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Dear Parents/Carers,

I was delighted to be invited to attend the area final and presentations of the Young Enterprise groups on Tuesday of last week. From a starting point of 30 teams across St Albans and Harpenden one of our teams 'Bags of Fun' had managed to win through to the last 8. As a final part of the assessment each school had to give a presentation about their company and their product in front of a packed hall of parents, teachers and business advisers.

The assessors then went away to judge and after a delicious buffet meal came back to announce who had won what. We were delighted that 'Bags of fun' won the award for the best company report. I understand that it gained almost full marks. Sadly they were not identified as one of the top 3 companies to go through to the regional finals but we learned that they missed out by only 1 mark! Nevertheless this was a huge achievement and one of which we are very proud.

Many congratulations to the girls: Hannah Collins, Hannah Kons, Gabby Grant, Gemma Davis, Rachel Palmer and Holly Clarke (all in year 12) and to Mrs Currie their teacher and mentor. A special thanks must go to Alison ?? the girls business adviser from Faber Maunsell who has worked with them throughout the year. I am sure that there will be a report form the girls themselves very soon.

Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher

AWARD CEREMONY MONDAY 11 MAY 2009

I am delighted to invite year 11 parents/carers to an award ceremony to celebrate the last five years your daughter has spent at St Albans Girls' School. This is always a very pleasant occasion and we hope that you will be able to join us to recognise the achievements of all the students in the year group.

Year 11 students will be asked to arrive at school at 1.15 pm on that day and the ceremony will begin at 2.00 pm. There will be no school for year 11 in the morning. It will be important for all students to wear full school uniform as they will be invited on the stage to collect their progress reports. It is anticipated that the ceremony will finish at approximately 3.00 pm when refreshments will be served. The students will then begin their study leave.

I look forward to seeing you on that day and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher

YEAR 11 REPORTS

Year 11 final reports will be issued on Monday 11th May, they will be included in the girls' Progress Files and not in an envelope to parents, as is the usual case. Please check your daughter's Progress File to see the report.

Mrs G Lacey
Assessment Co-ordinator

FOR ATTENTION OF YEAR 12 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LEARNERS
RETURNING FOR THE 2009/2010 EMA YEAR

For the first time, returning EMA learners do not need to reapply. The EMA guarantee means that any learner who has been paid EMA during the 2008/2009 academic year is automatically eligible for support at the same level until the end of the academic year in which they turn 19. A learner returning for the 2009/2010 EMA year should only reapply if their household income has reduced since their previous application.

This change is designed to reduce uncertainty over the level of financial support a learner will receive. In the past, a learner may have been eligible at 16 but ineligible in subsequent years.

The EMA guarantee will give young people the security to look ahead to completing their learning and progress to employment or Higher Education.

The LSC will be writing to Learner's parents or carers shortly to explain this process. Any Learner who does not receive a Continuing Entitlement letter and an Agreement by mid-June should contact the Learner Support Helpline on 0800 121 8989.

***Helen Crossey
Attendance Officer***

I RAN BECAUSE I CAN!

I am totally thrilled to be able to report on my successful London Marathon run on Sunday 26th April. Although the day was a little warm it brought out the crowds in their thousands, cheering and waving all the runners home. The atmosphere was simply fantastic. Thanks to the brilliant support of the whole STAGS community we filled the BECAUSE I CAN right to the brim, raising over £2,000 for Whizz Kidz and all those children who can't.

I cannot thank you all enough for your support and encouragement. I dedicate every single step of the 26 miles to you. Some disabled children will have a better life because of what we did.

We made a difference. We can be very proud.

Matthew Buckley

YEAR 12 ENGINEERS

I am delighted to be able to report on the successful conclusion of this year's year 12 engineering project carried out in conjunction with the EESE (Engineering Education Scheme for England) and the St Albans based engineering company Faber Maunsell.

Four girls were selected back in the autumn and spent six months researching, analysing and finally writing a report on 'Reducing Carbon Emissions in Domestic Housing'. This project culminated in last week's Presentation Day at the University of Hertfordshire where the girls had to put together a display stand and also present their findings to a panel of six eminent engineers.

The four girls, Alex Whiteman, Reni Onadipe, Krupa Mistry and Joanna Davis all did a fantastic job and I congratulate them on their hard work and commitment to the project.

The eminent engineers said that the girls' report was really well put together, that they had a real grasp of the issues and that they had obviously put in a great deal of work and effort. The girls take away with them a lot of new knowledge, the experience of working together as a project team, and a Gold Crest engineering award (looks very good on the UCAS form!).

My thanks again to the four girls, I really enjoyed being their contact teacher for the project and I wish them all the very best as they continue through the sixth form.

Matthew Buckley

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Molly Harwood, Elspeth Norton and Farah Ahmed who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively out of 20+ girls who have been competing in a ladder since the beginning of last term.

STAGS SWIMMING POOL

The Stags outdoor heated swimming pool is scheduled to open on Saturday May 16th at 2.30. Please make sure you have returned your Stags Swimming Pool Association membership forms. Details from Leanne on 01727 762793.

The pool sessions this summer will be:

Saturdays	2.30 - 4.20	Family
Sundays	10 - 11.50	Swim N Splash - for both length swimmers and general swimming
	2.30 - 4.20	Family
Tuesdays	5.30 - 7.20	Family
Wednesdays	7 - 9	Adults Only
Thursdays	5.30 - 7.20	Family.
Fridays	5.30 - 7	Chill-out (with music)
	7.10 - 9	Adults only

Steve May