



STAGS LINK



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be able to tell you about the national success of our year 12 counselling service. A number of girls make up the group Hear 4 U who offer counselling and support services to girls in younger age groups. Some is done by e mail and some by personal contact.

Some of the girls both in previous years and this year have joined YABA the Young Anti Bullying Alliance; working with Gordon Brown and Ed Balls they make up a group who advises the government on anti bullying strategies.

The whole group has been recommended for the Diana Award for anti bullying and 2 of the girls have been selected for other major events. Roxy Batliwala-Acton has been selected to represent the school and YABA at the United Nations Convention for Children's Rights. It is celebrating its 20th anniversary and Roxy may be interviewed by the national press or even T.V. Sarah Kimbley has been filmed talking about bullying and interviewing Ed Balls. The film has been recognised as a real success and after the national launch last week will be sent to every school in the country. What a fantastic success for the two girls involved and the group as a whole.

We are very proud of them especially as the DVD will be released in time for anti Bullying week.

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

Disability Awareness Group Meeting – TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER 3.45pm AT STAGS.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Sally Glossop who is the county advisor for autism. Parents and staff are all very welcome.

For catering purposes, please could you confirm your attendance by contacting Jacky Jenkins (Head's PA) by **Friday 20th November**.

URGENT - PTA REVISED XMAS PUDDING LETTER

Please find attached to this week's Stagslink a revised Xmas Pudding letter, so please can you disregard the previous week's one. Thank you.

STAGS PTA

COMMUNITY AWARD NOMINATION – Jo Swanston

We at STAGS are very proud to tell you that Jo Swanston, our Pastoral Co-ordinator for Year 7 has received a nomination for the St Albans Review Community Awards. It is wonderful that those who have worked alongside Jo in her many years as a district leader for the Guiding movement have formally recognised her achievements in this field and nominated her for such a prestigious award. We are sure you will join us in wishing her every success with her nomination. We will, of course, keep you posted!

Lyn Hamblin, Pastoral Manager

2nd HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT SALE

The PTA will be holding a sale of 2nd hand school uniform and PE kit at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December.

Please bring in your donations of school uniform and PE kit to Reception at STAGS at any time between now and the Fair and it will be collected by the PTA on a regular basis.

Your support is very much appreciated.

Mr J Doyle, Assistant Head



CAROL SERVICE

Friday 11th December is the date of our annual Carol Service in the Abbey. The Carol Service will take place in the afternoon and it is expected to finish at about 3.20pm. All of the girls will be dismissed from the Abbey after the service. Many girls come to school on school buses and arrangements have been made for these buses as follows:

Greenwood Parents' Association – coach will leave from Westminster Lodge;

Borehamwood Coach – coach will leave from Westminster Lodge;

E445 service to Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate – the bus will leave from the bus stop near Westminster Lodge on the Abbey Station side of the road.

E446 service to Wheathampstead – the bus will leave from the bus stop near Westminster Lodge.

All girls are reminded that they should make their way **quickly** to the various pick-up points and should aim to arrive by 3.30pm. The coaches have timetables to adhere to and cannot wait for latecomers.

The Carol Service is an important school occasion and all girls are expected to attend. However, I do appreciate that there are a few families who would prefer their daughters/sons not to attend for religious reasons.

Year 7 form teachers have asked their girls to obtain a letter from their parents/carers if the family wish their daughter to be excused.

In any other year group, if parents/carers have previously written to the school asking for their daughter/son to be excused there is no need to write in again.

For those girls who are excused, school will end after afternoon registration at 1.25pm.

It is not possible for us to make additional transport arrangements at that time and parents are asked to take responsibility for their daughters from 1.25pm onwards.

PLEASE MAKE SURE GIRLS ARE IN CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAVE AN OUTDOOR COAT WITH THEM.

Mr J Doyle, Assistant Head

YEAR 10 REPORTS

Year 10 reports will be sent home via your daughter on Thursday 19th November.

Mrs G Lacey, Assessment Co-ordinator

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 attend.

Tessa Cook PTA

SEVERE WEATHER

In the unlikely event that the school has to close due to unforeseen circumstances, bad weather, for example, the following arrangements are put in place:

- A message is put on the school answer phone
- A prominent message is put on the school's website
- A senior member of staff comes to the school to inform any students or parents who arrive at the school
- An email and a text are sent to all parents who have registered with the school's ParentMail system
- Three Counties radio and Mercury FM are informed and announce the closure at regular intervals

Please note that, even if the rest of the school is closed, public examinations WILL take place for those candidates who are able to get to the school.

Mr Lerwill, Support Services Manager

STAFF VACANCY

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN (PHYSICS).
25.5 HOURS PER WEEK, term time only.
GRADE: H4 (£17,385pa - Pro rata, £10,162)

We require an efficient, enthusiastic laboratory technician to join our faculty team. The post holder will support science lessons at Key Stages 3 and 4 but with a particular role in the physics department.

Principal duties are:

- to ensure practical, demonstration, assessment and examination requirements of the departments at Key Stages 3 and 4 are met punctually.
- to ensure equipment and chemicals within the departments are in a serviceable condition and meet health and safety requirements.
- to provide specialist practical support to the teaching staff.

If you have a good general education and experience of working within a science orientated environment please request further details and an application form from Mrs J Jenkins, Headteacher's PA.

Closing date: 30 November 2009

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!!!!

Rays of Sunshine are delighted to announce our first ever 'Sunshine at Christmas' Concert featuring JLS and other acts on Friday 11 December 2009 at The Troxy, in Limehouse, London. Doors open at 6:30pm. Show starts at 7:30pm.

This will be an exclusive Christmas event held for seriously and terminally ill children and their families, a magnificent evening for them to look forward to at an emotional time of year.

Around 1000 tickets will be given away free of charge to these children and their families, from around 20 hospitals and eight hospices around the London area.

We are pleased to announce all the dress circle tickets will be on sale to our supporters. There are tickets for sale priced £35 + to help subsidize the cost of the event.

Tickets can be purchased at: <http://www.seetickets.com/?s=the+sunshine+at+christmas+concert>
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This is a sought after event and tickets will sell out fast so book **immediately** to make sure you attend this fantastic evening.



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"

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Parents and families are invited to

Christmas Fair 09

**Sunday 6th December
12 – 3pm**

Fantastic selection of gift and food stalls including:

**Jewellery ❄️ Cosmetics ❄️ Home Made Cakes ❄️ African Art
Phoenix Cards ❄️ Pampered Chef ❄️ Crafts
Gifts ❄️ Christmas Floral Decorations ❄️ Plants**

Students' Christmas Corner

**Fabulous hamper raffles including
Clarins Luxury Gift Hamper**

Chocolate and Bottle Tombolas

Come and enjoy a festive family lunch

Fun for all ages



**Admission: £1.00, Year 6 & younger/Senior Citizens 50p
St Albans Girls' School, Sandridgebury Lane, St Albans, AL3 6DB**

REVISED XMAS PUD FORM



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are always looking for different ways to raise funds for the school and we've found something much tastier than a raffle ticket! We are able to offer you a **Christmas pudding that has won a food 'Oscar'** – a gold medal at the Great Taste Awards. It has also been endorsed by the BBC Good Food Magazine and by Chef Magazine as being as good as homemade!

The pudding is made by a small craft manufacturer in Cumbria. The vine fruits are soaked overnight in brandy and dry sherry. Ingredients are top quality and much more varied than usual – walnuts, almonds, stem ginger, apricots, cherries as well as the best juicily alcoholic raisins and sultanas. **Most people have no idea that Christmas pudding can taste this good!**

The Ultimate Christmas Pudding is not available in supermarkets (the company is too small for that) but it is available through STAGS PTA. The puddings are specially labelled for us and the sale of each pudding supports the school. Each order for a **1lb pudding (serves 4) costs £5.50** and raises £2.00 for the school; a **2lb pudding (serves 8) costs £9.50** and raises £3.50. Our direct ordering from the manufacturer allows us to make a profit for the school within a price that is competitive with premium retail puddings.

Whether you are purchasing a pudding for your own Christmas or giving them as presents (they are suitable for vegetarians) you need to complete the order form below. All orders must be sent to the School Office by **Monday 23rd November**. Puddings will be available for collection by girls from reception during lunchtime on **Monday 14th December**.

Puddings are suitable for vegetarians. Ingredients are: Vine fruits (raisins, sultanas)(27%), free range egg, dark sugar, carrot, fresh breadcrumbs (wheat flour, water, yeast, vegetable oil, salt, spirit vinegar, soya), apple(6%), flour, mixed peel(4%), dates (3%), brandy(2.5%), sherry(2.5%), cherries (colour anthocyanine)(2.5%), stem ginger(2.5%), unhydrogenated palm oil*, all vegetable margarine (unhydrogenated), almonds(1%), walnuts(1%), unsulphured apricots(1%), golden syrup, spices, salt, preservative-potassium sorbate. Allergens: nuts, wheat, egg, soya

We are also offering jars of **The Ultimate Brandy Butter**. Maximum brandy; good unsalted butter; velvety texture with just a little crunch. It costs £2.40 for 190g. (Ingredients are: unsalted butter, sugar, brandy, nutmeg)

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CHRISTMAS PUDDING ORDER FORM

I would like to order ____ 1lb puddings @ £5.50, ____ 2lb puddings @ £9.50

____ Brandy Butter @ £2.40.

I enclose a cheque made payable to **The Friends of Stags** for £ _____

Signed _____ Child/Form _____

Contact Telephone number _____