

*Academic Year
2008-2009*

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A Year in Pictures



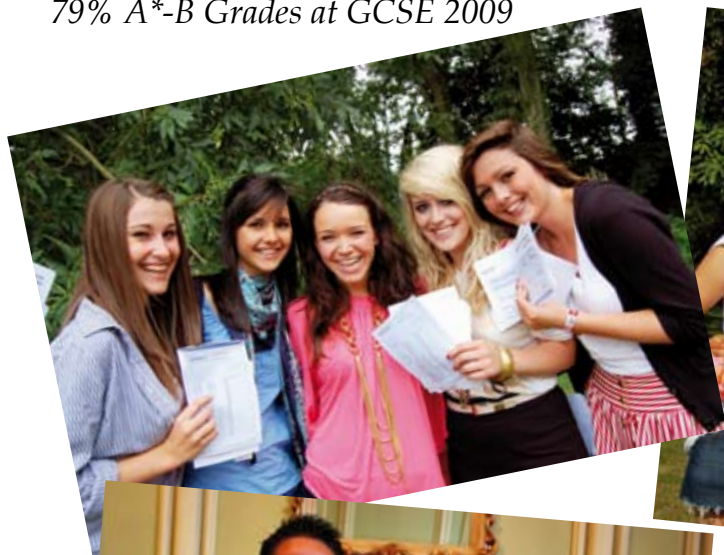
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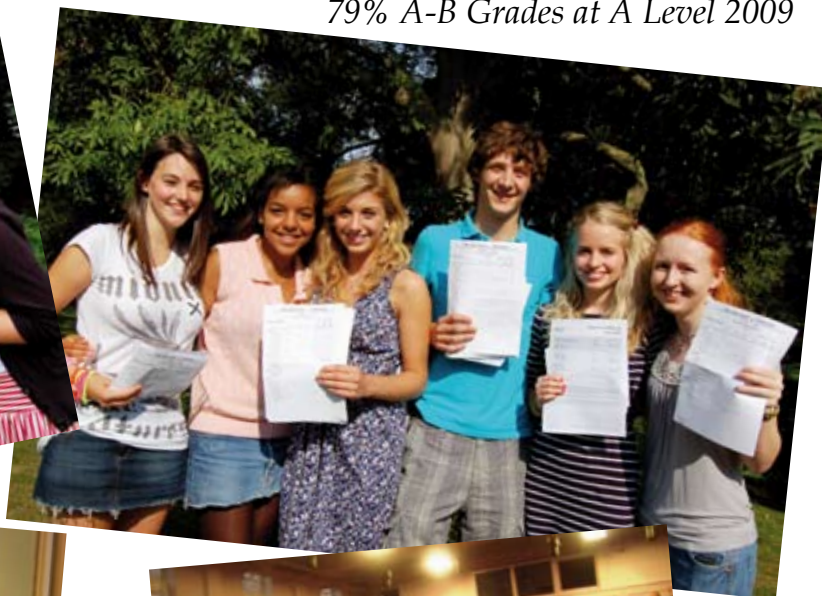
*Principal
Katherine Jeffrey*

We hope you enjoy this review of highlights of the academic year 2008-09. The school is flourishing in so many ways, with a record school roll of over 1,000 boarding and day students, which is the greatest in the school's 366-year history. New Hall has been acknowledged as "the fastest growing independent Catholic school in the UK" (*The Universe*, 25 October 2009). The recession-beating 55% growth in student numbers from 2007-09 is understood to be a national record across all types of independent schools. New Hall is now the largest Catholic boarding and day school in the UK.

Record Numbers Achieve 9-11 A*-A Grades
79% A-B Grades at GCSE 2009*



Record University Success for New Hall
79% A-B Grades at A Level 2009



Good Schools Guide Award for ICT

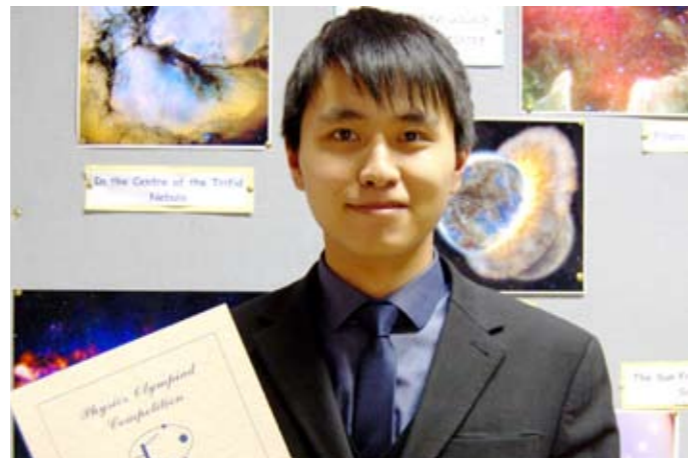


OMEGA Oxbridge Programme Launch

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Sixth Form New York Trip
February 2009



Fred Tan was awarded a Gold Medal in the national Chemistry Olympiad, a Gold Medal in the Senior Mathematics Challenge and a Silver Medal in the national Physics Olympiad



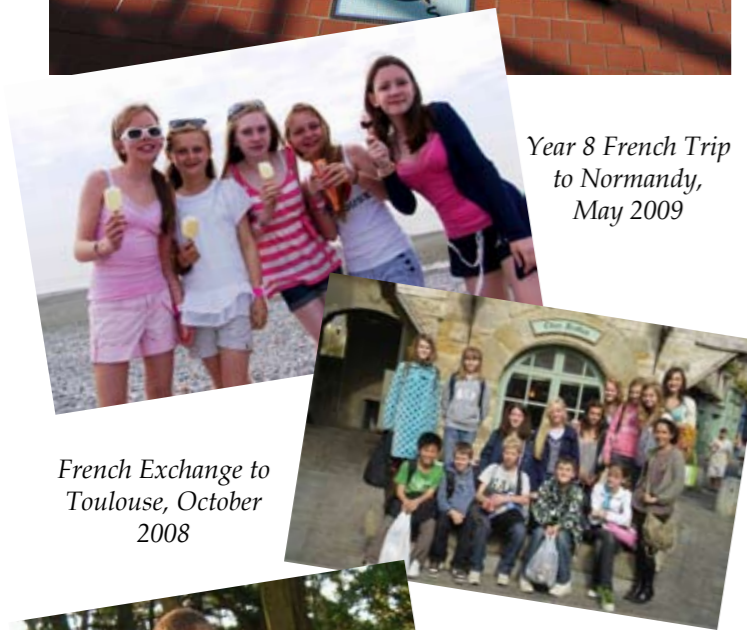
OMEGA lecture on Oxbridge admissions by Oxford University Student Liaison Officer, Julia Richardson, September 2009



Launch of *The Secret Goldfish*, an Anthology of Poetry & Prose by New Hall students, April 2009



Year 7 students work with the Enterprising Science Group for a day-long BP Science Workshop, March 2009



Year 8 French Trip to Normandy, May 2009



Head Boy Daniel Kohout achieved 5 As at A Level 2009 and secured his place at Jesus College, Cambridge, to read Theology

French Exchange to Toulouse, October 2008

Events



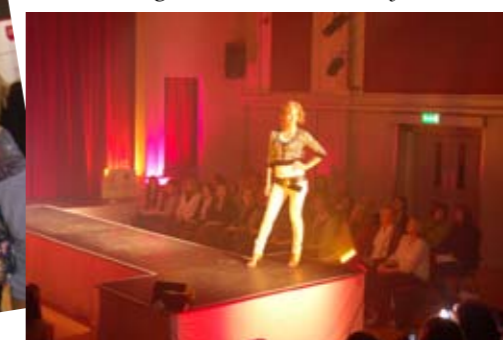
Author Alison Weir, Guest of Honour at the Annual Literary Dinner, October 2008; The Right Reverend Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood, with confirmation candidates in February 2009; Sr Teresa CRSS (Prioress and Governor), Fr Frank Jackson (Chaplain), Prof Michael Alder (Chairman of Governors) & Katherine Jeffrey (Principal) at the opening of the new Chaplaincy Centre in The Barn, Foundation Day, October 2008



Frank Bruno, former WBC Heavyweight Champion and current New Hall parent, opening the fabulous new Fitness Centre and changing rooms on Sports Day, June 2009



Exhibition Day prizewinners & scholars 2009, with Guest of Honour Prof Michael Thorne, Vice Chancellor of Anglia Ruskin University



Students at the Year 11 Celebration Evening, October 2008; audiences are wowed at the NHVS Fashion Show which raised funds in aid of the NHVS Children's Holiday, March 2009; the end of an era: students celebrate at the Year 13 Leavers' Ball, July 2009

Old Fishes



CNN's Chief International Correspondent, Christiane Amanpour (New Hall 1969-76) launched her new flagship live interview show in September 2009. Christiane has reported around the globe for CNN for more than 25 years.



Celebrity handbag & fashion designer, Anya Hindmarch (New Hall 1979-86), was awarded an MBE at Buckingham Palace for services to the British fashion industry in June 2009.



We were delighted to welcome many Old Fishes and members of the Religious Community to the reunion on Exhibition Day, July 2009.



Stefanie Kemball-Read (New Hall 1985-92) performed at the annual St Cecilia's Day Concert in November 2008. After initially pursuing a career in the City, she graduated with distinction from the Trinity College of Music postgraduate programme and is now working as a professional opera singer.

Old Fishes' Association

The Old Fishes' Association maintains regular contact with former students, parents and staff, via newsletters, reunions, the careers network and social events.



Contact: OFA Coordinator, Mrs Libby Searle (née Knight) (New Hall 1991-1996), on 01245 467 588 or by email on l.searle@newhallschool.co.uk.



Rachel Owens (Vice Principal), Anya Hindmarch & Katherine Jeffrey (Principal) at the opening of the new Technology Centre at New Hall. Anya was also Guest of Honour at the Year 13 Leavers' Ball, July 2009.

Charity & Service



Senior Prefects 2009
Head Boy, James Pinkerton; Head Girl, Laura Beatty; Deputy Head Boy, Martin Jonak; Deputy Head Girl, Asha Budahn



Members of the Chamber Choir were invited to sing at the launch of the Cards for Good Causes Appeal, November 2008.



Current & former students join forces to help at a Charity Race for Haven House Hospice held at the Great Leigh's Racecourse, November 2008.



Charities Prefect, Sophie Blythe-Tinker, presents a cheque for £2,200 to CAFOD representative Sean O'Leary, February 2009.



Madame Marshall, with the hundreds of Shoeboxes that were sent to Romania for Christmas 2008; New Hall students on a working pilgrimage to Lourdes in July 2009; Head of Religious Education, Katherine Edwards, presents a cheque for over £2,000 to Sr Petronella and Sr Agnes to help build a literacy centre in Rwanda, Exhibition Day 2009



Performing Arts



New Hall Music School hosts the London Symphony Orchestra's Balinese Gamelan, September 2008



Senior Choir sing at Westminster Cathedral, London May 2009



Ballet Show, June 2009



Pop for the Planet, December 2008; New Hall X Factor winner, Hannah Liddell, February 2009; Fusion, June 2009



Annual Dance Show, Finale '09, at the Civic Theatre Chelmsford, July 2009

Music, Dance & Drama



New Hall Music School Clarinet Masterclass, with Michael Whight, Principal Clarinet in the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, September 2008



Diane Wong (Year 11) wins the Eric Royale Memorial Trophy in the Chelmsford & District Organists' Association Organ Competition, March 2009



Drama Scholar, Theo Stephenson (pictured right), as Cupid in the National Theatre's production of Dido, Queen of Carthage, June 2009



Senior School Production of Larkrise, December 2008



Sport



Essex Champions 2009
U13 New Hall 'Griffins' Rugby Team, March 2009



Winners of the U19XI Essex County Girls' Hockey Tournament, March 2009



Winners of the U13 VII CESSA Hockey Tournament, March 2009



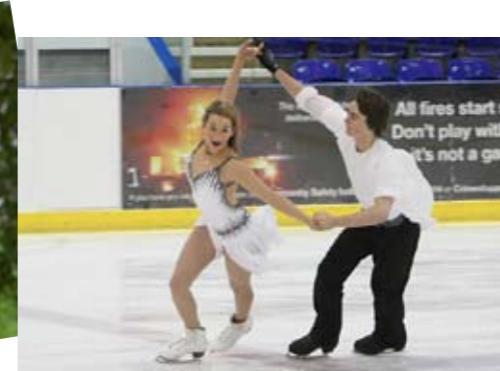
3rd Annual East of England U12 Rugby Sevens Tournament held at New Hall, March 2009



Winners of the HSBC Emerging Schools Tournament at Twickenham Stadium, May 2009



Jessica Tappin (Year 13) represents Great Britain for heptathlon; Sarah May Coward (Year 11) represents the UK in the national figure skating championships; Kate Maxey (Year 12) is selected for the England U18 hockey team



Runners up in the Girls' Schools Association Tennis Competition, May 2009; Mid-Essex relay swimming champions; winners of the Felsted Tennis Challenge, June 2009



Harriet Bradford (Year 12) is selected for the British U25 team for Horse Carriage Racing; the New Hall Equestrian Team achieve 7th place in the National Schools' Jumping Championships; equestrian display on May Open Day 2008



Tennis tour to Surrey, May 2009; ski trip to Tremblant, Canada, February 2009; hockey tour to Brighton, February 2009



Sport



Sports Awards Winners 2009



Fisher House wins Sports Day, June 2009



Staff v Student hockey, March 2009; inter-house golf, June 2009; Gentlemen v Scholars cricket match, Exhibition Day, July 2009



New Hall Triathlon, September 2008; Year 10 MESSA rounders champions, June 2009; the New Hall fencing team win their first competitive fixture of 2009

Time Team

In February half-term 2009, Channel 4's Time Team spent 3 days at New Hall excavating areas at the front of school for a special documentary exploring the lost palaces of King Henry VIII. The programme was broadcast on Easter Monday 2009.



Old Fish & archeologist Nicola Wager helps the team out; Tony Robinson with one of the finds; Time Team regular Dr Phil Harding excavating the gatehouse trench.



Sr Mary Stephen shows Dr Jonathan Foyle her research on the school building; architectural historian Dr Jonathan Foyle with Time Team's Tony Robinson; the big hole in the car park reveals the remains of the Tudor palace's chapel.

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About New Hall 2009

Today New Hall operates an unusual and highly successful 'diamond model' structure, i.e. co-education in the Preparatory School (ages 3-11), single-sex education in the Boys' Division and Girls' Division and co-education in the Sixth Form. In this way, New Hall provides the best of both worlds; the benefits of a co-educational environment together with the advantages of girls and boys being taught separately from age 11-16.

The values of the founding Religious Community continue to be lived out through, for example, a strong sense of community, a vibrant chaplaincy and the charitable work of the New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS). As the 500th anniversary year of the succession of King Henry VIII to the throne, 2009 has been a special year of celebration of New Hall's heritage. Channel 4's Time Team conducted the first ever archaeological dig around New Hall's Grade I listed main building, unearthing the foundations of King Henry's VIII's great palace of Beaulieu, on which Hampton Court was modelled. The £15m investment programme has culminated this year in the completion of first class facilities, including a Technology Centre, a Chaplaincy Centre, a stunning new fitness suite, changing

rooms and the magnificent new Priory Court. Priory Court, opened by Sr Margaret Mary Horton CRSS, is the new home of the Mathematics, ICT, Religious Education and Modern Languages Departments.

New Hall students have excelled themselves academically, breaking records at GCSE and A Level and winning national awards in various subjects. In 2009, New Hall was ranked as "the top co-educational private Catholic school in the country following the A-level results" (The Catholic Herald, 28 August 2009). 79% of grades were at A-B, with a third of Year 13 achieving 3, 4 or 5 A grades at A2 Level; these results were achieved by the largest Sixth Form cohort in New Hall's history. A remarkable 115 A Level modules – in a range of subjects from sciences to humanities to languages – were awarded a perfect 100% score. 9 out of 10 Sixth Form leavers achieved their first choice university. In January 2009, New Hall was ranked 1st in Essex and 55th in England in the value-added league tables (based on A Level results 2008), out of 5,683 schools. New Hall was the only school in Essex to achieve a score in the top 5% nationally.

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