

What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents

University Award from England Hockey

We were delighted to hear this week that Kate Maxey (Year 13), outgoing Sports Captain, has been awarded a National Performance Centre place at Loughborough University. This has been awarded by England Hockey to only 6 girls from this year's U18 England squad. Kate already holds a place to read Sports Science with Geography at Loughborough. The award will allow Kate to follow an elite training programme whilst at university. She will also receive sponsorship to assist her in completing her degree. It will give Kate the opportunity to access top quality coaching at a university renowned for its hockey success, whilst also continuing her studies.



National Tennis Finalists

Congratulations to the U19 Boys' Tennis Team who have reached the final 16 of the Glanvill Cup, the most highly regarded national tennis tournament in the UK. The finals take place this week and the boys will compete for a ranking in the top 16 in the UK. It is a remarkable achievement to get this far, given that three out of four of the team are playing out of age group. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing the results.



Year 13 Leavers' Ball



We were delighted to welcome Dame Denise Holt DCMG, Old Fish (1965-67) and former British Ambassador to Spain and Andorra, as Guest of Honour at the Year 13 Leavers' Ball on Saturday 3 July. It was a wonderful evening – splendid company and food, with dancing afterwards to a great band. Dame Denise was inspirational in her talk, encouraging our leavers to seize every opportunity in life and not to be afraid of taking different paths along the way, allowing their career and interests to evolve and adapt. Outgoing Head Girl, Laura Beatty, and Head Boy, James Pinkerton, gave witty and affectionate reflections on life at New Hall and shared memories. We wish our leavers all the best for the future.

Sports Awards Evening



We were delighted to welcome Nasser Hussain, former England Cricket Captain and current Cricket Professional at New Hall, as the Guest of Honour at the Sports Awards Evening on 6 July. Nasser inspired everyone with his address, encouraging students to believe in themselves and to make the most of the wonderful opportunities their parents have generously given them by sending them to New Hall. He gave wise counsel about the determination

and perseverance needed to make it to the top in sport, as well as the value of simply enjoying sport for its many benefits and the great teamwork experienced. The Teams of the Year were the boys' U18 tennis team and the girls' U13 netball team. The Principal's Awards for Sport went to: Stephen Tully, Rosie Oxlade (Year 7); Matthew Crawley, Tara King (Year 8); Casey Morgan, Annabel Hockley (Year 9); Samuel Prebble, Alexandra Marler (Year 10); Clara Spicer (Year 11); James Pinkerton and Annabel Schwier (Sixth Form). The Sportsmen/women of the Year were: Henry Baird, Eleanor McCaffrey (Year 7); George Styles, Ailish Hunt (Year 8); George Perkins, Charlotte Burnham (Year 9); Thomas Styles, Nadia Wheadon (Year 10); Ella Dziejewski (Year 11) and Kate Maxey (Sixth Form). Congratulations to these and all the student prizewinners.

Blessing of the New Statue of Our Lady

On 4 July, we were delighted to invite our Chaplain Fr Frank Jackson, parish priest of Springfield, to bless the new statue of Our Lady, above the entrance to the main building. The statue has been modelled on the original statue that was bought with donations by Sister M Mary Alphonsa Corney CRSS, 12th Prioress, and Sister M Aloysia Francis Pereira CCRS and that was placed at first on a stone corbel over the Chapel door. The new statue was sculptured by Harry Gray of The Carving Workshop Limited, who came to the blessing with his family, including his daughter who had helped with the sculpture. We are grateful for the £12,000 legacy of Thos Parsons, whose generosity made the creation of the new statue possible. We were very pleased to welcome Thos' son, Jonathan Parsons, and his daughter Ellen Sweeney, together with her husband Peter and daughter Olivia. We also welcomed Sister Teresa Lenahan CRSS, Prioress and New Hall Governor, and Sr Angela Morris CRSS (Old Fish), New Hall Governor.

Sports Day

Sports Day took place on Saturday 26 June with, for once, beautiful sunshine! It was a most enjoyable event, enhanced by Mr Clark's amusing commentary. Congratulations to Pole House who were the overall winners. There were some exceptional performances from students across the board, with 15 school records being broken. A particular mention must go to George Perkins (Year 9), who smashed the 100m record with an impressive time of 10.98 seconds. George will be representing Essex at the England Schools' Championships this summer and we wish him every success.



Dance Show



Congratulations to the many students who took part in this year's exceptional dance show at the Civic Theatre. The theme of *World* took the audience on a journey across the globe, experiencing many cultures and styles. It was a wonderful event and our thanks go to Mrs Molina and her team for their hard work.

Charitable Work

Fundraising for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The Senior Prefect Team have been raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS). A non-uniform day took place on 2 July and a (biodegradable) balloon release, planned for the Senior School Sports Day, happened after the Preparatory School Sports Day, following a helium shortage with a local supplier! Both events were very well supported. Together these events have raised over £750 for the BCCS. In addition, Ella Banks and Francesca Bumpstead (Year 7) have raised £51 for the charity by selling cakes in the Common Room.

Race for Life

Congratulations to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Sidwell and Mrs Shiner, who took part in the Race for Life at Hyland's Park on Sunday 4 July. To help raise money and awareness for Cancer Research, the PE staff sold cakes and plants in the staff room and held a raffle offering personal training sessions. There was great support from all of the Preparatory School and Senior School staff, helping to raise £400. In total, the group have raised over £1,000. Congratulations to Mrs Jones who participated in the 5km run and came 12th out of over 6,000 runners. In the gruelling 10km run, Mrs Johnson did superbly to finish 7th out of 1,500 runners. The PE staff would like to thank everyone who has supported them so far in their fundraising; any further donations would be greatly appreciated. Please visit, www.raceforlifesporsorme.org and select New Hall PE Teachers, to make a donation.

Fundraising for Little Havens Children's Hospice

Congratulations to Hannah Liddell (Year 12), who organised a ball for Little Havens Children's Hospice and raised an outstanding £30,000! Hannah organised the black tie event in her own time, as part of her Business Studies A Level Extended Project. The charity was extremely impressed by Hannah's efforts and professionalism and she has agreed to support the Hospice with their Young Ambassador scheme.

NHVS Children's Holiday Appeal

Thank you for your donations so far. We are still in great need of the following: individual cakes; bottles of squash for teatime; boys' clothes aged 6-8 years (jeans, t-shirts, & wet weather gear) and small monetary contributions for fruit & daily purchases. Any items may be left at Reception and marked for NHVS, with your name and son/daughter's tutor group.

NHVS Strawberry Tea

The annual NHVS Strawberry Tea took place on 2 July with many of our friends from NHVS attending the celebration. It was a wonderful occasion, with endless bowls of strawberries and beautiful cakes and scones made by Mrs Munro. The Preparatory School Infant Choir entertained the audience with a variety of songs from their repertoire, which included Daniel Holt (1G) singing a beautiful solo in *Peace like a River*, an amusing song to all Grandmothers and *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines*. The audience were delighted and the choir really enjoyed the experience.

Science

On 12 October, we will be welcoming Dr Diane Aston from the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining. She will give an interactive lecture, *Materials - It's Elementary*, to Year 10 students during their Science lessons. At lunchtime, there will be an opportunity for students and staff to hear Dr Aston speak about *Materials in Action*, which will be of particular relevance to those studying AS or A2 Level science subjects and is also open to all who are interested. All lectures will take place in the Eaton Theatre. Please let Mrs Thomas know if you would like to book a seat for the lunchtime lecture.

Modern Languages

New Hall recently welcomed 27 French exchange students from Montastruc, near Toulouse, on a return trip after the New Hall students' visit in October 2009. Students enjoyed a wide variety of trips, from Duxford Museum to The Tower of London. They also experienced British culture and cuisine by living with host families. A barbecue was held on the last night and the French students were introduced to the "bizarre" game of rounders! Thank you to all the host families for making the French students so welcome.

Classics

Trip to Fishbourne Palace

Year 9 students enjoyed a visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace near Chichester this week. They were able to visit the palace grounds and see the original mosaics in situ. They also walked around the formal gardens, which have been replanted following the design of the Roman trenches preserved beneath. They took part in workshops on domestic life and building in Roman Britain. They also participated in an audio-visual workshop reconstructing many areas of the palace.

Music

Associated Board Music Examinations

We were delighted to welcome former Director of Music, Peter Broadbent, back to New Hall for the recent series of Associated Board music examinations. We had the biggest ever entry from the school, with 84 students taking grades,

from preparatory tests through to the top Grade 8. We look forward to the results in a couple of weeks' time.

Music for a Summer's Evening



On possibly the hottest day of the year, the culmination of a year of music took place in the Eaton Theatre with Music for a Summer's Evening. Opening the concert was the Orchestra with music by Bizet and Liadov. The Orchestra was then joined by Year 13 Music student, Crystle Ying, on piano for an extraordinary performance of the *Andante* from Mozart's *Piano Concerto in C K467*. Following that already impressive performance, Crystle then went on to play the amusing but highly complex *Cat and Mouse* by Copland, to rapturous applause. Further performances included the Flute's Choir rendition of *Vivace*, written (and performed) by Alice Green (Year 12) for her A Level Music. A string trio delighted with the Traditional Scottish Dance *Petronella*. The Saxtet were on fine form with *Midnight in Kinsale* from Whitlock's *Celtic Suite*, including an impressive solo from Liam Merrigan (Year 10). Two Bridge miniatures by a Piano Trio finished the instrumental contributions to the evening. A choral sequence by the combined forces of Senior Choir, Chamber Choir and Voces then followed, with a set of bird-themed pieces ranging from Gibbons' sublime *The Silver Swan* to the amusing melodrama of Bridge's *The Goslings*, which ended the concert with a smile. Refreshments were served on the front lawn after the event.

Sport

For full write-ups please see: www.newhallschool.co.uk.

Golf

Regiment Way Golf Club was the venue for the inter-house golf competition on 30 June. Southwell House won, with 3 birdies on holes 4, 5 and 6.

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| 1 st | Southwell | Score of 3, winning on countback |
| 2 nd | Owen | Score of 3 |
| 3 rd | Fisher | Score of 2 |
| 4 th | Pole | Score of 1 |

Southwell House: Frederick Benson (Year 10), Oliver Blackman (Year 7), Miles Fletcher (Year 9), Luke Pordham (Year 9). Owen House: Oliver Allain (Year 8), Jack English (Year 12), Oliver Nettleingham (Year 9). Fisher House: Tim Hodson (Year 9), Harry Roberts (Year 10), George Styles (Year 8), Tobias Tay-Smith (Year 10). Pole House: Elizabeth Hatch (Year 9), Charlotte Fawdry (Year 12), Annabel Schwier (Year 12), Tom Sillitoe (Year 13).

Independent Schools Golf Association Tournament

The New Hall golfers participated in their first ever Independent Schools Golf Association stroke play tournament for the Shire Trophy. The venue was the famous Shire Course in Hertfordshire, designed by Seve Ballesteros. New Hall entered a boys' team of 3, a girls' team of 3 and a staff team of 3. The team competed against a total of 90 students from 30 different schools. Congratulations to the following students on their individual achievements:

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| U18 Boys' Gross | Jack English 11 th |
| U18 Boys' Gross | Tobias Tay-Smith 21 st |
| U18 Girls' Gross | Charlotte Fawdry 4 th |
| U18 Girls' Net | Catherine Leighton 4 th |
| U15 Girls' Gross & Net | Madeline Leathley 3 rd |

In addition to the above, the boys' team did well to finish in 8th position and Mr Shah came 2nd in the gross event for teachers.

Riding

In their first season together in Side Saddle classes, Katie Ockendon-Evans (Year 9) and her pony, Iceford Speedy, came 2nd in a strong Equitation class at the Suffolk County Show. Katie was overall Junior Champion at the Area 4 Side Saddle Show. She and Iceford Speedy have now qualified for the Side Saddle National Championships in August.

Sailing

Congratulations to James Hutton-Penman (Year 9), who took the title of RS Tera Pro National Champion in an event at Netley Sailing Club. He sailed superbly winning the 2nd, 4th and 6th races and coming 2nd and 3rd in the other two races, beating his nearest competitor by 9 points.

Tennis

Staff & Student Tennis Results

This year's Staff & Student Tennis competition was as popular as ever, with some great tennis being played. The semi final line up saw Mr Strachan and Anna Giles (Year 12) lose a closely contended match against Mr Smith and Richard Barber (Year 7). In the second semi final, Mr Prell and George Styles (Year 8) overcame Mr Bluck and Coralie Smart (Year 12). The final was a close match and, despite losing the first game, Mr Smith and Richard Barber fought back to be worthy champions. Thank you to all the staff and students who took part in this year's event.

Trip to Wimbledon

A group of tennis students were given the opportunity to see some of the best players in the world play at Wimbledon on the day of the Mens' Quarter Finals. The group were particularly fortunate to see Rafael Nadal (world no. 1 and eventual winner) and Novak Djokovic (world no. 3) play.

Triathlon

Congratulations to Mrs Staines, who has won a Silver medal for Great Britain in the Long Distance European Championships. The race, which was held in Spain, involved a 4km swim, 120km bike ride followed by a 30km run. Mrs Staines will now go on to compete in the World Championships which will be held in Las Vegas next year.

Eastern Region Team Selection

Oliver Swallow (Year 7) and Arran Rae (Year 9) travelled to Cambridge on 27 June, to compete in the second of three qualifying events from which the Eastern Region Team will be selected. The boys raced the swim, bike and run disciplines in sweltering conditions, with temperatures reaching above 30 degrees. Both boys battled against strong competition from across the region, producing outstanding performances; Oliver finished in 1st place and Arran in 2nd place. Following this, Oliver went on to race at the Norwich Triathlon on Saturday 3 July, where he finished in 2nd position. Oliver has now qualified for the National Championship in Wales this September. Unfortunately, Arran had a technical problem on his bike and finished in 6th position, sadly not qualifying for the IRCs.

Travel

Early departure time on Fridays

Please note that, starting from September 2010, all coach services on a Friday will depart from school at 4.45pm.

From September 2010, there is space on the Burnham/Latchingdon/Maldon/Danbury coach service. Please contact Fords Coaches on 01621 740 326 for further information. There is also a space on the new coach service from Halstead/Braintree via Beaulieu Park. For further information contact Mrs Phillips:

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Yours sincerely



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PRINCIPAL

Forthcoming Events:

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Fri 9 July | 6.45pm | Years 7 & 8 Prize Giving |
| Sat 10 July | 9.00am | Exhibition Day for Years 9-13 |
| Mon 6 Sept | 4.00-6.30pm | Boarders return |
| Tue 7 Sept | 8.15am | Day Students return |
| Fri 10 Sept | 6.00-8.00pm | Years 7-13 New Parents Drinks Reception |
| Sat 11 Sept | | Community Weekend |

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 14 Solution

A man tells his two sons to race their camels to a distant city to see who will inherit his fortune. The one whose camel is slower wins. After wandering aimlessly for days, the brothers ask a wise man for guidance. Upon receiving the advice, they jump on the camels and race to the city as fast as they can. What did the wise man say to them?

Thomas Boon was the first of many to correctly identify that the wise man told the brothers to swap camels. Well done to all!

And a task for the summer:

Count up through as many numbers as you can without missing any. You must use a combination of the numbers 1,2,3,4 with any mathematical operations that you wish. You must use each number once but once only. To start you off, $1 = (3 \times 2) - 4 - 1$.