



Dear Parents,

It has been good to catch up with some of you round and about this week, after my return from France with Form VI and the other staff in the early hours of Sunday morning. We had a fantastic time in Normandy, sampling delicacies from snails to crepes, a wide array of activities and, most important of all, speaking plenty of French with all instructions being carried out in the native language. As you may have heard, we had a return journey filled with memorable moments, catching the end of Storm Hannah. It is therefore a little late to say 'welcome back' to the School community but the first opportunity I have had to wish everyone, especially our newcomers, a very happy Summer Term, filled as always with plenty of activities, trips, performances and the usual highlight of Sports Day, on 29th June.



Staff News

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Lake, our Elocution teacher, will be retiring in July after an astonishing twenty nine years at St Hilda's. Mrs Lake has taught generations of LAMDA students and has inspired them to gain confidence in public speaking and performance in this very important area. Mrs Allsop has also decided not to return after her maternity leave. We thank her for her contribution to St Hilda's after four years, teaching Maths and Science at the top of the School and the last three as Director of Studies. Mrs Chisholm, who has been teaching Maths this year to Form V and Form VI, will join the permanent staff and will become Head of Maths from September.

Summer Holiday Club

A reminder that Mrs Bishop has sent out an expression of interest form this week for the Summer Holiday Club. Places are filling up fast so please book early to avoid disappointment.

A message from FOSH – Summer Ball

It is now one month until the fabulous FOSH Summer Ball and we are collecting prizes for our charity raffle. If anyone would like to donate a prize e.g. a voucher for an experience or retailer, bottle of champagne, restaurant vouchers etc. then please contact your FOSH rep. This year we are donating 50% of raffle takings to the local charity Home Start Hertfordshire. Many thanks for your support, we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Red Cross collection

We are pleased to support one of our Reception parents who is a Red Cross volunteer. Envelopes are coming home on Tuesday and we would be most grateful if you could spare any loose change that you are able to include. All envelopes should be returned to the School Office by Friday, 10th May. The Red Cross is well known for its sterling work nationally and internationally, however you may not be aware of the smaller, local areas close to Harpenden where there are people in desperate need of welfare. Thank you for your support.

ISA

Congratulations to Isobel and Eva in Form IV who were highly commended in the ISA Easter Egg Competition. Also to Helena and Chloe who were both ranked in the top 50 for the ISA National Cross Country Competition in March. Well done, girls!

With best wishes

Mr Sayers
Headmaster

OPEN DAY VOLUNTEERS

We are holding an open morning next week on Thursday 9th May between 9.30am and 11.30am.

If there are any parents who could spare a couple of hours to come in and speak to prospective parents, please let the Office staff know. Thank you for your support.

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New Shop Address: Stevensons, 10 Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2TL

Email: harpendenbranch@stevensons.co.uk

What can be collected from the Store?

Whatever school uniform or sportswear you order online from your account at www.stevensons.co.uk can be delivered direct to the new Harpenden store for you to pick up, as long as you opt to use our free 'Click & Collect' service.

You'll be able to pick up your order as soon as you receive email confirmation that it has been delivered to the store.



Not sure what you need?

If you aren't sure of the sizes or the range of items you need, stock of both uniform and sportswear will remain at our St Albans branches, so please continue to visit us there.

Our trained Sales Advisors will have the time to guide you through the uniform and sportswear approved for your school and advise on recommended quantities.

Your child will be able to try on garments to make sure that you are happy with the fit of each item.

Child starting at a new school?

We recommend booking a one-to-one appointment online, at our St. Albans store.

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