



Paul Kershaw, Head of School

We have had an action filled and fantastically celebratory week at STAGS this week as can be seen by the following photographs. Thank you so much to all the staff that have made this week one that the students will remember for years to come and thank you to all students for demonstrating the STAGS Values of Ambition, Generosity and Success in their teamwork, effort and enthusiasm throughout this enthralling week.

I have reshared information about our competition to design a logo for Ambition Education Trust to all students across the school. There will be three final designs submitted from each of the ten schools with an overall winner and finalist designs shared. Please ask your child for more information about the competition. We will celebrate all entries shared and the new deadline is 22 April 2024. A huge well done to all students who put their poems forward for the Herts Just Talk Poetry Competition. The entries were of the highest quality and the English Department very much enjoyed reading them. They had the very difficult job of selecting one finalist from Key Stage 3 and one from Key Stages 4 and 5. Congratulations go to Ayla in Year 9 and Kulthoum in Year 10 who were selected as the STAGS finalists and have been entered into the competition. Many thanks to Miss Bews for overseeing the process.

Year 12s Zoe, Sabrina and Henna have built on their previous successes by winning the next round of the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition last weekend! They came first at the Central and East England Final held in Luton and will now compete in the National Final in Norwich in April! Many congratulations to this exceptional team and to Mrs Mathurin for supporting their brilliant winning streak. Year 10s braved the changeable weather last weekend when over half the year group set out for their practice expedition before the assessed one in June. The students were all fantastic. Thank you so much to Mrs Stevens and Mrs Flint for their support over the weekend in collaboration with Activ Adventures, our DofE provider.

The Under 18s Football Team played phenomenally on Monday in their final against Beaumont School narrowly missing out of the district cup two goals to three. A huge congratulations to the whole team for this year's successes as well as their journey here coached expertly by Mr Seabrook. Many thanks to all parents, carers, teachers and students who joined us to cheer on this pioneering and inspirational team.



The Spring House Cup was the most entertaining I have seen in my many years at the school. The effort House Captains, performers and those backstage put into the eight showcases was equally admirable and awe inspiring. Auster's 'Frozen', Bronte's 'Annie', Curie's 'Mamma Mia', Franklin's 'Tangled', Hepworth's 'Legally Blonde', Johnson's 'Pitch Perfect', Parks' 'Mean Girls' and Seacole's 'Barbie' were all very well received by the audience and judges alike. Highly polished choreography and vocal arrangements were mixed with comedy moments and poignant reflections making the judge's decisions extremely difficult. Outcomes are included below, well done to all participants and winners!

Students enthusiastically embraced every workshop, activity and guest speaker experience as part of our Diversity themed Personal Development Day yesterday. Highlights included the cultural dress fashion show, henna opportunities, making samosas, creative artwork exploring the cultures of our community and opportunities to hear about and be inspired by the experiences of guest speakers. The photographs demonstrate the exceptional opportunities for learning and reflection that were planned and implemented by Ms Taylor, Mrs Jarvis, Miss Lambert and all colleagues across the school.

Many thanks to all staff who will accompany students to France as well as on the skiing and netball trips this Easter break. We look forward to hearing about all of their adventures. Please have a wonderful and safe break. Many of you will be supporting Year 11 and Year 13 students with examination preparation - please make sure to start with Google Classroom and all of the resources that have been provided by departments. We have also shared end of term arrangements for these two year groups this week. Many thanks for all of the kind and thoughtful messages when I tried to end the term a day early this week too! We look forward to welcoming back all students on 15 April after a well deserved break.

With all best wishes,

Please click [here](#) to view the Enrichment Clubs/Activities - Summer 2024 timetable.



For an overview of our PSHE curriculum, please click [here](#)

SUPPORT TRUST AMBITION GENEROSITY SUCCESS



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SUPPORT TRUST AMBITION GENEROSITY SUCCESS

Two Choices

One small piece of litter,
One harmful poisonous piece of rubbish
Dropped on the ground.
The pile on the floor grows,
The green spaces on our planet shrink
And the chokehold around the earth's neck tightens
Gripping harder on Mother Nature's once healthy lungs.
You think, "I won't do it again,
It's just one piece of rubbish."
Mother Nature gazes at you reproachfully and asks:
"What happens if everyone drops litter?
What would become of the world?"
Bins overflowing,
The stench of rubbish filling the air
Of the once-clean streets.
But with the click of a finger,
It's reversed.
One small piece of litter
Lying on the ground.
You pick it up,
You take away one piece of toxin,
You encourage others to do the same.
Mother Nature looks at you with hope in her eyes and asks:
"What if everyone in the world picked up a piece of litter?
What would become of the world?"
New plants blooming,
The scent of flowers prominent,
Green grass, as fresh as a new carpet,
Shiny and new,
Soft and lush
Every time you make a decision,
No matter how miniscule,
You hold power in your hands:
The power of small.

Ayla McKenzie, Year 9

The Crevice

And here is a collection
A collection of my woes
Woes that I have blown up till they no longer fit in the throes
In the throes, in falls, in the pits and the cracks
The cracks in the crevice that I call a mind
A mind that has been wound and lost over time
It resides now, in the structure of my skull, empty and air filled with faded thoughts

Nothing good have these thoughts ever brought
And now here they lie
Spilled for you to see
Printed as bright as the blood within me
As true as the tip of my tongue when I talk
And as real as the rip of my ribs when I dare to respire - letters drip from my fingertips to dry on this screen
Screening the reflection of the screaming in the cracks of the crevice.

Kulthoum Hammad, Year 10



SPRING HOUSE CUP

AUSTEN – FROZEN



BRONTE – ANNIE

3rd
Place



CURIE – MAMMA MIA



FRANKLIN – TANGLED



HEPWORTH – LEGALLY BLOND



JOHNSON – PITCH PERFECT



PARKS – MEAN GIRLS

2nd
Place



SEACOLE – BARBIE

1st
Place





Diary Dates

Thursday 28 March

Non Uniform Day

Year 11 & Year 13 Reports to Parents

School closes at 12.20pm

Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April

Easter Holidays

Saturday 30 March - Sunday 7 April

Ski Trip (Year 8 - Year 13)

Monday 8 - Friday 12 April

Year 10 Malta Netball Tour

Monday 15 April

School starts with Registration at 8.35am on
Monday 15 April

Monday 15 - Monday 22 April

Year 9 Exams

Thursday 18 April

Year 10 Inter-House Sports

Friday 19 April

Year 7 Inter-House Sports

EID Celebrations

Monday 22 April

Year 8 Inter-House Sports

Tuesday 23 April

Year 9 Inter-House Sports

Tuesday 23 April - Friday 3 May

Year 10 Exams

Thursday 25 April

PTA Meeting, 7-8pm, LRC



Notices

Design a new...

LOGO

COMPETITION!

We are coming together as 10 schools and we need your help to design a logo for our new trust called ...

'Ambition Education Trust' (AET for short)

How to enter:
The Competition is open to EVERYONE in our 10 schools, you can submit your entry electronically or in paper formats.

THINK ABOUT:

- Brand identity: the logo should reflect our values of 'Aspire to Educational Excellence for All'
- Simplicity: keep your design simple and memorable for easy recognition
- Versatility: design a logo that looks good across different mediums and sizes, e.g business cards, letterheads, school signage, banners, social media
- Colour schemes: choose colours which compliment and evoke the right emotions

PRIZES:
Will be awarded for top ten entries in Junior and Senior age groups

Entries by: Monday ~~15th April 2024~~ (to your Headteacher)
22nd April 2024

**Please note
extended
deadline to
22nd April**



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Notices

St Albans Girls' School



Laboratory Technician Apprentice (Level 3)

8am - 4pm Monday To Friday

Term Time Only Plus One Week

Salary: £17,405

Required: ASAP

We are seeking to appoint a practical, enthusiastic and reliable Laboratory Technician Apprentice to assist the Science Department and work across all three sciences within the school.

Key Roles and Responsibilities

- Assisting and preparing raw materials
- Supporting the department in implementing relevant health and safety procedures
- Ensuring the reliability of equipment and apparatus, effecting minor repairs when necessary

Key benefits to being an employee of STAGS:

- A genuine commitment to staff wellbeing
- Excellent facilities
- All staff encouraged and supported in their personal development
- Desirable location to live or work
- Rail links to London and easy commute from M1 and M25

St Albans Girls' School:

- is graded an Outstanding World Class school with over 1,400 students, with high standards of behaviour
- is a highly successful and heavily oversubscribed school in St Albans
- GCSE results place us in the top 100 secondary school in the country and the top 3% nationally for student progress
- offers excellent opportunities for career development with a comprehensive ECT programme

For further details please visit www.stags.herts.sch.uk.

We are happy to discuss the position with you further, please email us at hr@stags.herts.sch.uk.

Closing Date for applications: 14 April 2024 at 9:00am

Interview Date: From 15 April 2024

Prospective candidates are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible as the school reserves the right to close the advert should we feel able to appoint an appropriate candidate.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

St Albans Girls' School is part of the ATLAS Multi Academy Trust based in Hertfordshire together with The Adeyfield Academy and Beech Hyde Primary School & Nursery. Our vision is to build a collaborative partnership of schools that provide outstanding educational provision through challenge and promoting excellence.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified candidates. We seek to ensure that all our staff feel valued, supported and enjoy exceptional professional development opportunities. For more information about ATLAS please visit our website.

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St Albans Girls' School



Assistant Site Manager

52 weeks

Full-Time, 37 hours - hours between 7am - 6pm and covering school events

Required: May 2024

Salary: H5.9 - H5.14 (depending on experience)

We are seeking to appoint a self-motivated and reliable Assistant Site Manager to join our fantastic site team. The successful candidate will have a sound knowledge of health and safety and the commitment and attention to detail required to maintain high standards throughout the school. The ability to work well in a team and engage positively with all staff at the school is essential.

Responsibilities:

- Supporting the Premises Manager, deputising as required
- Supporting with Compliance Management, in addition updating and maintaining records as required
- Carrying out routine maintenance, caretaking duties and basic repairs
- Security of the school buildings and grounds, opening and closing the site
- Supporting with school events
- Liaison with external contractors where necessary
- To contribute to a working environment which supports teaching and learning

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Closing Date for applications: 19th April 2024

Interview Date: 26th April 2024

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