

Saint Augustine's R C High School
Minutes of Learning Support Parent Support Group Meeting
Tuesday 1st March 2016

1. Kay Jameson (SENCO) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were sent from Robert Szlaz (Parent Chair of the Parent Support Group).
2. **Strategies to support Visual Stress** - presentation by Haroon Ahmed, Head Optometrist from Tyrrells and Embery Opticians, Blackburn regarding colorimetry and visual stress. Details were given on how this can affect reading ability. Further information can be obtained from their website tyrrellsandembery.co.uk.
3. **St Christopher's Sixth Form** – Sarah Holmes spoke about the specialist sixth form provision at St Christopher's that is aimed at young people who need a more personalised curriculum. Courses available include Functional Skills, Jamie Oliver Cookery Level 1 and 2, Environmental Health Level 2, Money and Finance Level 1, Sports, Travel and Tourism, Health and Social Care and Creative Media Production. Details can be obtained from their website st-christophers.org/Foundation-Pathways.
4. **New School Assessment System** – Mr Wright, Headteacher, discussed the new assessment levels now used at St Augustine's and how these are used to help monitor and inform both teachers and pupils about progress. The table below demonstrates the new assessment grades:

NC Levels	Existing GCSE Grades	New GCSE Grades	New School Assessment Grades
	A*+	Grade 9	9+ 9 9-
	A* A*-	Grade 8	8+ 8 8-
	A+ A A-	Grade 7	7+ 7 7-
Level EP/8A/8B	B+ B	Grade 6	6+ 6 6-
Level 8C/7A/7B	B- C+	Grade 5	5+ 5 5-
Level 7C/6A/6B	C- C	Grade 4	4+ 4 4-
Level 6C/5A/5B	D+ D D-	Grade 3	3+ 3 3-
Level 5C/4A	E+ E E-	Grade 2	2+ 2 2-
Level 4B/4C	F/G	Grade 1	1+ 1 1-
Level 3A			W4
Level 3B/3C			W3
Level 2			W2
B/N			W1

5. **Craft Club** – Maria Hillary and Jenny Hall, Teaching Assistants at St Augustine's, spoke about the advantages and creativity the craft club offers to pupils as an intervention to support social skills and fine motor skills.
6. **AOB:**
 - a. Sign Language Club - a group of students have been attending Sign Language Club at lunchtimes on a Tuesday with Teacher of the Deaf, Liz Brierley.
 - b. Next Meeting – **Tuesday 21st June 2016**. This is an informative meeting for new parents, and is a great opportunity for them to meet staff from the Learning Support Department, as well as chat to parents of pupils who are already receiving support for their child.
 - c. Spring into Tennis – Wednesday evenings 7.00pm-8.30pm at Ribble Valley Tennis Centre, Edisford Road, Clitheroe, (next to Ribblesdale Pool). For more information contact Lucy Hamlin on 01254 457026 / 07956 018422 or lucy@spring-projects.co.uk.