living locally who might like to come to next year's party, please let us know.

Early Closure—Friday 19th December

A reminder that school closes at 12.15pm on the last day of term. Buses have been arranged for this time.

Carol Service

For two evenings the school hall was filled with an appreciative audience for the school Carol Service. The theme of this year's service was that of a journey, with a moving commemoration of the 1914 truce. The congregation sang traditional carols, with pieces by the school band, the choir and a number of solo performances. Afterwards, family and friends enjoyed mulled wine, fruit juice and mince pies while listening to the school's Swing Band. The evenings raised funds for the CAFOD "Meal Ticket" campaign with a target of providing one meal for a child in poverty in a Third World country for every child attending St Augustine's. The total so far is an incredible £2,277.

Pictured right: the mayors of Clitheroe and the Ribble Valley with the CAFOD Action Group and choir members.



Sporting Success



It has been another busy term of sport with pupils at St Augustine's excelling in many different areas. Teams have participated in fell running, netball, football, rugby and badminton. Our Year 9 boys' football team have reached the last eight of the English Schools' Competition and we wish them well in the New Year. Our girls' netball teams achieved the first "clean sweep" in living memory, with every team winning their respective league. The indoor athletics teams achieved remarkable success again this year with both the Year 7 team and the Year 8 team winning the area finals for boys' and girls' events; a superb achievement. In cross-country, St Augustine's once again swept the board in the HRV competition.

A reminder that if a child becomes ill during the day, they must report this to a member of staff and the School Office will contact home. Pupils **MUST NOT** call home without permission.

GRAB the Opportunity!



The amazing talents of pupils at St. Augustine's made it very difficult to choose the four acts who will progress to the GRAB finals hosted by The Grand in Clitheroe in the New Year. All four Ribble Valley high schools enter the competition which helps raise money for the Solomon Project and other charities. This year our finalists are Camille Hitchen who is in Year 11 (guitar / singer), Molly Jameson in Year 10 (singer), and two Year 7 pupils, Isabella Roscoe (piano / singer) and Owen Jones (guitar / singer).

Farewell to Mrs Kenworthy

The end of the Autumn Term sees us wishing farewell to Mrs Kenworthy, Curriculum Leader for English. Mrs Kenworthy has been at St Augustine's since 2002 and has guided the English department from strength to strength. Her expertise has been identified by Lancashire's Advisory Team and Mrs Kenworthy will now advise schools across the County. We wish her all the very best in her new role. We welcome former member of staff, Mr Tattersall, who will be assisting the English Department until a replacement for Mrs Kenworthy is appointed. Mr Jackson will be Acting Curriculum Leader and Mr Pate will be Acting Lead Teacher in English.



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