



# STAGS LINK



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new term and a very special welcome to parents of all of our new students. I hope that you will enjoy Stagslink and find it useful as a means of communication between school and home. Please let us know if you can think of ways to improve it. We are always on the look out for new ideas!

At the end of last term we said goodbye to some staff but at the start of this term we welcome new staff to the team.

So salвете to; Miss E Allen [Learning Supervisor], Miss E Bowden [Media Studies], Miss G Chan [Maths], Miss J Eddy [Music], Mrs C Fischer [Learning Supervisor], Miss A Gales [Technology], Mrs J Jobson [HOD Geography], Miss J Lambert [Psychology], Mrs S Weber [English], Mrs M Willis [Geography].

I hope that the new staff settle well into the school and will be happy as members of STAGS. We also welcome Miss T Miles as the new head of the Humanities faculty, Mrs R Wheatley as co-ordinator for PSHCE and Miss E Tierney as the new lead teacher for Gifted and Talented students.

We are pleased with our exam results this year. At A2 level all of our Oxbridge candidates gained their places and 7 girls achieved 4 A grades with 7 achieving 3 A grades and a significant number of students achieved their first choice of university.

At AS level we had the best results we have had for the last 5 years. Our percentage of A grades was the highest for the last 5 years with 10 students gaining 4 A grades and 10 gaining 3 A grades each. At GCSE level we achieved a very respectable 84% A\*- Cs and a very pleasing 82% A\*- C including Maths and English. This would have placed us in the top 150 school according to the Times league table [if we had participated]. Twenty girls achieved 10 or more A\*- A grades. Two girls achieved 11 A\*/A grades and one student, Jasmine Eilfield achieved 11A\* grades. All of our students who took Animal Care passed with flying colours with Elizabeth Mainwairing gaining a double distinction [=2A\*] and Emily Ferin, and Emily Rosewarn achieving a distinction [= to two A grades].

So overall we were very pleased. Many thanks to the staff for all their hard work and well done to all of the students.

The school environment has been improved during the summer break and we must thank Mr Lerwill, Support Services Manager and Mr Bracegirdle and the caretaking team. Carpets have been cleaned in many rooms, blinds replaced and furniture updated. We have had a new toilet for the disabled built in the Verulam block near the Learning Support rooms which will prevent students and staff having to travel right across the school to access these facilities.

At last the small doors in the Verulam block have now been replaced with full size double doors and finally nearly all classrooms have been 'given' a new PC for teacher use only. This means they can now work at the same speed as the girls!

## **Disability Awareness Group**

This group of staff and parents meets regularly throughout the year and the next meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 3.40pm.

The speaker at this meeting is the county advisory teacher for Autism who will also talk about Asperger's syndrome as part of the presentation.

All parents are invited to attend but please let Jacky Jenkins [Head's PA] know so that catering can be arranged.

*Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher*

## **MUSIC REMISSION OF FEES**

Remission of Fees is available to parents on a low income.

Hertfordshire County Council has now extended the criteria to support those children who are vulnerable or disadvantaged for reasons other than income-based, for example, children looked after, young carers, children with special needs, young travellers.

You can apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org](http://www.hertsdirect.org) by completing a How Can We Help form or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on **01438 737370**.

When applying, could you also please contact Mr Jones, Head of Music. All applications under the extended criteria will need to be supported by a letter from the Headteacher explaining why the child is eligible for help with music fees.

Please may I remind all parents/carers that you have to **reapply each year**. The Music Service is accepting applications now for lessons commencing in September 2009.

If Mr Jones is not notified that you have applied, there could be a delay in Remission of Fees being granted and lessons commencing.

***Mrs Val Little***  
***Finance Assistant***

## **PE Department Winter Clubs 2009-10**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>LUNCH 12.15pm-12.40pm</b>	<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 7 Netball (KMW)</li><li>• Year 8 and 9 Dance Company (RIW)</li><li>• All Years Interhouse Futsal (LZC)</li></ul>	Running Club (all years)  Fixtures
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 8 Netball (KMW)</li><li>• Year 7 and 8 Football (LZC)</li><li>• Senior Hockey (EJA)</li></ul>	Fixtures

<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 and 8 Gym (RIW)</li> <li>• Year 10 Hockey (HJS)</li> <li>• STAGS Sirens Cheerleading (Yr 9+) (KMW)</li> </ul>	<p>Open Dance Club</p> <p>Fixtures</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Dance Company (RIW)</li> <li>• Year 8 Hockey (EJA)</li> <li>• Year 10 Netball (HJS)</li> <li>• Year 11 - Senior Netball (KMW)</li> <li>• Year 9 Hockey (LZC)</li> </ul>	<p>All Years Gym (Open and Advanced)</p> <p>Fixtures</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Hockey (EJA)</li> <li>• Year 9 and 10 Football (LZC)</li> <li>• Year 9 Netball (HJS)</li> <li>• STAGS Stars Cheerleading (Yr7 and 8) (KMW)</li> </ul>	<p>Fixtures</p>

Please try and bring a packed lunch with you.

## PE Fixtures 2009-2010

This is the department's provisional fixtures list for the 09-10 season. Fixtures may often be added, changed, or postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but we will always endeavour to give your daughter as much notice as possible.

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 and 10 Netball (friendly) v Roundwood	STAGS
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	MOB RACE	Sandringham
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country	Townsend
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 8 District Cup Netball v Townsend	Townsend
	Year 10 and 11 Netball v Townsend	Townsend
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 7 A and B Netball v St Georges	St Georges
	Year 8 Netball v St Georges	
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 11 and Senior Netball v St Georges	STAGS
	Year 10 District Cup Netball v Sandringham	Sandringham
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country	STAGS
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7A Netball v SAHS	SAHS
	Year 8B Netball v SAHS	SAHS
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7B Netball v SAHS	SAHS
	Year 8A Netball v SAHS	SAHS
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 and 10 Netball v SAHS	SAHS
	Year 11 District Cup Netball v SJL	SJL

### OCTOBER

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	Cross Country	Nicky B
	Year 11 and Senior Netball v Loreto	Loreto
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7A and B Netball v Loreto	Loreto
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8A and B Netball v SJL	SJL
	Year 9 Netball v SJL	SJL
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8,9,10 District Football Tournament	Highfield Park 3.30pm
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country	Veralum
	Year 7 A and B Netball v Beaumont	Beaumont
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 A and B v Berkhamsted	STAGS 4.45pm
	Year 8 A and B v Berkhamsted	(t.b.c.)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 District Cup Netball v St Georges	St Georges
	Year 10 Netball v St Georges	St Georges
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 District Netball Tournament	St Georges 3pm start
	Senior District Netball Tournament	SJL 3pm start
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country District Champs	West Lodge
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Netball v SJL	SJL
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 and 10 Netball v Francis Bacon	Francis Bacon
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Senior District Hockey Tournament	CP 4-6pm
	Year 7 and 8 Rugby @ OAs	
	Year 9 A and B Netball v Sandringham	STAGS
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8 A and B Netball v Beaumont	Beaumont

### NOVEMBER

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 11 Netball v Nicky B	STAGS SPH
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Netball v SAHS	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Netball v STABS	STABS 4.30pm
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
	Year 11 Netball v Berkhamsted	Berks 4.30pm
	Senior Netball v Berkhamsted	Berks 4.30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Netball v SAHS	STAGS SPH
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP

## DECEMBER

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP
	Senior Netball v Roundwood	STAGS SPH
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	District Cup Finals (U16 and U18)	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
	Senior Netball v SJL	STAGS SPH
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Netball v Sandringham	STAGS SPH
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Hockey	CP
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Hockey	CP

## JANUARY

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Hockey	CP
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Hockey	CP
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Hockey	CP
	Year 11 Netball v Beaumont	STAGS SPH
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Hockey	CP
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Hockey v Roundwood	t.b.c
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Hockey	CP
	Senior Netball v Beaumont	STAGS SPH
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Hockey	CP
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Hockey	CP
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Hockey	CP

## FEBRUARY

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 9 Hockey	CP
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7 Hockey	CP
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 District Football Tournament	Highfield Park
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Hockey	CP
	Year 7A and B Netball v Roundwood	Roundwood Park
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Hockey	CP
	Year 8 A and B Netball v Roundwood	Roundwood Park
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	U12 Basketball Tournament	
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	U14 Basketball Tournament	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	U16 Basketball Tournament	

## MARCH

Mon 1 <sup>st</sup>	Inter - District Netball Tournament (Yr 10)	Parmiters (1.30pm)
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>	DISTRICT GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY	SJL
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	DISTRICT GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY	SJL
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	Netball District Plate Finals	Roundwood 4.15pm
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 A & B Netball v Sandringham	Sandringham
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 A and B District Netball Tournament	SJL 3pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 District Netball Tournament	Roundwood 3pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 District Netball Tournament	SJL 3pm
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 District Netball Tournament	SJL 3pm
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Netball District Cup Finals	St Georges 4.15pm
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 9 Netball v Beaumont	Beaumont
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Netball v Beaumont	STAGS SPH

Year 7, 8 and Senior Hockey and Cross Country - Miss Awad  
Year 9 Hockey and all Years Football - Miss Cripps  
Year 9 and 10 Netball and Year 10 Hockey and Gymnastics - Miss Savage  
Year 7, 8, 11, Senior Netball and Cheerleading - Mrs Warner  
All years Dance and Gymnastics - Mrs Wheatley

# TRAMPOLINING

at SIR JOHN LAWES SCHOOL

SATURDAY MORNINGS  
starting SEPTEMBER 5th 2009

SESSIONS AT 10.00 and 11.00 am.

CALL ME FOR INFORMATION

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