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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been an extremely busy one with year 8 taking part in their activities week and other groups from different year groups visiting an amazing number of different places. I know that there have been a number of very early starts and some late finishes and both staff and students are very tired, but I also know what a truly wonderful and educational time most of them have had. Learning about other cultures, testing their own stamina, learning to appreciate art and trying to understand the logic behind wars are just a few of the challenging activities they have been offered. My very grateful thanks go to all of the staff who have planned, organised and accompanied these trips. A special thanks must go to Mr Doyle who has organised the whole of the year 8 activities week liaising with staff, coach companies and ensuring that all payment came in on time. Without him the week would not have happened. I hope all staff and students manage to get a rest at the weekend!

Swine Flu

Please find attached an information sheet sent to schools by the local authority to explain what the latest advice to schools is and also to assist you as parents in knowing what to do. I am sure that you will find it helpful and it will explain to you why we have asked you to do certain things.

Sports' day July 3rd Westminster Lodge Sun warning

Please be aware the weather is set to be very hot for this day. Please ensure that girls have sun cream and hats or other type of shade for this day. There is no shaded area at Westminster Lodge. All girls should also bring bottled water to the event although the school will be providing this as well. Many thanks for your co-operation

If the weather becomes too hot (or wet) we may have to cancel at short notice. We will text this information to you as well as putting it on the website.

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

YEAR 8 PARENT'S EVENING - Tuesday 7th July, 4.30 -7pm

Would all parents/carers of year 8 girls please ensure that the students make appointments with those members of staff that they wish to see at parents' evening.

Catherine Levy, Pastoral Coordinator Years 8 and 9

PE PRESENTATION EVENING

A reminder that all reply slips were due in on Wednesday 24th June – if you still have yours please can you hand it in to Miss Neport whether you can make it or not! Many thanks.

Miss Neport, PE Dept.

MUSIC AND DRAMA PRODUCTION – Wednesday 1st July at 7.30pm

This term the Drama and Music departments have been working with Years 7, 8 and 9.

The performance will include scenes and songs from a number of popular musicals – including Annie, Oliver and Sweet Charity.

Tickets are available on the door only and cost £5 (Adults) and £3 (Concessions).

We do hope that you will be able to come along and support us and your daughter.

Miss Chipperfield (Music Dept.) and Miss Khan (Drama Dept.)



FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

A new system has been in place since 1st April 2009.

If you currently receive one of the following benefits:

- Income support or
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance or
- Income-related employment and support allowance or
- Pension credit (guarantee credit) or
- Child Tax Credit with a taxable income of no more than £15,575 (or £16,040 from 6th April 2009) and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit.

You may also be eligible to receive Free School Meals and other educational benefits such as:

- Help with music fees
- Help with cycle training fees
- Help with transport

The system for applying for Free School Meals has changed and it is now much **easier to apply**. All you need to do is fill in your application form online or phone the Customer Service Centre and the rest will be done for you. Your application will be processed within 7 days.

Less fuss, less bother and completely confidential, so why wait? To apply log on to www.hertsdirect.org or phone the Customer Service Centre on 01438 737370 or 01923 471370.



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PARENT SUPPORT

For support and guidance don't forget to book an appointment or call the HELPLINE on **07984 436939**.



WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS – Helping Your Child with Bereavement and Loss

This is open to anyone who has children and young people who may be effected by the loss of a friend or family member. We can explore ways in which to help your child cope. This is a follow on from the previous session in May but all parents are welcome. Tuesday, 14th July from 7.30-9.00pm at Fleetville Junior School. Call Sarah Ellis on 07984 436939 or Nexus to reserve a place.

DAYS OUT IN ST ALBANS – FOR 13-19 Year Olds

Youth Connexions have organised several activities for our young people to keep them busy in the Summer such as: Go Ape, London Bus Tour, Midnight Ice Skating, Archery and much more. Take a look at the Nexus website for the flyer or visit: www.channelmogo.org or call Robert Brown on 01442 454 060.

PARKOUR – Sessions for Young People

This growing sport has really taken off in St Albans and Leisure Connection are running sessions at Francis Bacon School on Tuesday evenings for only £5.00 per session. Call or email: James Cavalier for more information on 01727 827667 or james.cavalier@leisureconnection.co.uk

MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP – Taster Sessions for 13-19 year olds

Herts Music Service is offering FREE taster sessions on 29th June and 6th July, 7.00-9.00pm at St Albans Music School, Townsend Drive, St Albans, AL3 5RL. To enrol, please contact: dean.evans@hertsmusicservice.org.uk or download the Application Form from the Nexus website.

IS YOUR CHILD BEING AFFECTED BY BULLYING?

If you want help in supporting your child and need someone to talk to in confidence we can help. Parentline Plus and Mediation Herts are supporting families in Herts affected by bullying. Call **01707 630101** if you have any concerns.

**For details of the above please contact Jo Maher on 01727 855134 or 07939 111152.
You can also visit our website: www.hertsextendedschools.org.uk/nestalbans**



Family Learning

HAFLS
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FAMILY FINANCE

Free Course for Adults

Wednesdays, 24th June - 16th July
1.00pm – 3.00pm
at STAGS (St Albans Girls School)

Money matters – so come along and find out how to make the most of your money.

- *Understand different types of money accounts and financial language*
- *Look at ways of making the most of your money*
- *Budget more effectively*



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Extended Schools



School: St Albans Girls' School

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