



weekly news

Stagslink



From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers

As we end the penultimate week of term it has been a tremendous week of curriculum enrichment. Students have so enthusiastically participated in all of the events, both within school and beyond; these have included amongst others, welcoming visitors to the school to assist with the development of employability skills, a visit to Whipsnade Zoo, a visit to Hatfield House, the STEM Science Water Day was superb, as was Brilliant Books and the Languages performance, House sports activities, the Maths Challenge Day, sixth form experience, Henry Moore visit, Masterchef, a visit to the Battlefields, the RS Cultural experience and many more.

I am very grateful to Mrs Molloy and Miss McHugh who have organised this whole week and to all staff who have given up their time so freely to support the extra-curricular opportunities for our students to participate in. The student comments about their experiences and the feedback from all of the places visited have been really positive and the conduct has been excellent throughout, ensuring a really enjoyable additional learning opportunity.

Congratulations to all who took part in the MBDA Glider Challenge. The STAGS team comprising Amber Clifton, Natalia Douglas, Isabelle Kinghorn and Josephine Onerhime were crowned overall County winners. Not only did they win the trophy for best team and gain CREST Discovery Day awards but, as members of the winning team, each student has been offered a week of work experience at MBDA which is an amazing opportunity! My thanks go to Mr Curl who has supported the students in this venture.

It was a great pleasure to welcome our new Year 7 students on Transition evening last week and to Transition Day yesterday. Students were involved in a range of activities to help settle into their new school environment, superbly supported by the Year 8 mentors who will be their guides for the first few weeks in September.

During Transition evening, the PTA had a fantastic second hand uniform sale, raising £1,241.

They sold so much stock that they now need to replenish our supplies, so this is a perfect time to have a clear out of 'too small' uniform. Any donations are very gratefully received in readiness for our next sale on Saturday 14th October. Please hand them into Reception marked for the attention of the PTA.

The Summer Concert was such an enjoyable event last week and marked the final concert for some of our Year 13 students as they move onto pastures new. My thanks go to Mrs Warren, Miss Glover and the team of peripatetic teachers who supported the students so admirably.

I received a request from the volunteer manager of Raindrops on Roses, a gift shop in St Albans city centre which gives all of its profits to Action Against Cancer, reaching out to any Year 10 & 11 pupils who may be interested in a volunteering opportunity. The shop relies on voluntary help throughout the week and they are currently short of help at the weekends. Most weekend volunteers are working toward their Duke of Edinburgh awards or want to gain confidence and experience to prepare for paid work. Shifts are for two hours and full training is given. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Robinson at www.raindropsonroses.org.uk

Finally, as with other schools in our area with an Outstanding Ofsted outcome, we have been supporting schools for the last five years in their own journey to school improvement. As a result of our track record of expertise in this area, the Governing Body has been asked by the Department for Education to more formally become a sponsor Academy. More news and information related to this will follow in the new term.

A reminder that students should wear their PE kit to school on Monday 17th July and I look forward to seeing you all at STAGS in Colours on Tuesday 18 July at 7.00pm. Also Friday 21st July is Non-Uniform Day with a £1 donation for Charity. Please can students remember to bring in locker keys on both days!

With all good wishes.

Margaret Chapman

14 July 2017

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 17 July

Duke of Edinburgh trip to Norway – returning Sunday 30 July

House Challenge Day

Sports Day

Tuesday 18 July

STAGS in Colours, Main Hall – 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Reserved Sports Day

Thursday 20 July

House Winners' Celebration PM

Friday 21 July

Celebration Assemblies

Year 9 & 10 reports issued

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.05pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 17 August

A Level Results Day, Main Hall – 8.00am to 10.30am

Thursday 24 August

GCSE Results Day, Main Hall – 8.00am to 10.30am

Wednesday 30 August

Post 16 Enrolment

Autumn Term Begins

Tuesday 5 September

School starts at 8.35am

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:

Perfidious

Definition:

Deceitful and untrustworthy

Try to use it as much as possible this week!

English Department



Lost Property and Lockers



We have a large collection of keys, water bottles, lunch boxes and glasses in Lost Property as well as several reading books, umbrellas and items of clothing.

Please encourage your daughters to ask at Student Reception if they have lost anything. Lost Property will be on display in Student Reception for the last time on Wednesday 19th July. At the end of term all items will be either used in school, disposed of or given to charity.

Please also start to remind your daughters to empty their lockers. All lockers need to be emptied before the end of term

Thank you

Year 7 Learning Ambassadors Enjoy Fun Exchange Experience with Adeyfield School



On Tuesday the 20th of June, students from Adeyfield School, Hemel Hempstead, spent the day at St Albans Girls' School. Then, on Friday the 7th of July, girls from STAGS visited Adeyfield. It was a school exchange visit, which allowed us to experience a different school's learning methods. It was also to see if improvements could be made to STAGS. It was an exciting opportunity and all of us had great fun!

Each girl from STAGS was assigned to a student from Adeyfield. Our job was to take them with us around school for the day. Then, when we went to their school, the students from Adeyfield, showed us around their school. It was interesting to see how the students interacted and how the teachers had different teaching methods. The two days were extremely enjoyable as we had not done anything like it before. It was a great opportunity!

By Amy Westlake 7F and Millicent Drury 7F

PTA Uniform Sale Raises an Amazing Total of £1,241 for STAGS Dance Studio



On Wednesday 5th July STAGS PTA organised a fantastic second hand uniform sale at the STAGS Transition Evening and raised £1,241 towards the Dance Studio. Both staff and students helped to set-up the event, which was hailed a huge success by all those involved. PTA Organiser Claire Winter said 'We sold SO much clothing we are now low on stock. We are desperate for new donations of uniform items and PE kit for our next sale in October.'

Thank you to everyone in STAGS community who kindly supported the sale by donating uniform and also by helping on the stall. The next uniform sale will be Saturday 14th October ***please save the date in your dairies.**

The PTA welcomes any STAGS uniform donations you can offer to help boost our future stock levels. If you could possibly leave the items at the STAGS Reception and mark it for the attention of the PTA, we would be very grateful.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

STAGS PTA

Bronze Medal at English National Schools 4x100m Relay



Bethany Shaw in her 100m Heat running in lane 4

Bethany Shaw in Year 11 competed at the County Athletics Championships winning her 100m final to gain a place in the Hertfordshire Athletics team. This has been an ambition of Bethany's and she has come so close to qualifying for the last four years we were so pleased that this year she did. Bethany travelled up with the team on Thursday 6th July to Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. On Friday Bethany had her heat for the 100m and ran 12.46 qualifying for the semi final. In the semi final she ran 12.51 and came 16th out of 38 overall. This is an amazing achievement as the competition is for the best athletes in the country.

Bethany then ran the first leg in the 4x100m relay, they qualified for the final and ran it in 47.4 seconds gaining a bronze medal. Bethany said "it has been such a good weekend, I'll be back next year"

Congratulations from the STAGS community- it goes to show that hard work and determination really does pay off.

Mrs Pennock
PE Curriculum Leader

Year 12 Sports Leaders Inspire the Next Generation



The Year 12 Sports Leaders have worked incredibly hard over the last term to plan and lead a sports festival for Year 2 students. On Monday 3rd July at 12pm 90 Year 2 pupils descended on STAGS. The Year 12's had set up seven different activities for the pupils to try and encourage them throughout. The girls organised the whole event including liaising with Tanya Angus, the School Sports Coordinator, our site team etc. Pulling off an event of this size is an incredible achievement and the Year 12's should be proud of themselves. The Year 2's had an amazing day and have written thank you letters to the Year 12's saying "It is the best school I have ever been to" "You were so much fun, I really enjoyed it"

Well done girls

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STAGS Needs You!



STAGS Ski Club is looking for experienced skiers to join them from September 2017. There are teams across all year groups that compete across the Country.

Practice training is every Friday in Welwyn Garden City. For more information and to discuss levels of experience necessary, please contact **Miss L Cripps**, Email address admin@Stags.herts.sch.uk

STAGS Students Achieve Consistently High Scores at Grassroots Dressage Championships



On Sunday 2nd July Year 7 student Olivia Taylor and Ruth Quillin-Creamer pupil in Year 9 proudly represented South Herts and West Middlesex Pony Club at the Grassroots Regional Dressage Championships. The two skilled STAGS students were part of a team of four disciplined riders who worked well together to achieve success. Parent Helen Quillin-Creamer kindly gives us her account of the day:

“It was a glorious sunny day and the Thame show ground in Oxfordshire made a colourful spectacle with hundreds of competitors from around the region. The Grassroots Championship was contested by 24 teams with dozens of competitors riding in four arenas. The South Herts and West Middlesex Pony Club team achieved consistently high scores and were rewarded with second place overall.”

This is a big result and Olivia and Ruth were both thrilled to be part of such a successful team. They will now go forward further and represent their Pony Club in the next stage of the competition with all those who have also qualified from other areas.

The talented riders wish to thank their international rider & coach Joanna Henbury for all her help and encouragement. Special thanks also go to team mates Aidan Morris and Sofia DeBritto who make up the other half of the fantastic four. Congratulations to you all and STAGS community wish you continued success in the next pony club event which takes place in September.

STAGS in Colours



ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL

Uniform Shop from **Beat School Uniforms**

Tuesday's throughout the summer at school

From 9am-3pm

25th July, 1st August, 8th August, 15th August, 22nd August, 29th August

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person.....**

.....who would like to have a voice
for young people in St Albans?

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Then St Albans Youth Council is the
venue for you.



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11th September 2017
7 – 9 pm at City & District
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St Albans AL1 3JE**

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