

# What's New?

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Dear Parents

## Fishes Formal



On Friday 14 May, the New Hall School Alumni Old Fishes Association hosted its first "Fishes Formal". We were delighted to welcome back over 70 former students and their guests, who were joined by the outgoing Senior Prefect team. The evening began with a champagne reception in The Barn, where there was the opportunity to see hundreds of old photographs and reminisce about school days. Following this in the North Room, Sr Margaret Mary Horton (former student, housemistress, headmistress and member of the Religious Community) spoke as the Guest of Honour. It was wonderful to hear her talk so movingly about her time at New Hall and also about the wonderful work that the Community are now undertaking in their new homes. The splendid meal was enjoyed by all and the conversation flowed until late into the evening. It was a wonderful occasion and an event which I am sure will become an annual tradition.

## English

### *Clockhouse Theatre Company visit*

Year 8 students recently enjoyed a visit from the Clockhouse Theatre Company who put on an excellent performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

### *Times Spelling Bee Competition*

Four Year 7 students took part for the first time in The Times Spelling Bee Competition at the end of last term: Henry Baird, Dionne Wong, Charlie Treacher and Alexandra Malyon-Davies. They performed well in the regional round against tough competition, yet failed to take one of the top places. However, it was a great experience and gave us an idea on how to prepare our team for next year!

### *GCSE English Language and Literature Revision Workshop*

On Saturday 15 May, the English Department held an intensive revision workshop for all Year 11 students from

9.00am to 1.00pm. There was an overwhelmingly positive response, with over 50 students participating. The students attending were engaged in revision and exam technique throughout the morning and were given practical advice on how to achieve the highest marks possible. Miss Campbell and Miss Byrne led the first session, focussing on the English language papers, whilst Mrs Harris ran the second, focussing on English literature. All in all it was a very productive morning.

## Modern Languages

### *Russian Essay Competition 2010*



Six New Hall students took part in this year's prestigious Russian Essay Competition. There were 186 participants in total from leading academic schools, colleges and universities with a very high standard of work seen throughout. Congratulations to Henry Zweering (Year 10) and Nikolay Avakyan (Year 9), who were both prize winners, and also to Adil Safarov (Year 10), Ivan Frolov (Year 10), Andrew Kundin (Year 10) and Georgy Zakharyev (Year 9), who received certificates of participation.

### *French Musical*

On Wednesday 19 May, students from all years took the opportunity to watch a French musical in the Eaton Theatre after school. Enjoying the film in a cinema atmosphere, the students learned about Louis XIV and his life in a time of unrest in France. An English synopsis was available, in order for the students to better understand the plot and many students recognised the music, which Miss Rudgley plays in her French classes. The students thoroughly enjoyed this cultural, musical and French experience.

## Art

### *Art Exhibitions*

Until the end of term, there will be a changing display of student work in the Art Department. At present, GCSE examination work is on display. After half term we will be

mounting the AS Level display and towards the end of term it will be the A2 work which will be the main focus. Nearer the end of term, we will also be holding our annual Private View for the families and friends of our AS and A Level students. If you would like to come in and view the work you are welcome to do so most evenings after school, between 4.45pm and 6.00pm. Please ask at Reception if you are interested.

## Music

### *Lunchtime Recital*

This week's lunchtime recital featured Beau Lyons (Year 9) on piano, performing *Top Cat* and Saint Saens' *The Elephant* from the *Carnival of the Animals*. Year 12 Music student, Alice Green, performed her own composition *Vivace* as part of a flute quartet, together with Alice, Lara-Jayne Ellice (Year 12), Diane Wong (Year 12) and Asha Budahn (Year 13). This was met with great acclaim. To end the concert, Year 10 student Serena Saenz-Moliner performed a beautiful arrangement of the Gershwin classic *Summertime*. Do join us for the next recital after the half-term holiday.

### *FUSION Auditions*

Thank you to all the students who took part in the recent auditions for FUSION 10. We had a very high number of students auditioning and it was by far the highest standard to date. We look forward to the event, which takes place on Wednesday 23 June 2010.

### *Exam Results*

Congratulations to Eleanor Kibblewhite (Year 9), who has passed her Grade 6 singing examination with Merit, and Stephanie Freestone (Year 9) who has passed her piano Grade 3 examination.

### *Flutewise workshop*

On Thursday 6 May, a group of flautists from the Senior and Preparatory School were selected to participate in a Flutewise workshop exploring experimental flute sounds with Ian Clarke, a leading composer and performer. Following the workshop, they opened a concert at Chelmsford Cathedral, playing Ian's composition *Zig Zag Zoo*. Ian Clarke then gave an outstanding performance. Trevor Wye, a leading flute educationalist, also treated the students to an entertaining performance, playing a vast collection of flutes and whistles from around the world. This was a fantastic experience for our flautists.

## Cooking for NHVS



Members of the NHVS lunch groups had special meals this week, prepared entirely by students in their cookery classes. At the Tuesday Tuck-In (pictured), the guests were treated to a chicken in cider & mustard casserole, which was made by Year 9 boys, followed by Eve's pudding and ice-cream, made by Year 8 girls. It was declared a huge success by the groups and gave the students an insight into catering for large groups. It is hoped that students will have the opportunity to cook for NHVS again in the future.

## Sport

For full write-ups please see: [www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)

### *Cricket*



The New Hall Cricket academy was delighted to welcome Essex First Team player, Tony Palladino, for a training session with Year 7 & 8 cricketers. The focus of the training, which was held in the new outdoor nets on Six Acres, was bowling. All students benefitted from Tony's wealth of experience.

## Equestrian Team Success

*NSEA Show Jumping Qualifier at Norton Heath*



New Hall hosted our first ever NSEA Show Jumping Championship Qualifier on Saturday 15 May. Congratulations to the New Hall teams who qualified for the NSEA National Show Jumping Championships in the 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 1m height categories. Our Open Team of Madeleine Taylor (Year 9), Gabriella Oxlade (Year 9), Annabel Schwier (Year 12) and Anna Giles (Year 12) also became Essex Champions. Our riders did exceptionally well in the individual jumping classes, with Scott Taylor (Year 5) coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 70cm, Pippa O'Riley (Year 8) winning the

70cm, and Madeleine Taylor (Year 9) coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1m. These riders qualified individually for the NSEA National Championships. Lucy Salter (Year 8), Annabel Schwier, Anna Giles and Gabriella Oxlade also received individual placings in the competition. Well done also to all of the other members of our team who rode fantastically well over a long and challenging course against some tough opposition. All riders contributed to some outstanding results, of which the whole team should be very proud. Our thanks go to Michael Paveley, Director of Riding, and Katie Hamilton-Farey, Head of Equestrian, for the organisation of the event. We are also grateful for the wonderful team of staff, parents, students and friends, who prepared our riders for this competition and helped on the day to make this event run so smoothly.

### Tennis

#### U13&U15 Boys v West Hatch High School Results

New Hall won 10-6

Player of the Match: Hugh Macfarlane

#### U14, U15 & U16 Boys Independent Schools League, Round One

The New Hall U15 team recorded some impressive results when they travelled to Eton College on Saturday 8 May to play in Round 1 of the Independent Schools league. New Hall U15 boys beat Eton College, Wellington College and Sevenoaks School. The boys all conducted themselves beautifully and were a credit to the school.

#### U14, U15, U16 v Eton, Wellington College & Sevenoaks Results

U14 Boys 4<sup>th</sup>, U15 Boys 1<sup>st</sup>, U16 Boys 4<sup>th</sup>

Players of the Match:

U14 Daniel Cotton, U15 George Styles, U16 Samuel Jones



#### Round Two

Round 2 of The Independent Schools Tennis league saw vast improvement for the U14 boys and also continued the U15 boys' unbeaten run with two draws against Bradfield College and Radley and a 6-0 win over Epsom College.

Results:

U14	U15	U16
v Bradfield	v Bradfield	v Bradfield
drew 3-3	drew 3-3	lost 0-6
v Epsom	v Epsom	v Epsom
drew 3-3	on 6-0	lost 0-6
v Radley	v Radley	v Radley
lost 0-6	drew 3-3	lost 0-6

Players of the Match:

U14 Samuel Johnson, U15 George Styles, U16 Tobias Tay-Smith

#### U18 Boys & Girls Essex League Results

U18 Boys v White Hall Tennis Club lost 3-3

U18 Girls v Danbury Tennis Club won 6-0

Players of the Match:

Benedict Mynard and Ella Dziewulski

#### U15 Girls v Chigwell School Results

New Hall lost 3-5

Player of the Match: Nadia Wheadon

#### U13 & U15 Aegon National Schools Tennis Results

U15 Boys won 3-3

Southend High School B won on a tie-break 10-6

Player of the Match: Thomas Styles

U13 & U15 Girls lost to Southend & Chelmsford County High

Player of the Match: Esme Clarke

#### U13 & U15 Boys and Girls v Bancrofts Results

New Hall won 6-2

Players of the Match: Gregory Oxlade and Caroline Buckley

### Sailing

James (Year 9) and Kathryn Hutton-Penman (Year 7) both sailed in the Optimist Inland Championship last weekend. There were 230 sailors competing from all over the country and conditions were difficult, with a very shifty breeze. Kathryn finished ended up 155<sup>th</sup> overall. James sailed brilliantly and with three top ten finishes in six races (4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) ending up 19<sup>th</sup> overall and winning a trophy for finishing in the top 20. Next stop for James is a four-day residential training camp over half term for the top 30 Optimist sailors in the country, for which James has been selected. We wish James every success.

### Swimming

Well done to Courtney Sanders (Year 7) and Oliver Swallow (Year 7), who have both been selected to swim for Essex at the Inter-Regional Championships this July. This is the second time that Courtney has been selected and this year she is one of only 4 to be selected from Chelmsford Swimming Club. Oliver has been selected for the first time and is one of only two to be selected from Halstead Swimming Club.

### Rounders

#### U14 & U15 v St Edmund's School Results



On Thursday 13 May, the U14 and U15 teams played

against St Edmunds School. The U14 team, led by Jessica Belton, scored a tentative 2 rounders in the first innings and 4 players were caught out. Their opponents scored 5½ rounders in their first innings! However, everyone showed much greater determination in the second half, when Ellie Dhanjal scoring 2 brilliant rounders to the right side of the pitch. She was well-supported by another 2 from Emily Treacher, 1½ from Fleur Langford and ½ s from Jessica and Clara Vasquez. The final score was 10½ - 8½ to St Edmunds. The U15 team played an exciting game, with many rounders scored in both innings, and several falls. Rebecca Murphy bowled consistently and was well supported by her team, with a final score of 16½ to 16 to St Edmunds.

### *Riding*

#### *Extra-Curricular Riding Lessons*

From 12 July 2010, lessons will be moved to Runningwell Equestrian Centre in Warren Road, Rettendon. Extra-curricular riding lessons will therefore cease at Park Lane Riding School on the last lesson of term during the week Monday 28 June 2010. Ruth Dowie, the proprietor of Runningwell has arranged an opening evening exclusively for New Hall families to visit and view the facilities on Friday 11 June, 5.00-8.00pm. Please contact Katie Hamilton-Farey, Head of Riding if you would like to attend (k.hamilton@newhallschool.co.uk).

### **Events**

#### *U12 20/20 Cricket Festival for the "Joe Hussain Trophy"*

Come along on Saturday 22 May to support our U12 team in the Cricket Festival. There will be refreshments throughout the day, a raffle and of course the opportunity to watch some excellent cricket! Games will start at 10.00am and 2.00pm. Please see [www.newhallschool.co.uk/events](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/events) for more details.

#### *Ladies Day at the Preparatory School*

You are warmly invited to join us at our Ladies Day on Saturday 5 June from 11.00am-4.00pm. A day of indulgence is in store, with stalls selling beauty products, clothes & fashion accessories, jewellery, cookware, cakes and lots more! There will also be music and entertainment to enjoy throughout the day. Raffle proceeds, donations and half of the £2.50 entry fee will go to CAFOD. For more information please visit, [www.theessexeventscompany.co.uk](http://www.theessexeventscompany.co.uk), and click on "Ladies Days".

#### *NHVS Quiz Night*

Please note that tonight's event has been cancelled and has been re-scheduled for Friday 19 November. Mrs Williams will be arranging refunds for those that have already purchased tickets.

#### *RDA Ball*

Thank you to all of you who supported the RDA at the Ball on Friday 7 May. The event raised £2,700, which was a great response. It is not too late to make a donation; you can download a gift aid form from [www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk) and then send with a cheque made payable to 'RDA (New Hall Group)', to Ian M Forder Accountants, Lyttleton House, 64 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1SW.

### **Spend the summer in Spain!**

Would you like to improve your Spanish over the summer? There is the opportunity to spend from 1 to 4 weeks living with a family in Zaragoza, North Spain. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Smart or Miss Marqués for further information.

### **Lost Property**

Dominic Walmsley (Year 8) has lost a pair of named cricket trousers. If found, could these please be taken to the Senior School Reception.

### **Travel**

A daily bus service will be starting from Beaulieu Park in September 2010. If you are interested in this service, please contact Mrs G Phillips for more information on 01245467588 or [g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



Katherine Jeffrey

**PRINCIPAL**

### **Forthcoming Events:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
Sat 22 May	9.00am	New Hall U12A 20/20 Cricket Festival
Tue 25 May	1.00pm	Years 7-13 & Staff Cricket v Gentleman or Essex
Fri 28 May	4.30pm	Half term commences
Mon 7 June		Term re-commences

## **BRAIN CHALLENGE**

### **Brain Challenge Number 11 Solution**

Whose face of death has saved many, many lives?

*Thomas Boon's mother correctly identified 'Resusci-Annie' the doll used to train first aiders in the techniques of resuscitation. Annie's face is the death mask taken from a drowning victim pulled from the Seine in Paris. Annie is short for anonymous as her identity was never known.*

### **And here is the next challenge:**

How many cats are in a small room if in each of the four corners a cat is sitting, and opposite each cat there sit 3 cats, and at each cat's tail a cat is sitting?

See Dr Thomas with the first correct solution to win a prize.