



STAGS LINK



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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope that you will take the opportunity to come to the **School production next week**. This is an excellent production performed by many highly talented students. Not to be missed!

'The Good Soul of Szechuan' based on an original idea by Bertolt Brecht enables many of our students to perform to their true abilities. It is challenging and yet exciting in a thought provoking way.

Wednesday 9th December is opening night with tickets at a special price of £5; Thursday and Friday [it will be packed] and tickets are £7. Please get your tickets now through your daughter/sons. Act before it is too late!

Tuesday 15th December is the **Annual Christmas concert** with wonderful music to put us in the festive spirit! You will be royally entertained by the choirs, orchestras and the concert band. Do come along. Tickets at £4 each with concessions for students and senior citizens..... which brings me to the **STAGS Christmas Party!** Are you a senior citizen or do you know someone who would love to come to our Christmas party? It is great fun; dancing, music, prizes and lots of food! All are welcome. Please let the girls know [see end of Stagslink].

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

YEAR 12 PARENTS' EVENING

We should like to remind you that this will take place on Tuesday 8th December between 4.30pm and 7.00pm.

Your son/daughter should be making appointments with their individual subject teachers on your behalf. Mrs Arguelles, Head of Careers will also be present but no prior appointment will be necessary. I will be available to discuss any matters but as I also teach Psychology there will be some times when I have pre-arranged appointments.

Mrs Rowley, Head of Year 12

YEAR 13 REPORTS

Year 13 full reports will be posted home on Thursday 3rd December.

YEAR 12 REPORTS

Year 12 progress reports will be posted home on Monday 7th December.

Mrs G Lacey, Assessment Co-ordinator

PE NEWS

On Saturday 14th November our Junior Cross Country team went to Barnet Copthall for the English Schools Cross Country Cup Regional Final. The weather was not very pleasant, heavy rain first thing in the morning and again just before their race started with three teams from 12 to qualify for the National Final, competition was tough.

The girls prepared well on the morning with the help of Mr Pritchard – warming them up and discussing race tactics.

As the race started the girls were all well placed and evenly spread. During the end stages tiredness set in but the girls kept pushing and produced some fantastic results. We finished 7th overall, narrowly missing 6th spot by 3 points! This was a great improvement on last year's result and is a reflection of the hard work and dedication the girls have shown during the season under the watchful eye of Mrs Steer.

I would like to thank all of the girls for their hard work and commitment this season. It has been a very successful and enjoyable season again this year. I would also like to thank Mrs Steer for her continued hard work and dedication to the girls on a Monday evening.

Running club will continue throughout the winter for any girl who would like to get fit and have fun.

On Wednesday 18th November some of our Year 11 girls took part in District Table Tennis competition. It was a very close competition and came down to just 2 teams at the end, vying for a place in the county final. I am pleased to say that STAGS came out on top and will be representing the school at the County Champs on Monday 23rd November at Marlborough school. Well done to Hayley Ladd, Nathalie Holt, Molly Hunt and Louise Priseman.

Miss E Awad, Head of PE

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

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2010 / 2011

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Wednesday 1 September

Training day

Thursday 2 September

Term begins

Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Half term

Friday 26 November

Occasional day

Friday 17 December

Term ends

SPRING TERM 2011

Tuesday 4th January

Training day

Wednesday 5th January

Term begins

Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Half term

Wednesday 9 March

Training day

Friday 8 April

Term ends

SUMMER TERM 2011

Tuesday 26 April

Term begins

Monday 2 May

Bank holiday

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Half term

Thursday 21 July

Term ends

STAGS PTA

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



Do YOU know any senior citizens who would be interested in coming to the STAGS senior citizens Christmas party????

- Food
 - Fun
 - Entertainment
- AND
- The chance to make new friends!!! 😊

The Christmas party will be held on Wed the 9th of December in the school hall, from 2pm until 4pm, with NO CHARGE to those attending!

If you know of anyone who may be interested please make sure they return the reply slip below to the allocated box in reception



Are you interested in attending the senior citizens Christmas party? If so please fill out your details below:

How many are likely to attend?

Names _____

Any food allergies? Please state _____

Any specific access arrangements? Please state _____

Any other arrangements/requirements _____

STAGS EQUESTRIAN TEAM

I am delighted to report that STAGS now has an equestrian team – as opposed to a show jumping team as some girls have come forward and asked to represent the school in dressage too.

In October half term, Lucy Ellis in 10J – a new member of the STAGS team, competed at Addington Manor, one of the loveliest venues in the country on her horse, Crystal in two dressage classes. As always, the competition was very fierce as all schools or pony club team events seem to be very popular. In her first class Lucy was half way through a lovely test when Crystal decided to step over the marker boards – therefore disqualifying her. If this had not happened Lucy would have finished 5th. In the second class she did very well and finished 12th out of 25. Lucy's sister Emily is also very keen on dressage and hopes to represent the school too.

The show jumping classes were vastly oversubscribed at Addington. Helena Murphy had pre-entered the 90cm and 1 metre classes, but could not compete so a friend rode her horse Blue in the 90cm class – coming 12th. In the 1 metre class there were 117 entries in total – resulting in a lot of waiting around! Ellie Harriette came to ride her pony Poppy in the 90cm class instead of Helena but the organisers would not swap the entry so Ellie bravely entered the 1 metre class. The fences were huge – not just high but they also had wide spreads and the course builder had made it very hard by using brightly coloured fillers and flower arrangements when setting up the course. Ellie's pony was very well behaved considering she had had a long wait to compete but it was a bit too much for such a young pony and Ellie very sensibly retired half way through the course.

STAGS could not field a team in either class as a number of girls had other commitments during the holidays. Jodie Slany travelled up to Cheshire to compete at the English Home Pony International and won the Fledgling class on her pony Amber Tiara. She was also 5th on her other pony – Madge. Jodie was competing against the best ponies and riders in the UK and has had to be very committed to qualify at other events during the year in order to compete at the English Home Pony International – well done Jodie.

Three more girls have expressed an interest in joining the STAGS team and show jumping training sessions will be organised throughout the winter months so that we have a strong team for events in 2010. If there are any other girls interested in joining please call the Co-ordinator, Cathy Murphy on 01582 794256.



**ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL
BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**15 hours per week
(term time only plus one week)
Grade H3 - £16,280 pro rata (approx £5584)**

We require an Admin Assistant to start January 2010. The successful candidate will provide admin support for the Senior Leadership Team. The post will also include administrative tasks and work as part of the school's support team.

Please contact Mrs J Jenkins, Head teacher's PA for a job description and application form.

Closing date 11th December 2009

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ST ALBANS GIRLS' SCHOOL BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE COLLEGE

PART TIME DRIVER/ASSISTANT CARETAKER

**25 HOURS PER WEEK, (Monday to Friday 1.00pm – 6.00pm)
52 WEEKS PER YEAR
(holiday entitlement is 30 days per annum including bank holidays)**

GRADE: H2 £15,288 (Pro rata approx. £10,300)

The post holder will assist with driving students to and from other local schools and colleges in one of the school minibuses. When not required for driving post holder will assist the site manager in providing a clean and safe environment for users of the school buildings and grounds.

The successful candidate will have:

- Full clean driving licence
- Experience of working in a school or similar environment
- Flexibility and sensitivity to the needs of a wide range of users of the school is essential
- Knowledge of efficient cleaning methods and materials
- Evidence of success in handyperson or DIY tasks (paid or unpaid)

Appropriate training will be given where necessary.

A full, enhanced CRB clearance will be necessary for this post

The post will be subject to passing the Hertfordshire Minibus driving test

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