



Margaret Chapman, Executive Head Teacher

It is hard to believe that January has moved by so quickly. Senior colleagues have enjoyed meeting with students in Years 9 and 10 to review progress over the past month and now move onto discussions with Year 11 as they conclude much subject content in the run up to half term with the focus on consolidation and revision thereafter. Once again it was superb to note the level of family engagement at the recent Parents' Evening on Thursday with attendance at 95%.

We recently undertook an external review of all aspects of our school safeguarding procedures and processes in order to ensure that our own internal checks and balances are verified. We were delighted to note such a strong review outcome with robust support, monitoring and awareness across the school in all areas. This validates our own internal findings and serves as a benchmark for our own very exacting standards. This also confirms the views of our students explored during Student Parliament, surveys and 'Every second Counts' that they feel safe and supported during their time at STAGS.

Additionally, as I am sure that you are aware, we continue to ensure that we strive to be the very best for every generation of young person and to this effect I am delighted to confirm that our students achieved the highest progress performance outcomes in Hertfordshire, as published yesterday in the national performance tables, which place us in the top 3% of the country.

As you know, we do not sit still as a school, and this is evident in our focus on providing the highest quality teaching and learning, led by our superb Standards team. We will be holding our annual Teaching and Learning Conference just prior to half term with classroom learning and engagement as our core focus.

SUPPORT TRUST AMBITION GENEROSITY SUCCESS

I am delighted to share warmest congratulations with you that Ms Hall has achieved the National Professional Qualification Leading Literacy (NPQLL) and Mr Hughes is accredited Professional Development Lead from the National Centre for Excellence in Mathematics. The school has also been accredited as a National Centre of Excellence in Mathematics.

National Apprenticeship Week is next week with themed assemblies for all year groups to raise awareness of the skills for life and breadth of opportunities available through the Apprenticeship programme. There is a Unifrog Apprenticeship Fair which can be accessed by all students to explore the world of apprenticeships. Also, Warner Bros Discovery's Early Talent team is hosting a virtual event Championing Apprenticeships on Tuesday 6 February at 18.00 for anyone interested in a career within film and media.



Sport

Sporting successes continue with Year 9B who won against Roundwood Park School 28-20 in the District league.

Year 7s demonstrated great perseverance and efforts in their fixture against Nicholas Breakspear School only narrowly losing in the final minutes of the game.

Year 8B won 19-4 against Nicholas Breakspear School also in the District league.

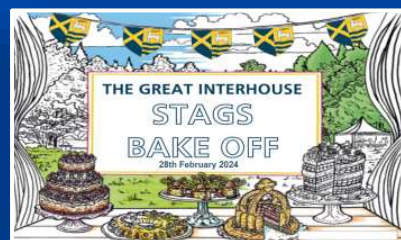
Congratulations to all involved.

Considering a Change of Career?

Herts For Learning are holding recruitment fairs across Hertfordshire and we are hosting an event at STAGS on Thursday 15 February for anyone interested - please see details on the Notices page and via social media.

STAGS Bake Off

Our STAGS Bake Off competition will take place on 28 February. For those students wanting to take part, half term is an ideal time to practice and get creative!



Learn Ready

Look out for Learn Ready Recognition postcards with the HOK Chocolate Award, STAGS Recognition and lunches with myself and Mr Kershaw continue on a monthly basis!



With all good wishes and appreciation of your continued support.

Margaret Chapman



Diary Dates

Friday 2 February

Year 9 reports to Parents

Monday 5 Feb - Monday 4 March

Years 11 & 13 Classroom Mocks

Thursday 8 February

Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4-7.30pm,
Online

Friday 9 February

Year 10 Reports to Parents

Wednesday 14 February

School closes for students at 12.20pm

Form Tutor
Parents' Afternoon, 12.30-4pm
Year 9 Options Deadline

Thursday 15 - Friday 16 February

School is closed to Students

Monday 19 - Friday 23 February

Half Term

Monday 26 February

SEND Parent Group Meeting, 7-8.30pm,
LRC

Tuesday 27 February

Year 11 Parent Revision Evening,
Main Hall, 11(A-F) 6-6.50pm, 11(H-S) 7-7.50pm

Wednesday 28 February

Year 10 Malta Netball Tour Parent Information
Evening, 6pm, Hall



Notices

Please note information shared with us by Public Health regarding Measles:

Measles cases in the UK have been rising since November 2023. While Hertfordshire has no outbreaks at the moment, we are close to London and the West Midlands where there has been a large rise in cases. The UK Health Security Agency has declared the increase in cases of measles a national incident (19 January 2024). There is the potential for cases and outbreaks in Hertfordshire as uptake of the Measles Vaccination (MMR) in the county is lower than recommended.

Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences. Measles spreads quickly from person to person, especially in schools. Spending more than 15 minutes in direct contact with someone infected with measles is sufficient to transmit the virus. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with.

Measles is spread through coughing and sneezing, close personal contact or direct contact with infected nasal or throat secretions. For more information about measles and the symptoms, see Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Important information for staff and pupils

If someone thinks they have measles they should not come into school or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. Your school could be impacted if unvaccinated staff or children contract measles. Unvaccinated individuals are at risk of contracting measles and, if identified as a close contact of someone with measles they may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

Call to Action

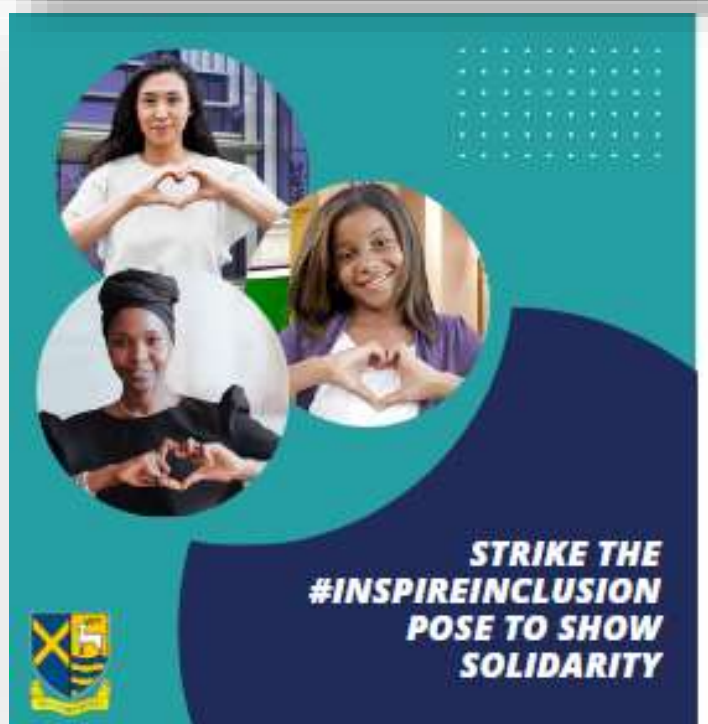
Be alert to the signs and symptoms of measles. Parents are advised to check that your child(ren) is/are fully vaccinated.

If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, it is not too late to catch up. Please contact your GP practice to book an appointment as soon as possible if you have missed either dose.

The MMR vaccine is free on the NHS, whatever your age. Our best protection against measles is the MMR vaccination and this will help stop outbreaks occurring in the community.



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ST ALBANS & DACORUM SCHOOL JOBS FAIR



EARLY YEARS JOBS

- Key Worker
- Pre-school
- Nursery
- Nurse
- Early Start Worker
- Wrap-around Care
- Day-care
- Early Years Practitioner
- Nursery Teacher
- Room Leader

TEACHING JOBS

- ECT
- Nursery
- SEND
- Class Teacher
- Head of Department
- Head of Year
- Primary
- Subject Teacher
- Secondary
- Subject Lead
- Key Stage Lead

PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORT JOBS

- HLTA
- Teaching Assistant
- Cover
- Supervisor
- Science Technician
- Finance
- LSA
- Midday Supervisor
- Administration
- Food Technician
- IT Technician
- Exam Invigilator
- Clerk to Governors
- HR
- Pastoral

LEADERSHIP JOBS

- CFO
- Deputy Head
- MAT Director
- COO
- INCO
- Governor
- Principal
- Executive Head
- School Business Manager
- Assistant Head
- Headteacher
- CEO
- Trustee
- SENCO

Thursday 15th February 2024
17:00-19:00

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Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 6 February. The National Online Safety organisation provides a weekly newsletter with regular updates. This week's focus is on Apps and sites intended to influence users' behaviour – making users more likely to remain on a site, game or platform for longer periods of time. These techniques are known as 'persuasive design' and can have a particularly profound effect on children and young people. For more information on this and other useful online guides, follow the link in our website [here](#).

