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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week saw the start of Amnesty International's Week of Youth Action. This week it is Amnesty's 'Protect the Human' week and on Saturday 17th it was World Poverty Day.

In assemblies we have looked at poverty in Kenya and poverty in St Albans and we are asking for your help to support either or both. IN order to support those in the Deep Sea Settlement in Nairobi we need to collect as many old mobile phones as we can. Each one is worth £5 to Amnesty. Please bring them in [without power packs] no matter how broken they are. There is a box in the entrance hall to collect them in.

To help those in St Albans we are working with the Vineyard church to collect dry and /or tinned goods to feed up to 150 people a month in this area.

Goods can be deposited at reception and or girls can put them into boxes in the foyer. They will be collected on a daily basis.

Please give generously

Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher

REPORTS

Year 8

Year 8 interim reports will be sent home via your daughter on Thursday 22nd October.

Year 11

Year 11 interim reports will also be sent home via your daughter on Thursday 22nd October.

Mrs G. Lacey
Assessment Co-ordinator

Year 9 and Year 11

FUTURE FIRST 2009 **A Diploma and Careers Information Evening**

Wednesday 21st October
4.30pm – 8.30pm

Weston Auditorium, De Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire

For all pupils in Year 9 and Year 11, their parents/carers, and staff.

Please make a date in your diary to attend the area's flagship Diploma and Careers Information Event, ***FUTURE FIRST 2009***, taking place on Wednesday 21st October between 4.30pm and 8.30pm at the Weston Auditorium, De Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire.

There will be representatives present from a wide variety of local and national organisations and businesses, available to talk with you about career opportunities in their sector. You can find out about qualifications available to you e.g. Diplomas, Apprenticeships, NVQs, school and college-based GCSEs, AS, A Levels, BTECs, and Degrees. Employers from across the area will be there to inform and answer questions about the necessary skills, qualifications, personal qualities and work experience valued by their sectors. In the long term, this will help you be better prepared to make career choices when the time comes. More immediately it will help you decide on the subject choices you will be making over the next two or three years.

If you think you might like to talk to someone to help you make sense of the information you will receive that evening then independent Personal Advisers from the Youth Connexions Service will be available, as well as representatives from schools, Oaklands College and the University of Hertfordshire.

During the event you will also be able to attend a presentation by **Rod Kenyon OBE** (Director of the Apprenticeship Ambassadors Network and Semta, the 14-19 Diploma Champion for Employers), have the opportunity to be updated on the new Diplomas within the St Albans and Harpenden area, and witness **Billy Wingrove** perform live!

There is no charge for attending this event.

FUTURE FIRST 2009, Wednesday 21st October, 4.30pm – 8.30pm, Weston Auditorium, De Havilland Campus, University of Hertfordshire

Please put it in your diary now!

Should you wish to find out any more information before the event please e-mail info@learner-first.co.uk or visit www.learner-first.co.uk.

Year 11

To year 11 parents and students – Post 16 opportunities and STAGS 6th form

Our information evening about “Moving on from year 11” and joining STAGS 6th form is on Tuesday 10th November. An invitation to this event, our “Moving on” booklet and 6th form prospectus will be sent home before half term. Please return reply slips by Monday 2nd November at the latest so that we can prepare personal programmes for the evening.

Jill Ainsworth
Assistant head curriculum

"Sports Leaders at STAGS

This half term as seen STAGS sports leaders getting involved in a number of activities both for STAGS and in helping local primary schools. Francesca Miller and Hayley Ladd both in Y11 have been selected as STAGS' Young Ambassadors for sport, with Francesca also being selected to represent St.Albans and Harpenden School Sports Partnership as one of our "Gold Ambassadors" which meant she went to Twickenham to learn about how she can inspire and lead the other Young Ambassadors in St.Albans. both girls then went to a special training day in Ware to learn new skills and develop new ideas in how to get more young people to participate in school sport.

To help Francesca and Hayley we have appointed a number of girls in Y11 as Sports Leaders: Bethan Donaghey, Alix Smith, Chloe Williams, Ellen Barrow, Leanne Welch, Lucy Mann & Louise Priseman. These girls have been going on specially arranged Sports Leadership training days to learn new skills to help coach and lead activities like: Basketball, Table-Tennis, and Badminton. Lucy even went on a Saracens RFU Community Leaders Award course this week where she was one of only 3 girls and the only non-player there. Her excellent leadership and ball skills though allowed her to fit in without any problems.

Part of the role of Sports Leader is in helping at local primary schools by running special competitions and events for them. This week Bethan, Lousie, Ellen, Lucy, Alix & Hayley went to Aboyne Lodge and Garden Fields to run Y3&4 Multiskills competitions. To help ensure the next crop of Sports Leaders are on the way we have begun to get some of our Y8s involved. Next week we plan to send our newly created Y8 sports leaders: Lucy Andrews, Katie Leach, Grace Lynch and Charlotte Brooke to Bernard's Heath Infant School to help run a similar Multiskills competition there.

All of the girls involved have made a huge difference to the sporting experiences of the young children they have worked with and as well as having a great time leading them they have grown in confidence whilst in their role. If your daughter is interested in getting involved as a Sports Leader at STAGS then they should speak to Mr Cox (*or your new School Sports Coordinator after half term - Mrs Oakey*). Other opportunities as a Sports Leader for those aged 14-19 can be found through the Step Into Sport program: www.youthsporttrust.org/page/sis-passport/index.html - to register see the PE Dept for a log in sheet with the school registration code."

Pastoral News

Stevensons uniform suppliers have notified us of a delivery of blazers, for those parents who have one on order can you please contact Stevensons.

Our next SEAL theme for Key stage three is Body Language. This topic will be discussed in form time, and be the basis for our year group assemblies. Our quote for this fortnight is “Because of your smile, you make life more beautiful”

Catherine Levy, Pastoral Coordinator 8/9.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award for Year 10

There will be a meeting for prospective Duke of Edinburgh Award participants in the school hall, after school at 4pm, on Wednesday 21st October 2009, when there will be presentations on the scheme as a whole and on the expedition section, and where questions about the scheme and how it is run at STAGS will be answered.

Pupils who are in Year 10 and who are interested in taking part in D of E should try to attend this meeting. A pupil who is interested in the Award, but who cannot come to the presentation, will still be able to enrol. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is not available to Year 9 pupils.


Although this meeting is intended for pupils, parents are welcome to attend.

If there are any queries please contact me, either by e-mail, chris.dunn@stags.herts.sch.uk, or by leaving a note with school reception.

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NEXUS NEWS – STAGS LINK.

PARENT SUPPORT

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

EXTRAS YOUTH CLUB – New Year 7s

Following our previous newsletter please note that Extras is now running on a Wednesday from 6.15-7.45pm. Please encourage your child to come along with friends and to make new friends. We have sports activities, music, relaxation and tuck on offer – come to chill and chat! Only £1.50 entrance. See you soon!



HALF TERM CAFÉ – THURSDAY, 29th OCT – For Young People in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Come and meet friends, chill out with others, enjoy indoor sports, games, quizzes, music and Wii games between 12.30 and 3.00pm. **FREE** entry and a **FREE** Hotdog (other food available to purchase). Marshalswick Baptist Church, 4 Sherwood Avenue (next to the Chinese at the Quadrant). Run by STEP.

COOK WITH THE KIDS – Course for Parent and Child together – 3rd NOV-8th DEC

Six week course of fun healthy cooking at Beaumont School. £2 per week per family.
Tuesdays 6.15-7.45pm - Starts 3rd November. For pupils in Years 7 & 8.
To book call Shelley on 07920 708029

FEELING SAFE, STANDING STRONG – 5th Nov–17th Dec at Sandringham School

A **FREE** seven week course for parents of teenagers – Thursdays, 6.45-9.00pm. Run by experienced facilitators from Parent Centred Support. Help your teen find safe ways to manage their feelings and anger, improve on relationships, communication and build self esteem.

INTERNET SAFETY – Workshop for Adults on Cyberbullying – 17th November

Unlike other forms of bullying, cyberbullying can follow children and young people into their private spaces. Join us for a **FREE** workshop – 7.00-9.00pm at St Alban & St Stephen Junior School, Cecil Road, St Albans. Call Jo to book a place.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE -22nd November – St Albans Bereavement Network

This is a wonderful event at St Albans Cathedral. A thanksgiving for the lives of your loved ones to include a Book of Remembrance and Balloon Release. Balloon Release at 2.30pm, Service starts at 3.00pm. This is an invitation to everyone - families, young people and adults, giving you an opportunity to join with others to remember someone special to you. Invitations can be found in your school Reception or call Jo for more information.

FIRST AID COURSE FOR TEENAGERS AND ADULTS

We are offering another four hour accredited course for young people who babysit or care for children. To be held on Saturday, 6th February 2009 from 9.30am-1.30pm at Fleetville Junior School. Cost £15.00 - to reserve a place please contact Jo

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.hertsexterndedschools.org.uk/nestalbans

PTA NEWS

Notice to all parents – STAGS PTA QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21st

The Stags PTA are delighted to announce a Quiz Night to be held at School on Saturday November 21st at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 each to include food. There will be a licensed bar and soft drinks available. Please note that this event is for all parents and bookings are now being taken. Judging from previous years tickets will sell out fast so please return your forms duly completed to School reception as soon as possible (form included with this Stagslink and downloadable from the PTA section of the website).

***STOP PRESS *** 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.

Tessa Cook PTA



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"

Active Sports!

October Half Term – STAGS Sports Hall

Monday 26th October

10am-12.00pm

--- LUNCH ---

1.00pm-3.00pm

Trampolining

Multisports*

Tuesday 27th October

10am-12.00pm

--- LUNCH ---

1.00pm-3.00pm

Multisports*

Trampolining

Girls can come for a morning or afternoon session or stay all day.
Please bring a snack and a drink, or a packed lunch for those staying all day.

Morning session = £15 / Afternoon session = £15 / All day = £20

Places will be limited, so if you are interested please return the reply slip below along with payment by Wednesday 21st October.

If you would like any further information you can contact me on – 01727 853134.

(* Includes activities such as basketball/benchball/football/ultimate frisbee)

To: Mrs Warner (PE Department).

Name of pupil(s): _____ Form: _____

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Parent/Carer signature: _____ Contact Number: _____