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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to tell you about one of our year 11 students who has won a prestigious prize for poetry writing.

Every year our year 11 students attend a 'Poetry Live' day in preparation for their GCSE exam. Each year students are invited to write a poem and submit it for the Simon Powell poetry competition.

This year one of our members of staff encouraged a year 11 student to take part. Our student was chosen from a very large entry as one of the ten winners for this prize. Her name is Alexandra Heal (Lexie). The judges say that the standard was exceptionally high and we are thrilled that Lexie was selected. She is now invited to attend a one day workshop at the Barbican in London with the other nine successful contestants to learn more about poetry writing and to prepare for their GCSE exam next year.

Lexie's poem is very reminiscent of those written by Carol Ann Duffy and in fact her class thought that it had been written by CA Duffy! What a compliment.

Well done Lexie! We are very proud of your achievement and do hope that you have an excellent day at the Barbican.

***Mrs C Murrell
Headteacher***

MUSIC REMISSION OF FEES

Remission of Fees is available to parents on a low income.

Hertfordshire County Council has now extended the criteria to support those children who are vulnerable or disadvantaged for reasons other than income-based, for example, children looked after, young carers, children with special needs, young travellers.

You can apply online at www.hertsdirect.org by completing a How Can We Help form or by telephoning the Customer Service Centre on 01438 737370.

When applying, could you also please contact Mr Jones, Head of Music. All applications under the extended criteria will need to be supported by a letter from the Headteacher explaining why the child is eligible for help with music fees.

Please may I remind all parents/carers that you have to reapply each year. The Music Service is accepting applications now for lessons commencing in September 2010. (Please note that Free School Meals will be automatically renewed if you are still eligible BUT you must reapply for your other benefits).

If Mr Jones is not notified that you have applied, there could be a delay in Remission of Fees being granted and lessons commencing.

Mrs Val Little
Finance Assistant

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Just a reminder:

If you currently receive one of the following benefits:

- Income support or
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance or
- Income-related employment and support allowance or
- Pension credit (guarantee credit) or
- Child Tax Credit

You may also be eligible to receive Free School Meals and other educational benefits such as:

- Help with music fees
- Help with cycle training fees
- Help with transport

The system for applying for Free School Meals has changed and it is now much **easier to apply**. All you need to do is fill in your application form online or phone the Customer Service Centre and the rest will be done for you. Your application will be processed within 7 days.

If you are already receiving free school meals you do not have to take any further action.

Less fuss, less bother and completely confidential, so why wait? To apply log on to www.hertsdirect.org or phone the Customer Service Centre on 01438 737370 or 01923 471370.

YEAR 9 BATTLEFIELDS TUESDAY 22ND JUNE:

Arrangements for those not going on the trip

Girls not joining the Battlefields Trip on 22nd June will be expected to come to school in uniform as usual. They will follow a special timetable for the day. They will all need their diaries and pencil cases.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Grant in the History Department.

Mrs Grant
History department

BREAKFAST SWIM AT STAGS - Are You an early bird or even fish???

From Wednesday 16th June for a trial period of 6 Wednesdays, Stags heated outdoor pool will be open from 7am to 8:30am for length swimming.

The charge will be £1 for Stags Swimming Pool Association members and £1.50 for guests.

Steve May

YEAR 10 EXAMINATION RESULTS

Year 10 examination results will be sent home, via your daughter, on Tuesday 22nd June.

Mrs G. Lacey
Assessment Co-ordinator

HPV VACCINATIONS

The School Health teams are receiving a number of requests from parents of girls who have previously not taken up the offer of HPV immunisation. Hertfordshire Community Health Services are planning one final opportunity for these girls to access the programme which will be offered through community clinics. If you require any further information, then please ring 01462 427113.

From September this programme will **only** be offered to girls in year 8.

Sue Tyler
First Aider

SPORTS' DAY FRIDAY 2nd JULY: WESTMINSTER LODGE ATHLETICS TRACK

Sports day this year will be held at Westminster Lodge athletics track in St Albans. Students will be receiving letters to bring home to you with the final arrangements but at this stage you need to know that all students will need a packed lunch on that day. The school canteen will be happy to provide these but students will need to order in advance. Alternatively girls can of course bring their own packed lunch from home.

Students who have free school meals will receive one automatically from school but will still need to fill in the order form.

Parents and family will be invited to the event but will need to apply for tickets (application form on the letter). This is purely as a security issue so that we are aware of who is coming through the gate. Also we ask that you do not take your daughters/sons off site for lunch as we really do need to keep everyone together.

Girls will need to make their way home from the track or be collected at the end of the day. Girls who take school buses will find them in the Westminster Lodge car park at 3:30pm.

We would love to see you there as we now have the opportunity to use much better facilities and we know that everyone would really appreciate you being there.

Mr Doyle

SUMMER ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT ST ALBANS

Herts Youth Connexions are offering a variety of activities for students during the summer holidays. Please encourage your child to take part and contact them through the details supplied below.

***Mrs Arguelles
Head of Careers***

Are you aged 13 - 19 and looking for fun things to do this summer? Come and make the most of your free time by getting involved in activities like sports, art, music, dance, self defence, circus skills and trips out!

Want to find out more?

Contact Lara Woodward on 01442 454076 / lara.woodward@hertsc.gov.uk.

Or visit www.channelmogo.org and click on the link to 'Mogozout'.



VACANCIES

RECEPTIONIST WITH FIRST AID RESPONSIBILITIES

**37 hours per week (term time only plus two weeks)
8.00am – 4.00pm (hours not negotiable)
Grade H3 (£14,164 per annum, including outer fringe)**

We are seeking to appoint a full time receptionist/first aider for September 2010. This post will suit a candidate with strong experience of working in a busy office environment and the ability to remain professional at all times.

We require a professional, friendly and flexible person to act as first point of contact for visitors to the school, answering telephone enquiries and providing first aid for students and staff.

The ideal candidate will be able to work on her/his own initiative but also collaboratively with a wide range of staff and parents, undertaking duties as delegated. Previous experience of working in a school environment would be preferred but not essential. Knowledge of SIMS would be an advantage. Good literacy and word processing skills including proficient use of MS Word and Excel are a prerequisite.

2 LEARNING SUPERVISORS (GRADE H4)

**1 full time for 5 days (34 hours) per week - £13,212 inc fringe
1 part time for 3 days (20.5 hours) per week – £7,997 inc fringe
(Monday, Thursday, Friday)
8.10am – 3.30pm each day**

Required from September 2010, 2 learning supervisors (1 full time for 5 days per week and 1 part time for 3 days per week – Monday, Thursday, Friday) to supervise classes during teacher absence and to provide admin support across various departments.

Thinking of making the first step towards a career in teaching? Need to fulfil your desire to make a direct and valuable contribution to our students' learning and education on a daily basis? Then this is the job for you!

This is an important role. Following a period of training and induction your main responsibility will be to supervise classes during any short-term absence of the class teacher. You may also provide in-class support, assist with administration and be involved in supervising students during lunchtimes and exam invigilation.

Confidence, good communication skills along with the ability to manage and maintain discipline with a positive approach are essential skills for this unique role within school. Experience of working with children is highly desirable.

DISPLAY TECHNICIAN

**Part time (10 hours per week), term time only
Grade H2 (£3363 per annum including fringe)**

The post holder will ensure that all school displays in corridors and classrooms are maintained to a high and aesthetic/creative standard. Responsibilities will include:

- ordering materials for displays as required
- mounting artwork /displays
- checking notice boards to ensure that they are up to date and tidy
- changing of pictures in frames around the school
- updating posters and details of competitions and events placed around the school
- using creative and artistic skills to display work
- liaising with heads of departments to update displays in classrooms and faculty areas

The successful candidate will have a good knowledge of display techniques and some background in art or display.

Candidates invited for interview will be expected to bring a portfolio or some other evidence of successful work in this area.

**2 MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS (£8.38 PER HOUR)
and 1 SENIOR SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT (£12.58 PER HOUR)
(maternity cover)
6 hours, 40 minutes per week, (11.50am to 1.10pm) term time only**

We have a vacancy for 2 Midday Supervisory Assistants and 1 Senior Supervisory Assistant (the SSA is required to cover for maternity leave) to help to oversee the safety, good behaviour and well-being of the students during the lunch period. The post is for 6 hours, 40 minutes per week, term time only. The hours are 11.50am to 1.10pm Monday to Friday.

If you are a caring, reliable person and would be interested in joining our team, please apply. Applicants require a good level of competence in basis skills. Relevant training will be provided, where necessary. Experience of working with children would be an advantage.

St Albans Girls' School, age range 11 – 18, is a successful comprehensive school with approximately 1140 students. It is a highly regarded, regularly oversubscribed and friendly all-ability school which consistently achieves public examination results well above the national average. "It is a good school with a number of outstanding features" (Ofsted 2008).

Telephone Mrs J Jenkins, the Head's PA for further details and an application form.
St Albans Girls' School, St Albans, Herts AL3 6DB
Tel: 01727 853134 Fax: 01727 831157 E-mail: admin@stags.herts.sch.uk

Closing Date for all the above post is: **Monday 28th June 2010**

All of the above posts require an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Hertfordshire is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

St Albans 'Out and About'

Monthly Trips for young people

There are limited spaces available,
book early to avoid disappointment

2010

12 June – London Zoo - £8

10 July – London Eye and London Aquarium - £15

31 July – Go Ape - £15

28 August – White Water Rafting - £20

31 October – Fright Night at Thorpe Park - £10

13 November – Wembley Stadium Tour - £5

3 December – Midnight Ice Skating - £8

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8 January – Science Museum, London - £2

12 February – Outdoor Laser Quasar - £15

12 March – Windsor Aqua Park - £3.50



For more information or to
book your place contact

Kate Barry on 01442 454060

or

kate.barry@hertscc.gov.uk

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For all 13-19 year olds

(up to 25 if you have a learning difficulty or a disability)

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