



weekly news

# Stagslink



## From the Head Teacher

Last night Miss McHugh and I were invited to attend the annual Hertfordshire Chamber of Commerce Inspiring Hertfordshire Awards evening at the Abbey. We were finalists in the Award for Education in Employment and were delighted to win the Award! This is for the promotion of Careers education within the school at all levels and we are one of the few schools nationally where we have focused on achievement of the Gatsby benchmarks, defined as world-class career guidance.

However, although Miss McHugh and I received the Award on behalf of the whole school community none of our achievements would be possible without us all working together. Another such example of this working in partnership is via the PTA events and activities. This year we are delighted to be holding our first summer fair on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018, from 12noon – 3.00pm. The PTA committee is working tirelessly to plan this event and has already secured sponsorship totalling nearly £2000.

I am asking for your support please. Students are all actively involved via the Houses in this family event. We would encourage you to bring a picnic and share this lovely event with us, with the theme of an English Country Garden. There will be traditional stalls, BBQ and ice-creams, events, demonstrations, music from our resident DJ and family fun activities, as well as the large screen TVs to ensure that the football is within easy access for those who wish to watch the England game! And much more...

I very much look forward to seeing you on 24<sup>th</sup> and if you can assist in any way in preparations or on the day, please contact [claire.winter100@googlemail.com](mailto:claire.winter100@googlemail.com).

Congratulations to the Rotary Interact Group, who have been nominated for an Outstanding Achievement Award as part of the Diana Award scheme. More detailed information is given within.

Congratulations also to Miss Whybrow who has successfully completed the national SSAT Leadership Legacy Project.

Congratulations also to all who participated in a wonderful evening of entertainment this week at the summer chamber concert.

Any school uniform that is now too small would be gratefully received by the PTA as we prepare to welcome the new cohort of Year 7 students at our Transition Evening on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018. As usual, the uniform sale starts at 6.30pm, located in the canopies and is available for all parents.

With all good wishes and appreciation of your continued support.

**Margaret Chapman**

## Word of the Week

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



This week's word is:

**Superfluous**

**Definition**

More than enough; excessive

**English Department**

Try to use it as much as possible this week!



**8 June 2018**

### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

#### Monday 11 June

Year 10 GCSE orals French and Spanish this week

#### Thursday 14 June

District athletics - Year 7 to Year 10

#### Friday 15 June

Year 8 Reports to parents

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday 18 June

Year 9 Visit to University of Hertfordshire - 9.30am to 2.45pm

Year 10 GCSE orals French and Spanish this week

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

#### Tuesday 19 June

Year 9 HPV second dose vaccinations

#### Wednesday 20 June

Year 8 Parents' Evening - 4.30pm, Main Hall

#### Thursday 21 June

UCAS Parent Talk - 7.00pm, Dance Studio

#### Sunday 24 June

PTA Summer Fete - 12.00pm to 3.00pm

#### Monday 25 June

Year 10 exams begins this week

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

## Year 8 Pupil Visits Windsor Castle for Royal Wedding Experience



On Saturday 19th May, Year 8 student Caitlin Wheeler visited Windsor with her mother to see the royal couple on their wedding day. Here is her account:

Waking up at 4am was easier than I expected because I was so excited. I got dressed into my red, white and blue outfit and the train journey began. There were crowds and queues everywhere when we got to Windsor and lots of sniffer dogs who were very interested in our picnic bag!

At 7am, we found the perfect picnic spot and sat next to a lady who had come all the way from Germany. We waited until 12.20pm and I saw Meghan Markle whizz by with security at her tail. I only got a glimpse of her in her pretty dress but that felt very special. Later, at 1.30pm we got a great view of the royal couple who had just got married. It was wonderful to see Meghan appear with Prince Harry at her side. Everyone around me was really happy and I know I will member the experience for the rest of my life.

*Caitlin Wheeler*  
*Year 8C*

## Year 9 Top Swimmer Takes Bronze & Qualifies for English National Summer Meet 2018

Athletic Year 9 swimmer, Ellie Holliss performed incredibly well at the East Regional long course championships 2018, held in Luton over the recent bank holiday weekend. She won a Bronze in the 50m freestyle and has now also qualified to take part in the 50m and 100m freestyle events at this year's England National Summer meet 2018, which will be held in Sheffield on 31st July. The Summer Meet forms part of a swimming competition structure in Great Britain whereby the top ranked swimmers in each event are invited to compete at the British Swimming Summer Championships. The National Summer Meet (50m) 2018, is Swim England's biggest domestic swimming event of the year. It takes place at Ponds Forge, Sheffield from 31 July to 4 August 2018. <http://www.swimming.org/calendar/all/swim-england-national-summer-meet-2018/>



Ellie has been member of CoSta - City of St Albans Swimming Club, <http://www.costaasc.org/> since she was six years old and attends a minimum of six training sessions a week with two of them being 6am pool starts, so leaving home at 5:30am. The club trains at St Albans School, Westminster Lodge & St Albans High School for Girls.

Stags community wish Ellie every success at the English National Summer Meet In July and in continuing her swimming career. We look forward to hearing encouraging results in the near future

For more information: [Click here to view the latest English rankings](#) :A full list of qualified swimmers will be published on 8 June 2018.

## STAGS Student Wins Rugby Award



Congratulations to Harleigh McShane in 10B for winning 'Most Improved Player 2017/18' at the Harpenden Under 15s. She has excellent determination, commitment and performances demonstrated throughout the season. Well done Harleigh, very much deserved and good luck for next season as you step up into the Under 18s.

*Miss L Owen*  
*PE Teacher*

## STAGS Rotary Interact Club Nominated For Prestigious Diana Award



Congratulations to the active members of the STAGS Rotary Club 2017/18 who have been awarded the prestigious Diana Award in recognition of their outstanding contribution to society. The students nominated were President for 2017, Aaliyah Jalil (Year 11); Vice President, Munthaha Ahmed (Year 11); Director of Community Projects, Lily Brown (Year 11); Director of International Projects, Rose Macintyre (Year 11); Secretary, Emily Zaman; Club Secretary Aminah Awan, Samira Hanchaoui (Year 11) and Lucy Hawker and Lilian Ahmed (Year 12), who were former committee members. The fantastic news

came through just before half term. Mrs Rock, Rotary Club Leader said 'I am very proud and pleased for the students because they so deserve this award. They took real ownership of their fund raising activities and always displayed such a keen, positive attitude. As club members they were dynamic, well organised and extremely successful fund raisers. The final total for that year (February 2017 to February 2018) was just over £3,000. The funds were raised for their chosen local and international charities, Keech Hospice, PHAB, and Open Door, Red Rubber Ball Foundation and UNICEF School in a box.

School events included arranging a school movie and pizza night, organising a Year 7 disco at school, selling cream teas and Easter eggs at lunch/break time, managing a whole week of events to raise funds and awareness for the campaign to eradicate the world from Polio. This included painting and auctioning off a Gromit statue. The students also helped collect entrance fees at the annual St Albans Abbey Fireworks and ran a cake stall at the St Albans Rotary Charity Cycle Ride.

In order to win a Diana award, the winners must fulfil certain criteria over a period of 12 months. The fundraising they do must be student led and clearly communicated within the school. In addition, the winners are required to provide evidence to show that they have made a lasting social impact and inspired others in the process of their charitable endeavours.

President, Aaliyah said 'We are very happy to get this award. Looking back on what we did, we really enjoyed organising the activities, it was all great fun.'

The award will be presented to the members of STAGS Rotary Interact Club on Saturday 23rd June, at a glittering event in London.

**Mrs H Rock**  
**Rotary Interact Club/KS4 Lead Practitioner for Maths**



## Rotary Interact Club Continues to Fund Raise for the End Polio Now Campaign

On the 23rd May 2018, the Rotary Interact Club had a stall selling purple candyfloss, drinks, and popcorn during Lunch and after school, as well as opening voluntary donations on the School Gateway. They raised £72 in school and raised a further £62 through your generous donations! This money will be tripled by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to £402!

Thank you to everyone who purchased refreshments or contributed online.

**Mrs H Rock**  
**Rotary Interact Club/KS4 Lead Practitioner for Maths**



I am thrilled to inform you about an upcoming event that will be taking place on **Thursday 5th July at 1:05pm**. STAGS will be hosting their first International Food Day. We are inviting students, parents, carers and staff to bring in a food dish from their culture or heritage to be shared at lunchtime for a charitable donation. The day will be a celebration of diversity where students can come and try foods from around the world made by the STAGS community. The day will allow students to experience a variety of foods from different cultures with an aim to celebrate diversity within our school. Students will be asked to donate £1 for a plate towards the charity to come and experience the day. The restaurant will still be running as normal on that day. Students have been informed of the event this week by their tutors and more information will follow as the event nears. Students and staff will also be encouraged to wear cultural dress or costume relating to their culture on the day.



We are looking for as much involvement from parents/carers as possible. We would be very grateful for any contribution of food on that day whether it is homemade or shop bought. We are encouraging food from all cultures to be made and brought into school that morning to be presented at lunchtime to the school. We would also be very honoured if any parents would be willing to give up their time that morning to come into school and cook food fresh in our food rooms and be alongside your daughter/son at lunch to present food from your culture. This is a really special opportunity to bring the whole community together. We are also looking and will be speaking to local food establishments for small donations on the day where they can be a part of this charity event and display food from their businesses.

Any dietary information will need to be given and food cards will need to be completed representing this alongside your dish. They will be made available from your daughter/son form tutor.

Please advise your daughter/son to tell their form tutor if yourselves wish to take part in the event so we can collate how much food there will be on the day. It will also help us with setting up the hall in a geographical style to know where in the world the food is coming from! We will be asking for completed food cards to be given in a week before the event, 28th June, so then appropriate preparation can take place. The cards will then be ready in place for your dish on the day.

If you are willing to get involved as a parent/carer either by making a dish at home for your daughter/son to bring in, or you would like to come in and cook that morning then please get in contact with Miss Lambert, Email: [humtl@stags.herts.sch.uk](mailto:humtl@stags.herts.sch.uk), so arrangements and more information can be provided for on the day cooking. Your daughter/son will be informed throughout the coming weeks of further details.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Miss T Lambert**  
**Director of Learning for Year 10**

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## Activities For Young People with SEND

Please find below a link to a brochure of activities for Young People with SEND. The brochure includes short breaks, and activities including sports, arts, music, social/youth clubs etc. It can be accessed via our Local Offer website, and I would be grateful if you could share with relevant young people and their families.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/media-library/documents/Activities-for-Young-People-with-SEND-April-2018.pdf>



St Albans Girls' School PTA invites you to their

# **SUMMER FETE**

Student Inter-House Summer Contest  
BBQ, Licensed Bar with Summer Drinks  
Events & Games for the Whole Family  
A Summer Market

plus a Showcase of Local Talents  
and much more coming your way!

**WORLD CUP LIVE SCREENING  
ENGLAND VS PANAMA**

**SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2018  
12:00 - 15:00**

School Field, St Albans Girls' School, Sandridgebury Lane,  
St Albans AL3 6DB

**FREE ENTRY**