



weekly news

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Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday we held our annual Open Evening for prospective Year 7 parents. The evening was spectacular because of the fantastic support of the girls and the whole school community working so well together. We had literally hundreds of students of all ages acting as guides, working in departments, presenting displays and meeting and greeting prospective families. They are a huge credit to you – the comments from prospective parents were wonderful.

Many prospective parents undertake the whole round of Open Evenings in all schools and were so complimentary about our students and their great enthusiasm towards their school, as well as being extremely impressed with the presentations and the atmosphere of the school and the way that they were welcomed into all departments. Congratulations to Emily Mercy Floate and Dorothy Foster in Year 7, Hannah Cliffe and Olivia Watson, in Year 8, Lauren Moss in Year 12 and Grace Clark in Year 13 who spoke so passionately to a packed Main Hall and gallery about their experiences at STAGS.

We are grateful for the continuing support of the governing body, with many attending the evening and especially our teaching and support colleagues who enthuse about our school community and are invaluable in ensuring our success.

Upwards of 1000 cars were parked on the school's field and my thanks go also to the fantastic members of the PTA who greeted all parents and, with our site team, ensured that the car parking was superbly organised. There are few schools that are fortunate enough to have such an active group of parents, governors, staff and students who support the school so admirably.

Having undertaken a 'lockdown' test last week, we conducted our termly fire check this week, which was conducted to excellent effect and showed to all on the school site the importance of raised awareness of safe evacuation procedures.

Last Friday saw a tremendous STAGS Bake Off in aid of Macmillan cancer research and supporting the coffee morning baking – Year 8 Bake Off was superb, with so many wonderful entrants and £279.13 raised. Congratulations to 8J for the most participants and Jorja Crampton 8A who was voted as Star Baker.

We have been delighted to host the launch the Dragons' Apprentice Award again this year. The launch event was supported by the Mayors of St Albans and Harpenden and attended by schools from the local area, each bringing at least one team. The event introduced the teams to their 'Dragons' and the charities linked to each group and I am delighted to report that we have been very fortunate in our charity and Dragon for each of our groups – Team Unity whose charity is Small Acts of Kindness and Team Accord whose charity is the Citizens Advice Bureau – we look forward to seeing how the groups progress to the final in March.

Further to the letter sent to all parents/careers last week, a reminder of the Information Evening on Wednesday 11th October at 7.00pm in relation to the development of a Multi Academy Trust – please do contact admin@stags.herts.ch.uk to confirm your attendance.

With all good wishes.

Margaret Chapman

6 October

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 9 October

Year 12 Reports sent home to parents

Open Evening follow up visit - 11.00am

Tuesday 10 October

World Mental Health Day

Open Evening follow up visit - 09.40am

Student Voice - 1.05pm

Wednesday 11 October

Opening Evening follow up visit - 08.40am

Eco Council Meeting - 1.05pm

Year 8 Enterprise Day - lessons 1 to 4, Main Hall

Multi Academy Trust Parents Information Evening - 7.00pm, Main Hall

Thursday 12 October

Open Evening follow up visit – 2.20pm

Year 11 and 13 panoramic photograph

Year 7 Form Group photograph

Please park in the tennis courts through the blue gates for all evening events

Word of the Week

Every week we promote the use of an unusual word across the school.



This week's word is:

Flabbergasted

Definition:

Astounded or astonished



Try to use it as much as possible this week!

STAGS Athletes Achieve Great Results in SSAA Road Relay Championships



On Saturday 30th September STAGS athletes took part in the SEAA (South East Athletic Association) road relay championships held at Crystal Palace park in London. Year 8 student Antonia Jubb was running alongside team mates Lily Tse and Mia Pullen in the U13, 3 Km race. Together, they ran fantastically well and the super athletic trio went on to win first place in the U13. STAGS Year 8 student Sara Laitner also ran in the U13 B Team and finished 37th.

In the U17 age group Year 11 student Kiera Stern and STAGS alumni Jess Laitner finished in 16th place. In this race, there was a B Team in which Year 11 pupils Aysha, Emily Barnes and Stags Alumni Freya Weddell (Yr 12) continued to run with great determination.

This Saturday 7th September, Antonia Jubb will be taking part in the 3.8 KM National road relay race which takes place in Birmingham. We wish her every success.

PTA Nearly New Uniform Sale Saturday 14 October 2017 10:00-11:30



Thank you to all of the parents who have previously supported the PTA by either donating unwanted good quality uniform or by purchasing items at the PTA's Nearly New Uniform Sales.

We will be holding our next Nearly New Uniform Sale on Saturday 14 October at 10:00am - 11:30am in the school library.

If you have any items of uniform that your daughter no longer requires, please donate this to the PTA by bringing it into school to the main reception marked for the attention of the PTA.

Thank you for your continued support.

STAGS PTA

MacMillian Cancer Coffee Morning —Year 8 Cake Sale



Year 8 Cake Sale Raises Impressive £279.13 for Macmillan Cancer Support as part of their annual Coffee Morning.

On Friday 29 September, Year 8 raised a fantastic £279.13 for Macmillan by holding a very successful cake sale. An impressive 80 students generously donated cakes to the cause resulting in cake sales at both break and lunch time. Well done to 8J who had the most participants closely followed by 8C.

Congratulations to the overall winner of the best decorated cakes Jorja Crampton 8A and to all the star bakers from each house, namely: Tamsin

Curtis- 8A , Salina Ahmed - 8B, Sabrina Choudhury - 8C, Lily Cannell - 8H, Inaya Haque - 8J and Fabiola Brooking-Williams- 8S.

We look forward to the next charity bake sale which will be hosted by Year 7 on Friday, 20 October when we will be fund raising for the Wear it Pink campaign in support of 'Breast Cancer Now'. #Savethedate



www.macmillan.org.uk

Student Verse Selected for New Poetry Book



Congratulations to Year 9 students Namam Kadir, Isabel Harber, and Year 11 pupil Isabelle Kinghorn who have had their poems selected for publication in a new book entitled 'Busta Rhyme'. This book contains inspirational verse covering a range of different topics and themes. Students from 27 schools across London and the Home Counties have taken inspiration from lyrics, art, nature and have used it to craft poems using creativity, technique and skill. Young STAGS authors were very excited to see their poems in print. Isabelle penned 'She'll be gone soon', Isabel Harber created a poem entitled 'Sara Bukai' and Namam wrote 'Glory days'.

STAGS Students were given the opportunity to write and submit their verse during an English class activity held during spring of this year associated with the Young writers Association. Associate Curriculum Leader for English teacher Mrs Hall said '*The English Department was very impressed by the high standard of entries this year*'

Busta Rhyme London & Home Counties has just been published by Young writers and is priced at £15.99. ISBN 978 -1-78820-8222-2



For more information please visit : www.youngwriters.co.uk

A dark, atmospheric Halloween-themed background. On the left, a stone castle tower with a lit window. In the center, a large, pale full moon. On the right, a traditional windmill and a scarecrow. The sky is dark with a few birds flying. The overall mood is spooky and festive.

YEAR 7 DISCO

Friday 13th October 2017

Tickets being sold: 9th -10th October.

Where: Miss Mellugh's office

(Opposite room 28)

Price: £5.00

Halloween disco

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