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Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have seen STAGS named as one of the schools which has registered an interest in academy status. We have made no decision on this, and have registered interest solely in order to keep open the option of academy status should it be in the school's best interest. We do not yet have enough information to consider what academy status might mean, and would in any event consider it finally when Mrs Chapman takes up the headship in the next academic year.

***Mrs C Murrell (on behalf of the governors)
Headteacher***

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

The count for the parent governor election took place last Friday afternoon. This is to confirm the results as follows:-

Total number of votes cast

Mr Peter Cook (1)	110
Mr Peter Cook (2)	165
Mr Sean Francombe	149
Mrs Valerie Harden	168
Dr Linda Summerton	89
Mrs Clare Tomblin	180
Mrs Laura Young	116

Therefore, the following were elected:

**Mr Peter Cook (2)
Mr Sean Francombe
Mrs Valerie Harden
Mrs Clare Tomblin
Mrs Laura Young**

***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***

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SWIM AT STAGS

Swim with the dawn at STAGS outdoor heated pool on Wednesday mornings. The pool will be open from 6:45 – 8:15.

- SSPA members £1
- Guests £1.50

Steve May

SUMMER CONCERT

This year's Summer Concert will be taking place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13th July. There will be solo performances as well as performances from Cantabile Choir and Concert Band.

The PTA will be providing refreshments and cheese and biscuits for you to purchase. If you choose, you can also bring a picnic to enjoy throughout the concert.

Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and concessions.

***Miss Eddy
Music Teacher***

REMINDER: YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING

Thursday 8th July is year 8 Parents' Evening at 4:30pm – 7pm.

Please ask your daughter to book appointments with teachers.

Many thanks.

***Mrs C Levy
KS3 Pastoral Coordinator***

MEETING MARCUS!

On Tuesday 22nd June, a group of year 7 students travelled to hear author Marcus Sedgwick talk about his work and to have books signed by him.

Evelyn, Ellie, Holly, Anna, Flo and Yashwinii heard Marcus speak about his latest book 'Revolver' (which has been shortlisted for this year's Carnegie Medal) and how he was inspired to write it by finding a bullet cartridge on the streets of St Petersburg.

The girls considered him to be a very confident and inspiring speaker:

"He's really down to earth" – Holly

"He was really cool" – Anna

"A truly amazing author - Ellie

Each girl really enjoyed the talk and were thrilled to each get a book signed by him.

***Mrs A Wall
Librarian***



Summer Concert at STAGS

Tuesday 13th July 2010
7:30pm

Tickets : £5 Adults

£2.50 Children and Concessions

Refreshments and Cheese and Biscuits will be available to purchase OR, bring your own picnic!

Extended Schools



Linking Schools and the Community



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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**.



PARENTLINE PLUS- PARENTS WITH TEENAGERS IN HERTS CAN DEVELOP THEIR PARENTING SKILLS with a new online support service at www.gotateenager.org.uk

NEXUS SUMMER 2010 ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Available online at www.hertsextendedschools.org.uk/nestalbans or phone **07891 220250**

SOME OF THE NEW ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

DJ WORKSHOP (Years 6 – 8) Monday 2nd August

Interactive look at the art of DJing and turntablism! Learn about mixing music, scratching and much more.

BE ENERGISED (Years 6 – 8) Tuesday 3rd August

Introduction to the sport of fencing, pitstop lunch followed by multi-sports. Not to be missed.

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!



INTERNET SAFETY (CYBERBULLYING) – 1st July - For Years 6, 7 and Upwards

Cyberbullying can follow children into their private spaces and outside school hours. You are invited to join us for a thought provoking evening with Fiona Haynes from The Links. To be held at Sandringham School from 7.00pm-9.00pm. To reserve a place, call the Nexus office.

COME DINE WITH ME (Not Pot Noodle!) – Teenagers in Years 11, 12 and 13

An exciting project from Nexus for young people planning to live away from home. Cooking skills, shopping on a budget, looking after your health and body – great fun! The first course starts at Beaumont on 12th October and runs Tuesday evenings 6.45pm-8.15pm. Cost only £10.00 for the course. If you would like to persuade your teenager to sign up then contact Jo to reserve a place.

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.