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Dear Parents/Carers.

Last week we held our annual open evening and I am pleased to say that it went very well indeed. Despite the poor weather we had a great number of people pour through the doors, probably more than ever before. The school looked good and there were many really good comments. My thanks must go to all the staff who worked hard to make the rooms look stunning and who spoke to so many parents/carers. Thanks too to the support staff who came in for several hours to help teaching staff with displays or experiments, to clean up after us or to hand out information to parents. Many thanks to the girls who came to help out and especially Ellie Herman and Jessica O'Brien from year 7 and the two senior students Stephanie Effiom and Emma Francombe who all spoke in the headteachers' briefing sessions.

Finally however, a huge debt of gratitude must go to Mrs Wesley who masterminded the whole affair from beginning to end, and not only that, she has done so for the last 25 years.

As you know Mrs Wesley is retiring at Christmas and so this was her final 'Open Evening'. I would like to say on behalf of the governors, the whole school and finally but not least myself a HUGE thank you to her for all those years of planning and organising everything from me to the plants in the hall to the 6th formers directing people to the right place. Perhaps a special thank you for this one which was, according to many of us, the best ever!

SUCCESS AGAIN

Imagine how thrilled we were to hear of the success of a year 9 girl Ellyn Deacon in a national ploughing competition. Ellyn beat off over 30 men to win. News quickly spread and Ellyn and her parents were inundated with calls from national and local radio and TV companies wanting to speak to her.

In school Ellyn and her classmates were filmed by Anglia TV and they told us that the story would be passed on to London TV too. She spoke on 3 counties radio and was interviewed by Sarah Kennedy too I believe. Sadly Radio Scotland missed her as Anglia TV was filming her ploughing.

What an exciting week but Ellyn just seemed to take it in her stride and was not fazed by it at all. Now we know how she beat off those men to win the championship. Cool calm and collected! Well done Ellyn and good luck for the next competition!

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS: STAGS PTA QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st

Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, the PTA has had to change the date of the Quiz from the one originally publicised. Some year 7 parents may have picked up a Quiz booking form with the wrong date on it. For any year 7 parents who have already sent in their booking form would they please contact Tessa Cook via email (tessa@pecoint.com) indicating if they still wish to attend the Quiz or if they can no longer come.

Many thanks for your help



Annabel Cattermole in 10H has been selected for the RYA Topper National Junior Squad 2010. This is the top 'Topper' RYA squad in the UK and she has done really well to get there. It is for junior sailors (under 16s) and there are 24 under 16's in the squad - 15 boys and 9 girls. It means she is under the guidance of the RYA Topper National coach and will attend 7 residential training weekends over the winter at centres around the UK, eg Grafham Water, Weymouth, Cardiff, Pwllheli. There is also a residential week at Easter at Hayling Island before all the summer competitions start again.

The aim of the programme is to nurture top junior sailors and provide a feeder through to the youth and eventually, for the select few, the olympic programs.

I am sure you will all agree this is a fantastic achievement and we wish Annabel success in the future.

Miss Awad, Head of PE

GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS FOR YEARS 7, 11 AND 13 - MONDAY 19 OCTOBER

The following group photographs will take place on Monday 19 October:

Year 7 will have form photographs

Year 11 will have a whole year group panoramic photograph

Year 13 will have their individual photograph together with a year group panoramic

Mrs B Clunie, Admin Manager

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE



Stags PTA presents..

Quiz Night

Saturday 21st November 2009

7.30 pm, for 8.00pm prompt start

Licensed bar and soft drinks available

Tickets £7.50, to include food

Teams of up to 8, if you don't have 8, please come anyway and we will make up teams on the night.

All proceeds to STAGS PTA for school funds

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I wish to purchase tickets @£7.50 each for the STAGS PTA Quiz Night on Saturday 21st November 2009.

Name..... E-mail address.....

I enclose cash/cheques for the value of £.....(Please make cheques payable to "Friends of Stags")

I would like Vegetarian option Non-Vegetarian option

Please return my tickets via Form

Hand completed form to Reception in an envelope marked "STAGS PTA Quiz"