



weekly news

Stagslink



From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Yesterday we again held our 'Big Interview Day' for Year 11 students, which involved one-to-one interviews for all students with employers from companies and organisations which varied in extent and scale, including those local to St Albans, whilst also including multinational companies. Every Year 11 student participated, presented themselves superbly and were commended for the manner in which they conducted themselves. Many of the interviewers undertake this role in different schools and were incredibly impressed with how well the girls had prepared for the interview and how maturely they had presented themselves. One interviewer commented "I would be really proud if my daughter grows up to be like one of the girls I met today". Congratulations to all students involved and my thanks go to Miss McHugh and all who contributed to making the day so successful. We look forward to Futures Day in a few weeks time.



Congratulations to the Rotary Youth Speaks Intermediate group who were Runners Up in the competition this week. The team of Ebony Spinks, Millie Drury and Shrushti Kedhar were a credit to themselves and the school. As runners-up, they will go forward to the District Youth Speaks Semi-Finals to be held at Etonbury Academy.

The "St Albans Legacy Competition" launches next week, please view the website <https://www.stalbanslegacyproject.org/> This is led in our area by Miss Miles, who is a national subject leader for the WW1 legacy project. The aim is to reach as many young people in Years 7 – 10 as possible. Please see the attached information within Stagslink for further details.

Head Teacher Surgery continues to be a regular feature, generally held on the first Thursday of every month. This is advertised in Stagslink and I look forward to meeting any parents at this time to address any queries.

Save the date: The PTA Quiz will be taking place on Friday 16 March in the school hall from 7.00pm.

Tickets are £10 for an adult, £7.50 for concessions and includes a luxury Deli Platter. A licensed bar will be available to purchase alcoholic as well as soft drinks on the evening.

Booking forms will be available soon.

I look forward to seeing you at the Year 13 Parents' Evening on Monday 15 January 2018.

With all good wishes

Margaret Chapman

12 January 2018

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 15 January

Year 13 Parents' Evening - 4.30pm, Main Hall

Year 10 GCSE progress discussions with Senior Leaders this week

GCSE Core Science resit – Biology

Wednesday 17 January

Year 10, 11 and 13 Drama Theatre Trip

GCSE Additional Science resit – Biology

Thursday 18 January

GCSE Core Science resit – Chemistry

Friday 19 January

Year 12 reports sent to parents

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 22 January

Holocaust Education week

GCSE Additional Science resit – Chemistry

Wednesday 24 January

GCSE Core Science resit – Physics

Holocaust Memorial Day

Year 11 Parents' Evening - 4.30pm, Main Hall

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:

Wend

Definition:

To direct one's course: travel, proceed

Try to use it as much as possible this week!



English Department

Recycling Urgently Needed!

As part of the new Design and Technology GCSE, we have to teach a unit on up-cycling and re-purposing. For resistant materials we want to provide each student with some type of wooden furniture or wooden storage unit for them to modify using a range of up-cycling techniques.

We need the following:

- * Any old wooden chairs.
- * Any old wooden bedside tables or storage units.
- * Any old jewellery boxes.
- * Anything else that is wooden that would be suitable for up-cycling/re-purposing.



Please could you have a look in your attics and see if you have any old unwanted pieces you could donate to us for this project? They need to be solid wood. Chipboard/MDF items will not be suitable.

Please could any donations be dropped off to main reception by Wednesday 17th January.

Miss Hannah Bowman

School Absences

All absences should be notified in advance when possible - If you require authorisation of an absence for your daughter please complete an Authorised Absence Request Form before the date of absence. These can be downloaded from the school website via the link www.stags.herts.sch.uk/parents/lettersforms or a hard copy can be requested from the school Main Office. These should be returned to the Head's PA for authorisation. You will be notified in writing if the absence has been authorised.

Any appointment requests should be written in the back of the school planner in advance of the appointment; this will enable the Form Tutor to record these on the school system. The Teacher teaching your daughter at the time of the appointment will allow her to leave their lesson to sign out at student reception. This also applies when your daughter is returning from appointments that the school have not been previously notified of.

We do hope the above clarifies the situation.

Thank you

Rotary Young Chef Competition



Last term, STAGS students were invited to take part in the Rotary Young Chef Competition 2017 which was held at Oaklands College. Twenty aspiring junior chefs from a number of Hertfordshire schools were present at the finals held in November.

STAGS were proudly represented by Keira Flavin, 7C; Rachel Staples, 9J; Zahraa Makee and and Hollie Thurston, 10F. The girls each prepared, cooked and presented a two course meal within 90 minutes. Despite the daunting high tech catering facilities and tight time limit the dishes produced were of an immaculate standard. Judges were particularly impressed with Keira from Year 7, the youngest ever entrant in the competition's history!

If you are currently in Years 10 or 11 and feel inspired to undertake a culinary challenge, Oaklands College are holding another competition on 10th February 2018. Please contact Ms. Barry for entry information: deadline 19th January.



Ms. C Barry
Teacher, ADT Department

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO CITIZENS ADVICE

TEAM ACCORD PRESENTS

STAGS & VERULAM Year 7 DISCO

19th January 2018

AT STAGS MAIN HALL

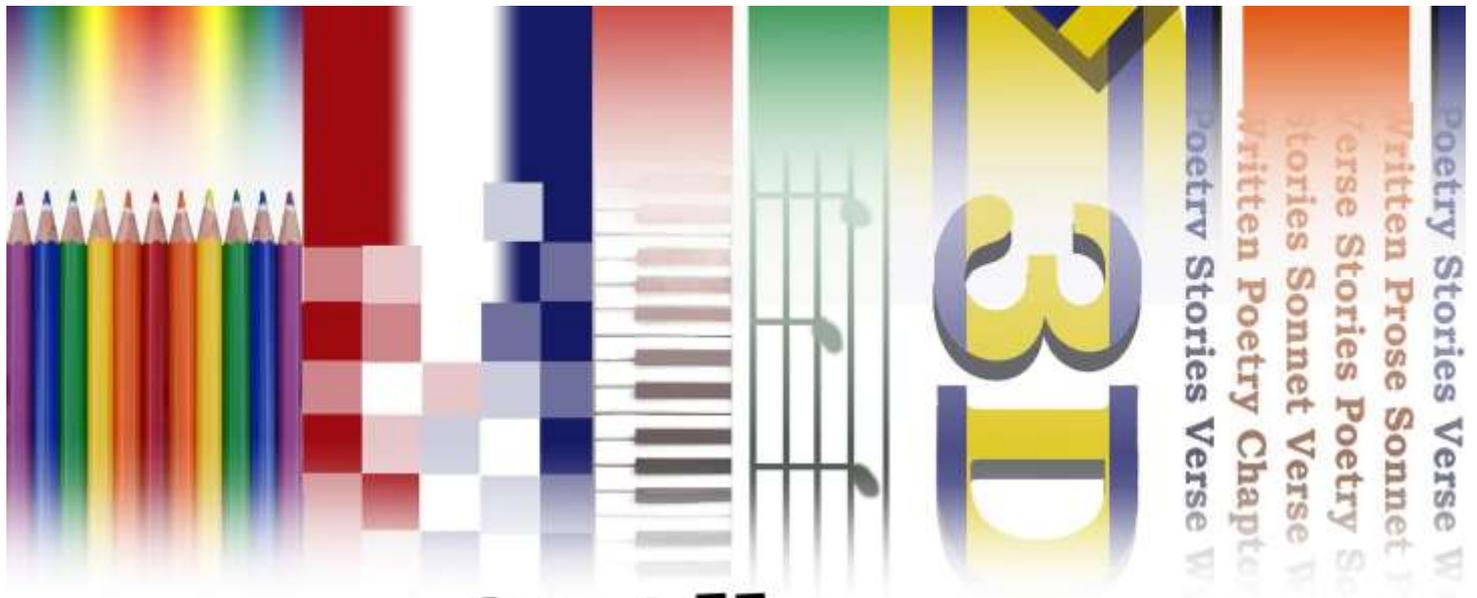
TICKETS £5- sold at Maths foyer |

6PM- 8PM | TUCK SHOP & DRINKS

AVAILABLE TO BUY

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

**Must have a contact number/ info to buy a
ticket!**



St Albans Legacy Multi Media Art Competition

Open to teenagers in yrs 7 -10



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ST ALBANS LEGACY ART PROJECT

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To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the WW1 armistice, we will be running a multi-media art competition aimed at all local secondary school students in academic years 7-10. Works will be accepted in 5 diverse categories reflecting a wide range of contemporary media.

Teenagers across the St Albans district will be given a unique opportunity to engage with local and national archives and resources, and showcase their own interpretation of the significant impact of the ending of WW1 on their present day community through their chosen art form or medium.

The competition will culminate in a 3-week exhibition of the finalists' work in the newly refurbished St Albans Town Hall, Museum and Gallery.

The body of work produced will become an artistic legacy from the youth of 2018 to inform future generations of how they view their position in the history of their community and the wider world.



The Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

In order to ensure that we continue to support all learners, I would like to bring to your attention details of the Pupil Premium Grant. This is funding given to schools for students who are registered for free school meals. At present, the school receives £935 per student and this extends to all students who may have been eligible for and were in receipt of free school meals in the last six years.

In the academic year 2017-2018, the school will receive a total of £107,525. A sum like this can make a significant difference to the quality of provision a school is able to provide and subsequently contributes to the life chances of students. Details of how we spend this money and support provided to students can be found on the school website:

<http://www.stags.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/PPG-Action-Plan-2017-20182.pdf>

It is extremely important that we do all that we can to ensure that eligible students access their entitlement. The first thing that families can do is make sure they access their entitlement from the Government by registering their child for free school meals. A common misconception is that you must be on benefits to claim. This is not the case, as the allowance is means tested to support families on lower incomes also.

Students in receipt of free school meals will receive a wholesome and nutritious meal from "Aspens", our on-site caterers. As you know, there is a lot of evidence about nutrition and achievement. A good meal at lunchtime helps students to achieve. I therefore ask for your support in ensuring that you access your entitlement. In doing so, you support your family, give your child a nutritious meal whilst at school and provide our school with the money we need to improve your child's education.

This is a great opportunity and I urge you to take advantage of it. There are a number of easy ways to claim and more information is available on the school website at

<http://www.stags.herts.sch.uk/parents/free-school-meals/>

If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Eating Disorders in Children and Teens – a Parent's Guide - Talk

6-12yrs

teens

Summary



Eating Disorders often appear in the media and have touched many personally. At one extreme they are trivialised as vanity or a lifestyle choice, and at the other cause alarm due to high profile deaths. Effective psychological treatments are available and the majority of young people recover if they get high quality care early enough. Dr. Nicholls will describe the characteristics of eating disorders, as well as outlining disturbances of eating behaviour that would not be classified as

eating disorders. Once established, eating disorders can have a profound effect on young people and on their families. This talk will focus on the early signs of eating disorders, risks for developing eating disorders, and how parents can help if they recognise these difficulties in their child. Dr Nicholls will touch on the latest research about what makes one child vulnerable to developing an eating disorder when another child from the same family and in the same environment may not. The sorts of treatment that a young person should expect will also be outlined, along with pointers to useful sources of support.

Who is this event for?

This talk is primarily for parents of children age eight and above who are interested in increasing their awareness of this issue. It will also be of interest to all those who work with children and adolescents. The talk will not cover other types of eating difficulties such as fussy or picky eating.

What parents will gain from the event

- Identify the types of eating disorder and know how they differ from 'normal' concern about eating, weight and shape
- Recognise the early signs of disordered eating behaviour and how to respond
- Understand some of the factors that may keep an eating disorder going once it has developed
- Know about the types of effective psychological treatment that are available
- Know who to contact and where to turn if you need more help

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This talk is sponsored by



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Event Details

Date: Thu, 1st Feb 2018

Time: 19.30-21.15

Location: The Maltings Theatre

St Albans, AL1 3HL

Cost: £18pp

About our speaker



Dr Dasha Nicholls is Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Joint Head of the Feeding and Eating Disorders service (FEDS) at Great Ormond Street Hospital and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Child Health. Her clinical work is concerned with feeding and eating disorders in children and adolescents, including early onset eating disorders, avoidant restrictive food intake disorders, and child and adolescent obesity. She has published over 60 research articles and book chapters and is actively engaged in lecturing and teaching. She is Past President of the Academy of Eating Disorders, was Chair of the Junior MARSIPAN group, is a member of the NICE Guideline Committee and Expert Reference Group, and is chair of the Eating Disorders Faculty of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.



St Albans Girls' School

Specialist Business and Enterprise Academy

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37 hours per week, (full year)

£15,807 per annum

We are seeking a full time Caretaker to be an integral member of the premises team. The successful candidate should be reliable and able to demonstrate an ability to carry out general portorage duties, maintain the security of the site, and complete minor maintenance and cleaning tasks. An ability to drive a school minibus and experience of working in a similar role would be an advantage.

The appointed person will be a key holder, opening and closing the school as part of a split shift rota shared within the premises team. School opening hours are from 7:00am-7:00pm

St Albans Girls' School, age range 11 – 18 is an Outstanding school (Ofsted February 2013) with over 1200 students. We are a highly regarded, oversubscribed and friendly all-ability school. GCSE results place us in the top 100 secondary schools in the country and the top 3% nationally for student progress.

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

Completed application forms and a covering letter should be sent to: personnel@stags.herts.sch.uk

Closing date for receipt of applications:

Monday 22 January 2018, 9:00am

Interviews to take place:

week commencing 29 January 2018

We welcome visits from potential applicants.

Mrs Liz Kilborn – HR & Personnel Manager on 01727 853134.

St Albans Girls' School is an Academy Trust. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.