

BSL Curriculum Meeting Record

17th Meeting

Thursday 6th July 2023

Topic: Year 10 & 11 Learning Outcomes

Updates from the BSL Community

★ BSL GCSE in Wales

We had further meetings after completing the draft design proposal. We worked on drafting the essential knowledge, skills and experiences needed for the BSL GCSE in both students and teachers – both requirements are different. We drafted the aims of the curriculum and discussed digital technology. How technology would be used to support teaching and learning and assessments. Our next meeting will see us working on the content and assessments.

★ BSL Curriculum Website

In our previous meeting discussions, we have made mention of having a website somewhere for all to access especially being able to download the BSL Curriculum. Frank Barnes School has kindly agreed to adding a page to the school's website so that we can upload all our documents and video links in a central place and for anyone to access. This is currently underway – Catherine Drew has been liaising with the website company and will share once the layout and costs are confirmed.

★ BSL Curriculum Illustrations

Eleni Botonaki, a Deaf illustrator (and Teaching Assistant) has asked us to have another look at our BSL Curriculum logo as she has made alternatives! We had a look and agreed that we are still happy with our original logo and will continue using this. We had a look at the various illustrations she has done for us for our curriculum content – symbols to go with titles and signs for page numbers. We agreed on the sign for page numbers – will share feedback with Eleni and have these illustrations done for the full curriculum pack.

★ BSL GCSE DfE Consultation

From the DfE "We have worked with experts and stakeholders to develop subject content for a new GCSE in BSL. The focus of the GCSE is language study and pupils will be required to:

- ★ comprehend BSL
- ★ produce signs accurately
- ★ interact using BSL
- ★ develop an understanding of the history of BSL

Findings from this consultation will be taken into account when finalising the subject content."

Ofqual are working on the assessment for the GCSE, the DfE are working on the GCSE content.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/gcse-qualifications-in-british-sign-language/gcse-qualifications-in-british-sign-language>

We agreed to send a collective response to the consultation from our working group in written English (as we didn't have enough time to film our responses to each question in BSL – we may do this later). We went through the consultation questions and noted down all our answers. Catherine Drew will go through each response online and submit before 8th September 2023.

Pupils should be taught to...

For each Year group, we have a section at the bottom for each year group which gives generalised learning outcomes which states what pupils should be taught to do – we worked on finalising these for Years 10 and 11.

Years 10 & 11 Learning Outcomes

We worked through drafting the learning outcomes for Year 10 and 11. We have completed our KS4 BSL Curriculum. A wonderful conclusion to the day.

Catherine Drew will send out the final KS4 documents to all for use. Again, this is not to be shared with the public just yet until we have a chance to revise where needed in the Autumn Term 2023.

BSL Curriculum Launch

We are launching on Friday 1st December 2023!

We talked through what would be taking place at the launch as we will start planning the event early September after we return from the summer holidays. Launch to include:

- ★ Programme e.g. speeches, videos of BSL being taught
- ★ Deaf Businesses / Organisations / Possible Sponsors
- ★ Invitations: schools, whole community & open to the public – invite will be shared with e.g. the DfE, Ofqual, Ofsted and the BSL Advisory Board.
- ★ Media
- ★ Refreshments / Drinks
- ★ Goody Bags with a copy of the BSL Curriculum

Meeting Dates

We agreed to one more meeting in September to complete a review of the whole curriculum.

The plan in the lead up to the BSL Curriculum launch is as follows:

- ★ September 2023 – Review Primary & Secondary Curriculum
- ★ October 2023 – Foreword/Illustrations/Full Curriculum
- ★ November 2023 – Proofread
- ★ December 2023 – LAUNCH – Roll Out

Links:

Our 17th Meeting update is on:

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CuXrasfsV-b/>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/dSJqCFuWoJY>