



weekly news

Stagslink



From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We began this week with our first 'Let's Talk' conference on Monday evening. The introductory speakers in the hall paved the way for the workshops provided by the extended pastoral team which were very well received by all whom attended. Evaluations demonstrate the importance of talking with our young people and we will ensure that this is a regular event on our annual calendar.

We have celebrated National Careers Week this week and raised awareness during lessons of how current learning in all subjects, relates to future studies or careers with colleagues sharing their own career stories.



In addition, we celebrated 2018 International Women's Day, with the theme #pressforprogress following from the World Economic Forum 2017 Gender Gap Report outlining that gender parity is still 200 years away. Linked to this, Mr Barrett shared a resource which you may find of interest with several leading female figures from the BBC's international news desk answering questions on variety of topics: such as women that inspire them, the problems women face in the world today and how to tackle the injustices that women face. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RQRVXruKbY>,

On Thursday, we welcomed over 35 professionals from a wide variety of careers to raise awareness of the wealth of opportunities that will be available to our students in the world of employment. The Speed Networking morning certainly inspired the Year 8 students who were impressive in their questioning and engagement. My thanks go to Miss McHugh and the superb site team who made this event possible and to all who gave up their time so freely to enhance the experiences of our young people.

Congratulations to the team of Learning Ambassadors who have delivered superb assemblies to each year group to celebrate the **centenary of votes for women**. Led by Ms Cardani and Ms Brock, the Ambassadors have worked tirelessly to make this topic relevant to all our students and have also designed a **tutor time activity** to be undertaken, focusing on voting rights today.

Congratulations to the fabulous netball team in Year 10 who were unbeaten in their group stages and only lost at the very end to St Albans High School Team A, who were the overall winners. Congratulations to Catherine Buck who was named as Player of the Tournament.

A reminder of the PTA quiz on Friday 23rd March.

I look forward to seeing you at the Year 9 Parents and GCSE Options Information Evening on Tuesday.

With all good wishes

Margaret Chapman

9 March 2018

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Saturday 10 March

Gold DofE Training Day -
9.00am to 3.00pm

Sunday 11 March

Year 10 and Year 13 - Royal
Albert Hall Gala Concert -
09.15am to 3.00pm

Tuesday 13 March

Year 9 Parents' Evening and
GCSE Options Evening -
4.00pm, Main Hall

Wednesday 14 March

Year 12 Classics Trip -
11.00am to 3.30pm

A Level Study Day - 11.00am
to 3.30pm

Thursday 15 March

Year 13 Russian Conference -
11.00am to 3.30pm

Parents Voice - 7.00pm

Friday 16 March

Year 11 reports to parents

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19 March

Dragons Awards evening at
University of Hertfordshire -
5.00pm to 8.00pm

Wednesday 21 March

Year 12 and Year 13
Psychology Conference -
8.30am to 5.00pm

Thursday 22 March

KS4 Julius Caesar Cinema visit
- 7.00pm

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:

Cacophony



Definition:

An unpleasant mixture of sounds; harsh noise; discord

Try to use it as much as possible this week!

English Department

Swimming Update

Congratulations and good luck to Caitlin Hartley, Georgia Pritchard (Year 8), Florie Geurts, Isabel Harber, Ellie Holliss (Year 9) and Gemma Hanson (Year 10) who have all been selected to represent St Albans District at the Hertfordshire Inter District at Woodside, Watford on Friday 9th March 2018.

Can you help the STAGS PTA?

The requirement:

We need an **independent examiner** who currently works in **finance or an accountant from industry or the public sector** the key is that you have a good understanding of charity finance and the law. We **do not** require you to have a specific accreditation but examples of ones would be applicable are: ACA, ACIE.



Why do we need you?

The STAGS PTA is a charity with an annual income between £25,000 and £250,000. Charities with a gross annual income between £25,000 and £250,000 must have their annual accounts independently examined or audited. These form part of the annual return, which must be submitted to the Charity Commission within 10 months of the end of the financial year with the simplified trustees' annual report.

The ask:

4-5 hours between March – June to gain an understanding of the charity, look at the accounts and supporting documents and write an independent report to accompany the accounts and trustees' annual report.

Please Contact:

Angie Mistry pta@stags.herts.sch.uk

STAGS Student wins South Herts & West Middlesex Show Jumping Competition



On Tuesday 13 February 2018, Fran Fletcher in Form 9C, entered the South Herts and West Middlesex Show Jumping competition.

Here is a summary of her story: 'I entered the 90cm and 100cm jumps which consisted of 13 jumps over the course. This included jumping between Oxers and jumping over water trays.

There were 20 other teams competing in this category and each team had 3 or 4 competitors, totalling 80 riders.

I won and came first in the 90cm show jumping competition and qualified as an individual.

I was also part of a team which consisted of 3 jumpers but the other two members did not go clear, so the team couldn't qualify.

I have been asked to compete with my horse Bumble, in arena competitions, which is an amazing opportunity for me.'

Fran Fletcher
9C

STAGS Students Raise Money for Charity



On Wednesday 28th February, 9H wore bright socks in order to raise awareness of eating disorders. This is important because at present it takes around three and a half years until eating disorder sufferers get specialised treatment. We want people to be able to speak up earlier or tell somebody if they notice that something is wrong with another person.

The event we supported is called 'Sock It to Eating Disorders'. More information can be found at:

beateatingdisorders.org.uk

Veronika Ivanova
9H

STAGS Students Attend the Annual WE Day Concert



On Wednesday 7th March, 31 students attended the annual WE Day concert at Wembley Arena. WE Day supports students when stepping up and making a difference in their local community and world at large, whether that's volunteering, fundraising or raising awareness for causes that matter. At STAGS, students in Year 10 have been working as part of a 'We Group' to plan events and raise awareness of current issues. Alongside Year 10, Key Stage 3 students have been actively involved in charity events across the school including the most recent 'First Give' to support a chosen charity of their choice. These students were rewarded for their fantastic work with free tickets to attend WE Day.



Holly Branson (the Co-chair of WE Day) presented alongside a huge range of guest speakers. Students heard an array of inspirational stories alongside a number of music performances with the most popular of the day being YouTube sensation 'HRVY' and Alexandra Burke. Together, they offer young people the tools and the inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives.

Orla Foley (8H) commented "it was a really great experience and we learnt so much from the speeches; I feel inspired to get involved in more charity events across the school."

Well done to all involved!

Mrs V Blackburn
Head of KS3



Years 9 and 10 Science Enrichment for May Half Term 2018



Would you like to help your Daughter make well-informed choices about their future study and careers?

Let's work together to inspire the next generation of Scientists, Engineers and world changers.

The [Engineering Development Trust](#) (EDT) has arranged an insightful local course over the May half term [29th 30th & 31st May 2018], collaborating with; **Barnfield College**, **The University of Bedfordshire** and a **Company TBC** to deliver their [Routes into STEM](#) programme.

What is Routes into STEM?

Routes is an innovative 3 day course which provides young people aged 13 to 15 (Yr 9 & 10) with an understanding of the amazing opportunities offered by **STEM** based careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The course allows your child to engage with a **college**, a **university** and a **company** who have put together an interesting agenda to showcase STEM courses, apprenticeships, degrees and careers, giving your child the best chance to make informed decisions and to meet role models.

Day 1: [Barnfield College](#) – 29th May 2018

Day 2: [The University of Bedfordshire](#) – 30th May 2018

Day 3: Company TBC -31st May 2018

Benefits include:

- Engages all students no matter their academic level
- Practical taster sessions of STEM courses at College and University helping with decision making
- Visualisation of future STEM career opportunities and how to access them through apprenticeship & graduate schemes
- Gaining a bronze industry-led accreditation from [Industrial Cadets](#) (Inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales)
- Meet role models

Course fee, bursaries & other support: The course costs **£135** for all 3 days including the Industrial Cadets accreditation fee.

For More Information Contact EDT: routesintostem@etrust.org.uk or 01707 386 151

Lunch & Travel Arrangements: Students are responsible for their own travel; we encourage car sharing to fit around your work schedules. Lunch is sometimes provided for the course and this will be confirmed along with all other details in the Course Joining Instructions.

Apply Online: <http://bit.ly/2n1KzYo> (scroll down to 'Students' tab to access application form)

****Please note that interested students should apply ASAP due to the limited amount of spaces available****

St Albans Girls' School PTA has pleasure in inviting you to the annual

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 23 March 2018



7.30 pm in the School Hall

Includes Deli Platter (Vegetarian Options Available)
Licensed Bar
Raffle

Adults £10.00
Concessions £7.50

Please support us and buy drinks in our licensed bar!

TEAMS OF TEN - if you can't get a full table, we will organize your team and confirm your table. To assist with catering, please return slip and payment to school office in an envelope marked 'PTA Quiz' no later than **Friday 16 March 2018**. Please confirm which Team you are on or "no table" Tables of less than 6 may be joined by others (or indicate if you do not want to be joined!)

Payment, ticket and food orders including Table Confirmation (in order to assist with platters) will be acknowledged by email. Doors open 7.00 pm.

STAGS Quiz Night – Friday 23 March 2018 – Starts at 7.30 pm

Your Name _____

Student
Form



Email for booking acknowledgement _____

I confirm I am part of a Team of 10

Name of Team Leader _____

Please add me/us onto a Team

We are not a team of ten but do not want to join another table

Please print clearly (if you don't know your table name please indicate other team members so we can match you up)

I would like to buy adult ticket(s) @ £10.00 per person including meat option

I would like to buy adult ticket(s) @ £10.00 per person including vegetarian option

I would like to buy student ticket(s) @ £7.50 per person including meat option

I would like to buy student ticket(s) @ £7.50 per person including vegetarian option

I enclose cash / cheque for £

(cheques payable to "Friends of STAGS")



HAPPY TEENS

Wellbeing Weekender

“Do you and your teen need advice, guidance and support?”

RELATIONSHIPS
FRUSTRATION
SOCIAL MEDIA
FEAR
WORRY
SELF ESTEEM
FRIENDSHIPS
ANXIETY
EXAM
STRESS
CYBER BULLYING
BODY IMAGE
BULLYING

Professionals in youth wellbeing and resilience coming together for one weekend to help you and your teenager navigate those tricky teen years.

HAPPY TEENS – THE WELLBEING WEEKENDER
Saturday 17th March 2018 10-5pm
Nicholas Breakspear School, St Albans

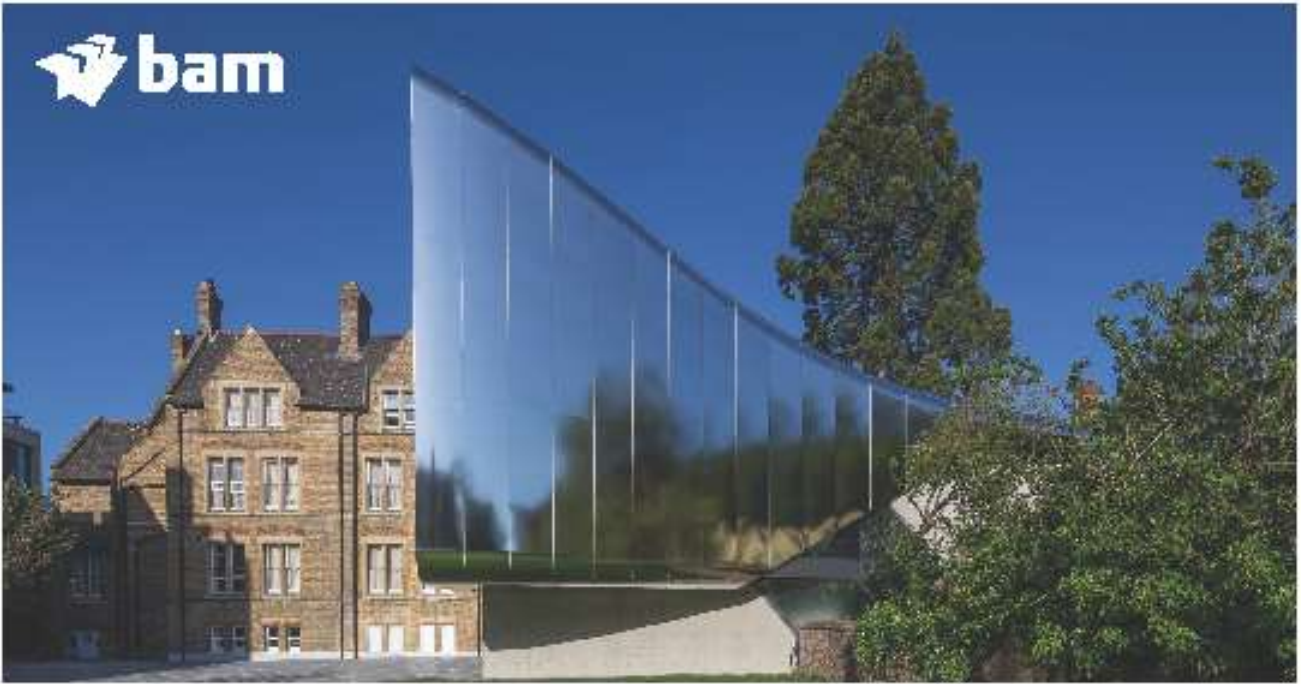
BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-teen-wellbeing-weekender-tickets-40029482259>

Kat@brilliantlyimperfect.com

Hosted By Kat Shaw of Brilliantly Imperfect in support of Rephael House & Ollie Foundation





Build your future... leave your mark on the local skyline!

**Year 10 students!
30 July to 3 August 2018**

Make the very most of your school holidays this summer by joining BAM, one of the leading construction companies in the UK, and gain a CREST Bronze Award in Sustainable Communities.

As a construction contractor, BAM manages many prestigious projects, including the construction of St Antony's College, Oxford.

By taking part in the Challenge CREST Award you will:

- Visit a live construction site
- Undertake research
- Plan a project
- Design a project
- Present your proposal

The successful candidates will develop:

- Communication and organisational skills
- Time management skills
- Problem solving
- Working to deadlines
- Attention to detail

08 4530 12 018



This is your chance to learn about the country's largest industry and gain work experience relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) subjects.

**To find out more and apply, please contact: June Wilkinson – SummerSchool@bam.co.uk
Closing date for applications: 9th April 2018**



St Albans Girls' School

Specialist Business and Enterprise Academy

LEARNING SUPERVISOR

37 hours per week (term time only)

Actual Salary: £14,758-£16,136, dependent upon experience
(8.00am – 4.00pm 4 days p/w; 8:00am-3:30pm 1 day)

We require an individual to provide learner support and supervision to whole classes and groups during short-term absence of the class teacher. This role requires a confident individual with good communication skills along with the ability to manage and maintain discipline with a positive approach. You may also be asked to provide in-class support, assist with administration and exam invigilation.

Applicants require a good level of competence in basic skills (Maths and English GCSE, Grade C and above or equivalent).

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The school has an excellent reputation within the local community with strong support from Governors, Parents, Students and a dedicated and highly motivated team of staff.

There is a Health Care cash plan available to all staff.

For further details and an application form please visit www.stags.herts.sch.uk or Completed application forms and a covering letter should be sent to: personnel@stags.herts.sch.uk. Please apply early, as the advert may be retracted if a suitable candidate is found.

Closing date for receipt of applications: Wednesday 14th March 2018
Interviews to take place: Monday 19th March 2018

We welcome visits from potential applicants.
Mrs Liz Kilborn – HR & Personnel Manager on 01727 853134.

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INCLUSION TEACHING ASSISTANT

Full time, permanent post

36.2 hours per week (term time + one week)

Actual salary: £14,808-£16,189 dependent upon experience

(8.20am – 4.00pm 4 days p/w; 8:20am-4:30pm 1 day)

This engaging role involves supporting teachers in removing the barriers to learning for students with additional needs. The successful candidate will work with individuals and small groups of students in order to develop an understanding of their specific needs and enable progress in their learning.

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