



weekly news

Stagslink



From the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the new term and particularly a warm welcome to all of our new students and parents. I hope that you all had a restful holiday and have returned ready to face the new academic year.

We are again delighted with the successes of our students in their external examinations. Their achievements are a real tribute to the dedication to their studies and as a result of the support and guidance given by both subject teachers and parents. At GCSE with the new grading of 9-1 in English and Maths, 94.8% achieved grade 4+ in English with grade 4 meaning a standard pass and 86.5% achieved grade 5+, which is a 'good' pass. This is a superb achievement for all students and a great spring board to their future lives and opportunities. In Maths, 91.2% achieved grade 4+ and 80% 5+, again really excellent performance. The achievements in English and Maths are known as a 'Basics' score. In addition, students were also successful within the EBACC suite, which comprises English, Maths, two Sciences, a Language and Humanity, achieving 63.2% grade C and above grade 5. The subjects remaining are known as 'open subjects' and comprise all other subjects taken by students and again show such superb performances in achievement at A*-C grade outcomes.

Most importantly, every single student achieved a qualification which has enabled them to move on to further education, either at STAGS or beyond.

At A Level all students who applied have achieved the very challenging entrance requirements to study at Oxbridge, Veterinary surgery and Medicine. 24% achieved A* and A grades, 63% achieved A*-B grades and 86% achieved A*-C grades. In addition we are delighted with the outstanding performances of students who took the Extended Project Qualification.

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating all of our students on their superb achievements.

We welcome a number of new colleagues to the school who have joined us this term and include: Ms Blackburn (Assistant Head KS3), Mrs Barry (ADT), Mrs Mathurin (English) Mrs Reinhold (Drama), Mrs Rowland (Maths) and Ms Jacques, Communication support worker.

The summer holiday is a time for the site team to really focus on larger scale projects around the school and this year they have been as busy as ever. We have undertaken much refurbishment, upgrade and decoration in many areas of the school. Our completely refurbished 'restaurant' has been much admired by all this week and improved lighting in stairwells and the canopies has brightened the interior. Updates of resources and equipment in many parts of the school ensure that we maximise learning opportunities.

Starting yesterday and continuing over the next few weeks we will be holding Information Evenings to advise you as parents and carers about the nature of learning, curriculum and assessment updates and how best you can support your daughter/son through this year's learning journey. I would encourage you to attend to ensure that you are aware of the learning demands in each year group.

I am delighted to see all students ready for learning, with fully equipped pencil cases and an enthusiasm for this coming academic year. Thank you to all parents who have ensured the school uniform is correct and skirts of the appropriate length, to the top crease of the knee. Further guidance about our school uniform is in the student planner and on our website.

A reminder that I hold Head Teacher surgeries during the term, a reminder for which will be sent around to you nearer the time.

Thank you to all parents for supporting us in keeping the road area safe immediately outside the front of the school, not parking on the zigzag and yellow lines, ensuring safe passage on the pavement for our 1,300 students. A reminder please with safeguarding of all young people of utmost importance, parents should wait outside the school gates and no dogs should be brought onto the school premises.

The first PTA event of the year is held on Sunday 17th September with the welcome BBQ for all Year 7 families. The full calendar is available on our website as an up to date Google calendar and shows all events throughout the academic year.

With all good wishes.

Margaret Chapman

8 September

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 11 September
OGA Alumni Meeting - 7.30pm

Tuesday 12 September
Mob Race - 3.30pm

Wednesday 13 September
Year 12 ALPS targets to parents

Year 13 ALPS targets and predicted grades to parents

Year 7 Information Evening - 7.00pm, Main Hall

Thursday 14 September
Year 11 Information Evening - 7.00pm, Main Hall

Friday 15 September
Psychology Lecture - 11.40am

Year 7 Extra Curricular Fair - 1.05pm, Main Hall

Sunday 17 September
PTA Year 7 Welcome BBQ - 1.00pm, Quad

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 18 September
Year 7 CATS and Year 12 Baseline tests this week

Tuesday 19 September
Year 7 Enterprise day - lessons 1 to 4

Student Voice - 1.05pm

Wednesday 20 September
ADT Exhibition - 5.00pm

Year 12 Information Evening - 7.00pm, 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:

Eloquent

Definition:

Articulate, expressive or fluent in speech

Try to use it as much as possible this week!

English Department

FA Cup Final Tickets



Do you like football? Would you like a day out at Wembley?

The SSE Women's FA Cup Final is being played on Saturday 5 May 2018 at Wembley Stadium. Tickets for the event are £15 for adults, with children under-16 free of charge. If you are interested then tickets can be purchased via the link below.

<https://tickets.wembleystadium.com/Online/seatSelect.asp>

STAGS Equestrian Team Seeks New Recruits for the Coming Season



STAGS is very proud to have an established Equestrian Team. Our successful team are members of the National Schools Equestrian Association and enjoy competing locally in NSEA competitions each year with a view to qualifying for the National Championships.

We are at present looking to recruit new members. If you are currently competing at either show jumping or dressage and would like to join us we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please note you will require your own horse/pony and transport.

For more details, please contact Laura Turner (Team Manager) at lauraturner3121@aol.com



Red Cross Hurricane Irma Appeal



Next week we will be asking students to donate their loose change to the Red Cross Hurricane Appeal at the start of assemblies. Hurricane Irma is the most powerful hurricane on record and its impact will be devastating in an area which is already remote and lacking in infrastructure.

The Red Cross are preparing to provide emergency support as well as long term help to the Caribbean communities in Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba

Thank you in advance for your support for this fantastic cause.

Wall of Fame

Should you be on our wall of fame? Do you participate in a sport at a County level or above? If so the PE department would love to celebrate your sporting success and add you to the PE Wall of Fame alongside other STAGS students.



Careers Information and Advice

Can you support our students with Careers Information or Advice?

Each year we host two careers evenings which are open to all students and their families. On Thursday 19 October at 7pm we will be hosting an evening with information, advice and guidance on careers in the Creative Arts, Media and Design Industries. If any parents/carers work in these industries and would be willing to share their career story with our students please email Miss Ellen McHugh emh@stags.herts.sch.uk. Thank you for your ongoing support towards careers education at STAGS.



Do your kids like to swim, bike and run?

Triathlon After School Club Autumn Term

Where? STAGS

When? Mondays, 3:30-4:30pm

Starting 18th September

Cost: £4/session for the term or £6 for drop ins



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The Clarendon Muse
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Herts, WD18 7JA

Hertfordshire Music Service
www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk



'Forum for parents and carers of students with SEND'

**Please join us at our next parents and carers forum.
Come and meet members of the DSPL7 SEND Team**



Are you a parent of a young person with special educational needs or a disability?
Are you concerned about the educational opportunities that are available to your son or daughter? The DSPL7 team is currently working with the Local Authority and service providers to increase and improve provision for young people with special educational needs and to make sure all families have access to a wide range of information and support.
You are warmly invited to come, share your views, ask questions and hear about the work we are doing.



Please join us for coffee from 10.00a.m. The Forum will run until 11.00a.m. You are welcome to park in the school car park.

Please let us know whether you are coming, by phone: 01727 853134 or email: admin@dspl7.org.uk

**Venue: St Albans Girls' School
Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB**

**Dates:
Wednesday 20th September 2017
Tuesday 21st November 2017**



MIGHTY
— Netball —



Children's Netball

Autumn sessions



Starting September 2017

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2 – 6 year
olds Saturdays in Berkhamsted

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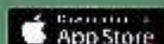
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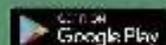
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Permanent

We are looking for an enthusiastic, positive and well organised colleague with excellent IT and interpersonal skills to work within our support staff team. The role involves the management of our reporting and assessment data and assisting the data manager with the maintenance of our comprehensive school data system.

Applicants require a good level of competence in basic skills (Maths and English GCSE, Grade C and above or equivalent). Knowledge of SIMS would be preferred but not essential, training will be provided. We support and encourage career progression.

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 2% 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 or www.teachinherts.com

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

Closing date for receipt of applications: Monday 11 September 2017, 9:00am

Interviews to take place: During the week commencing 11/09/17

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.