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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2010. I do hope that you managed to have a peaceful and restful Christmas break even if it was not very long!

You will remember that at the end of term we said goodbye to some key members of staff. This term we say 'welcome' to Mr Paul Lerwill as acting deputy headteacher and Mrs Mary Newman as acting assistant headteacher both of whom will join the leadership team for the next two terms. Mrs Newman is currently head of the maths faculty so we will be asking some other staff to cover a few of her lessons in order that she can carry out her assistant head duties. Mr Lerwill will relinquish some of his admin duties in order to carry out his deputy head duties. We wish them both well in their new roles.

The governors will be seeking to appoint a permanent deputy headteacher during the next two terms to start in September at the same time as with the new headteacher.

It is also at this time that we say 'welcome' to our new head students Hannah Bevis and Jamie Sinclair plus the new House captains – Farrah Al-Izzi, Marieke Stewart (Austen House), Elliya Betito, Suzy Homer (Bronte House), Eleni Achilleos, Robert Durrant (Curie House), Rowan Blackmore, Olivia O'Neill (Franklin House), Bruce Lancaster-Rous, Shilpa Mistry (Hepworth House), Rhiannon Johns, Gemma Scott (Johnson House) and Ellis Richardson, Sophie Willis (Seacole House) and the new sports' captains are Lucy Hancock and Alice Marshall. They will take over the reins for the next year and I am sure will be very successful in their new roles. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy their year of duty.

This term is very busy with the start of the A2 level and AS level modules and some of the GCSE practical exams.

We will keep you up to date with exam dates and revision times so keep an eye on the website and of course Stagslink!

Mrs C Murrell, Headteacher

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 senior member of staff comes to the school to inform any students or parents who arrive at the school
- A message is put on the school answer phone
- A prominent message is put on the school's website

- 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
- Updated information regarding school closures throughout Hertfordshire will be available at www.hertsdirect.org/

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.

PTA – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 26th January 2010** at 7.30pm at STAGS. All parents and staff are welcome.

Mr Doyle

YEAR 11 MOCK GCSE REPORTS

To inform you that your daughter's yr11 mock GCSE reports will be sent home, via your daughter on Thursday 7th January 2010.

Mrs G Lacey
Assessment Co-ordinator

St. Albans and Harpenden Student Voice Conference **The University of Hertfordshire** **18th November 2009**

On Wednesday the 18th of November we were ready to go on an exciting and enjoyable day at the University of Hertfordshire. When we arrived we went to a workshop hosted and presented by each school in the St. Albans and Hertfordshire area. Our presentation was on our Young Chamber of Commerce.

Each school had a lot of interesting and inspiring ideas. The workshops ranged from bullying to improving teacher and student relationships to fair-trade food in the canteen. We hope to use many of the ideas and put them into action here at STAGS. Marlborough school had many ways of showing how we can deal with different situations from different angles. At St Georges school we liked the idea of filming all key events at STAGS i.e. Sports day and house challenge and make accounts of the day/week to show the rest of the school. At Roundwood Park school they have a system called standbys to help prevent bullying.

As the afternoon progressed, Marcus Orlovsky gave an inspirational talk to us about many things from the invention of iPods to how to make massive and positive changes to something with a twist by just doing the obvious. After his inspiring presentation we were left with a lot to think about. He stamped a message in our minds that was "dare to dream" with this in mind you can achieve anything. The day was thought provoking and a lot of fun and we all enjoyed it. We took away a lot of ideas and started to think about what we can not only do to improve the school but to let our student voices burst out loud to create and even happier and amazing school and environment for us all to work in.

Poppy Nash
Member of STAGS' Young Chamber of Commerce

KARATE LESSONS

New **beginners'** classes in Karate will be taking place at STAGS in the Sports Hall during January at 6.15pm on Thursdays.

First lesson is FREE. We have both male and female instructors, in a club that has been teaching at Stags for the past 18 years. Turn up on the day or call Eve on 01707 322482 for more details.

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RECYCLING – MOBILE PHONES

We hope to collect old mobile phones again to support Amnesty International's work. Hopefully some of you will have received new phones for Christmas and will be able to donate. There will be a box in the entrance hall.

Dear Parent/Carer

For the last two terms we have only been sending out Stagslink electronically. This decision was made with the understanding that we would review it as appropriate. In order to help us to do this I should be grateful if you could take a minute or two to answer the questions below by ticking in the relevant boxes and **return it to the school reception by Friday 18th January 2010.**

Since I have stopped receiving Stagslink as a paper copy I have:

- Found that I am still able to obtain the information that I need from the school
- Found it more difficult to keep in touch with what is going on at school

I would prefer to receive Stagslink via:

- Email
- Logging on to the website
- Paper copy