



## Margaret Chapman, Executive Head Teacher



Whilst enjoying the full Carol Service at the Abbey last week, with the traditions of the festive season very clearly in our minds, The Diversity Community afternoon also took place where our students celebrated our rich and varied cultural heritage at STAGS. One of the many great joys is the celebration of our diversity within our STAGS community and none more so at this time of the year. Pictures of the Carol Service and the Diversity Community Event can be found on pages 3 and 4.

Thank you to families who are able to support the PTA Winter Fair this Sunday from 12-3pm. The donations have been flooding in this week and the students have been wonderfully engaged with the House Challenges. There are fabulous prizes and something for everyone so we do very much look forward to welcoming you to the Winter Fair on Sunday.

Mid week we enjoyed the Celebration Tea Party as Year 12 students formally received their GCSE certificates - a wonderful event to celebrate their hard work from last summer. It is equally very impressive the level of engagement in the current Year 12 Student Leaders who have galvanised their Houses and students in the wider community to embrace the breadth of opportunities available at STAGS. We are incredibly proud of the Sixth Form Team and all who embrace leadership opportunities to wonderful effect.

As a school we are taking part in the Dignify school survey, information for which has been shared with students and families. Dignify is a charity that is working with teachers, parents and community leaders to champion healthy relationships and safe places for young people to thrive, free from all forms of sexual exploitation and objectification. Dignify representatives are working to help challenge the normalising of pornography, particularly its harmful effects on children and young people.

**SUPPORT TRUST AMBITION GENEROSITY SUCCESS**

The Dignify online survey for use with students in Years 9 to 13, takes place next week and the outcomes from the survey will enable us to more effectively target improving information and ultimately support students' wellbeing. All data will be treated in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018. For further information about Dignify click [here](#).

I thought you would find interesting an extract from the SEND team at Herts County Council below, as they review the provision of SEND in Hertfordshire as a whole. This includes links to wider reading and information about how the SEND strategy will be implemented, as well as an update on the Local Offer.

I've also included our Christmas Menu and details on how to book for those that would like to partake.

## Neurodiversity Support Hub

For Parents, Carers and Professionals

We can offer support, signposting and guidance about a whole range of things including but not limited to:

- Understanding ADHD/Autism
- Distressed Behaviours
- Anxiety
- School

The phones are answered by our team of parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people

Are you a Parent, Carer or Professional?

**01727 833963**

[supporthub@add-vance.org](mailto:supporthub@add-vance.org)

Open Monday-Friday  
9 AM - 1PM

Here to support, reach out for a listening ear

We Can't:  
- Give updates/ fast track places on waiting lists  
- Recommend specific private assessors

No Diagnosis Required





## STAGS Christmas menu

Tuesday 19 December

Tickets for lunch need to be purchased in advance via School Gateway by midday on Thursday 14 December. The meal costs £5.50 and includes the choice of either:

**Main Course**

Turkey Christmas Lunch  
Roast Turkey with Pigs In Blankets

OR

Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry Puff Pastry

Both options are served with with Roasties, Christmas Vegetable Medley, Stuffing & Gravy

**Dessert**

Christmas Tree Chocolate Cupcake

OR

Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie Ball

OR

Apple & Cinnamon Crimbo Crumble With Custard

Students who are in receipt of Free School Meals will automatically be allocated a Christmas lunch so cannot spend their allowance at break time, unless they opt out of Christmas lunch



Click [here](#) to sign into the National Online Safety site to view 'What parents and carers need to know about Disney+' or click [here](#) to view the PDF.

I look forward to seeing you at the Winter Fair on Sunday and Elf the Musical next week.

With all good wishes,

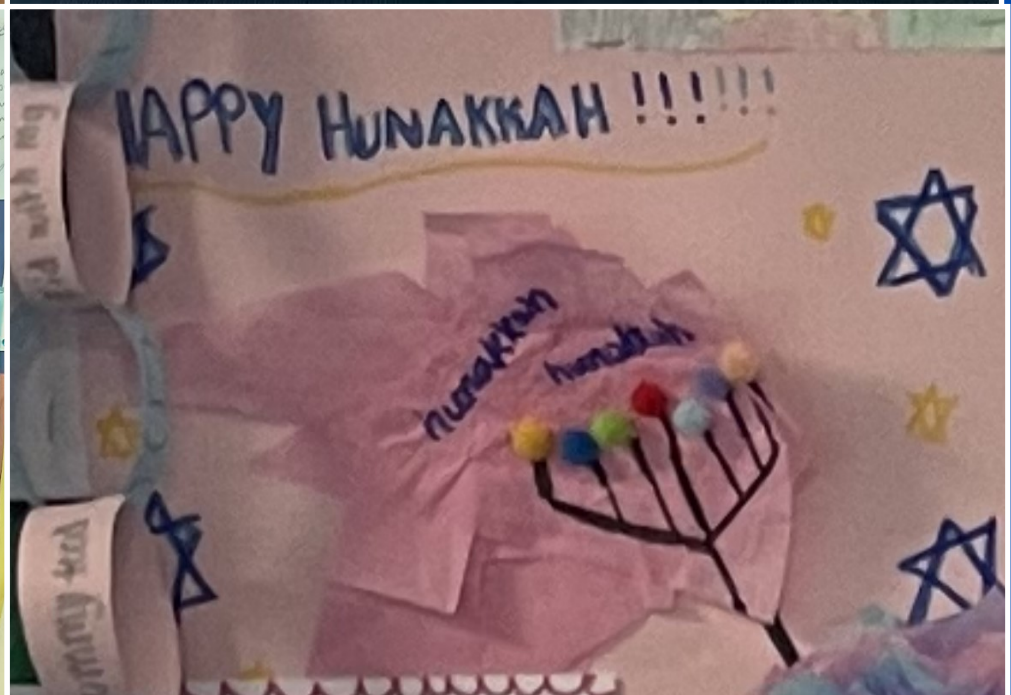
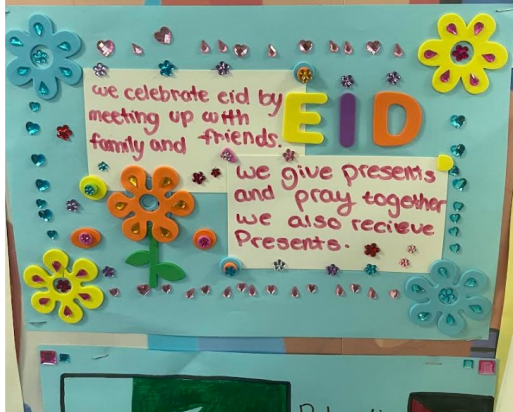
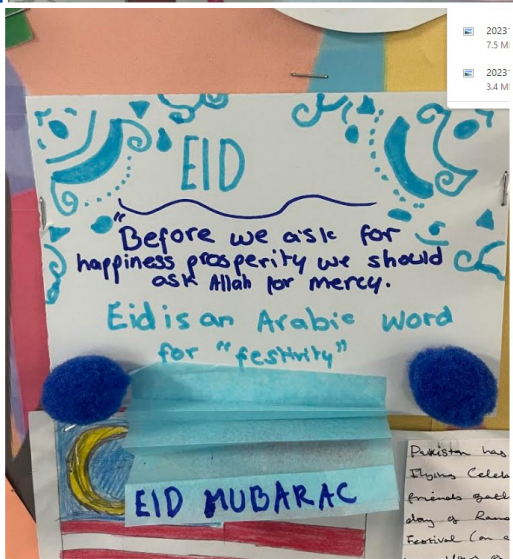
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# Diary Dates

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## **Sunday 10 December**

STAGS PTA Winter Fair, 12-3pm

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## **Monday 11 December**

Year 7 Inter House Sports

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## **Tuesday 12 December**

Year 8 Inter House Sports

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## **Wednesday 13 December**

Year 9 Inter House Sport

Elf Junior Performance, Hall, 7pm

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## **Thursday 14 December**

Year 10 Inter House Sport

Elf Junior Performance, Hall, 7pm

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## **Tuesday 19 December**

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

A Level Presentation Evening, 6pm

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## **Wednesday 20 December**

SEND Parent Group Meeting, 7-8.30pm,

LRC

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## **Thursday 21 December**

Non Uniform Day

School Closes 12.20pm

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## **Monday 8 January**

School Starts for all Students with Registration at 8.35am

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## **Monday 8 - Friday 19 January**

Year 9 Progression meetings

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## **Tuesday 9 January**

Year 9 Options Evening, 6-7pm, Online

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## **Wednesday 17 January**

Year 13 Parents' Evening, 4-7.30pm, Online

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## **Thursday 18 January**

Year 11 Mock Interview Day

SEND Parent Group Meeting, 7-8.30pm, LRC



# Notices

**Sunday 10 December, 12-3pm**

## STAGS WINTER FAIR

**HUMAN HUNGRY  
HIPPOS!**

**Student Games Stalls**

**Festive Refreshments**

**TOMBOLA**

**Marketplace Gift Stalls** with jewellery, greetings cards, skincare, crystals and more!

### Grand Prize Draw

Special Thanks to our Sponsor,  
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