

What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents

Foundation Day

Today is the 368th anniversary celebration of the founding of New Hall School. In preparation for Foundation Day, it was a pleasure to welcome Sister Pauline Crowther CRSS to New Hall this week to give a special assembly on the work of the Religious Community, past, present and future.

This morning we welcomed Fr Frank Jackson, New Hall School Chaplain, to celebrate our Senior School Mass. We remembered in our prayers all the members of the Religious Community, and their current ministries, since this is also the day that Susan Hawley founded the English Religious Community of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. Celebrations continue today with a special lunch and the House Music Competition, which is a real highlight of the school year.

ISI Inspection

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, and for the first 3 days when we return after half term, the ISI will be undertaking an independent inspection of New Hall School. All parents and students have the opportunity to respond to a questionnaire, for which the deadline is Sunday 10 October. If you have not received information about this by email, please contact Reception over the weekend who will be able to forward you the link. We would encourage as many of you as possible to complete the form.

Clarion Call

Further to the letters that were sent in July and September, New Hall will be using the new Clarion mailing system from Monday 8 November, and from this date onwards most postal mailings will cease. It is therefore of great importance that all your details are entered correctly onto the Clarion Call system by Friday 22 October to ensure that you receive all up-to-date information. Please log-on to www.clarioncall.co.uk/datacap/newhallschool and enter the password: cc01245. All attachments will be sent in PDF format. In order for you to open PDF attachments you will need to download Adobe Reader (free of charge) from the following website: <http://getadobe.com/uk/reader/>.

New Staff

The following members of new staff have recently joined the Senior School staff team:

Miss C Head, Teacher of AS Level Dance

Mrs V Buckley, Learning Support Assistant

Mr M Greeves, ICT Technician

Mme M Viard, French Foreign Language Assistant

Please note that an updated staff list is always available on the school website.

Heads of School Conference

Head Girl, Camille Hamilton-Villemur, Head Boy, Sam Buddington, and their Deputies, Laurence Pocock and Devon Roberts, attended a Heads of School Conference at Wellington College last week. They enjoyed meeting with fellow heads of schools across the country and it provided a great opportunity to share ideas and helped to prepare them for the challenges of the year ahead.



Parents' Forum Meeting

Please note that the next Parents' Forum Meeting will take place on Wednesday 17 November at 4.45pm in the Newnham Room. For the benefit of new parents, the Parents' Forum exists as an opportunity for parents to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team. The meetings usually have open agendas to enable parents to raise topics of their choice. Refreshments are provided.

The last Parents' Forum meeting took place on Wednesday 6 October. Mrs Hopkinson and I were delighted to welcome significantly more parents than usual, thanks to my plea for attendance on Exhibition Day! Discussion took place about a number of issues, including the new system of Yellow Cards, the Curriculum Policy, communication with parents about GCSE assessments, how we might better promote Latin & Classics, school security and the impact of the North East Chelmsford Area Action Plan on New Hall. Parents commented also on how impressed they had been with the quality of pastoral care. It was very enjoyable and informative occasion and we look forward to welcoming many more parents at future Parents' Forum meetings. If you are unable to attend meetings, please note that there is now a Parents' Forum Suggestion Box at Reception and all feedback and comments will be gratefully received.

Governors' Presentation to Parents at NHPA AGM

It was a pleasure to welcome around 40 New Hall parents to the NHPA AGM, which commenced with an excellent

presentation from Jenny Tolhurst, Vice Chairman of Governors, and Rex Smith, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes sub-committee of Governors. Parents welcomed this opportunity to hear from Governors personally about the role and work of Governors, the achievements of the last 5 years, the school's finances and the challenges and opportunities identified for the years ahead. A question & answer session followed. Mark Myers, Chairman of NHPA, then gave a very entertaining and informative summary of the work of the NHPA over the past year. It was also a great occasion for parents to meet socially and we are grateful to those who have volunteered to support NHPA as a 'friend'. We hope to welcome many more parents to next year's event.

Update of New Hall School Policies

Please note that the following policies have recently been updated and are now available on the website, along with the Child Protection Policy:

- Behaviour Policy
- Senior School Code of Conduct
- Preparatory School Code of Conduct
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Anti-Cyberbullying Policy

In the Senior School, students also have access to a reference copy of these policies in their common rooms and in the boarding houses.

Russia Trip

Together with Miss Artamonova, Campion Assistant Housemistress & Head of Russian, I attended an international boarding schools workshop in Moscow on Saturday 2 October. We met many prospective families, who were very interested to hear about New Hall. It was also a valuable opportunity to meet with current New Hall parents who live in Russia and were able to attend the event.

Teacher of the Year 2010

Nominate one of your child's teachers for the Teacher of the Year Award, for the chance to win £1,000 worth of classroom furniture for the school. The winning teacher will also win a pampering session, dinner and accommodation at Prested Hall in Colchester. If you would like to nominate a teacher, you should write to the Essex Chronicle Newspaper saying in less than 50 words why you think the teacher deserves to win. You must include the teacher's name and the name of the school, as well as your name, address, and telephone number. Nominations are to be sent to: Teacher of the Year nominations, Essex Chronicle, Westway, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 3BE or by email to maria.jane@essnmedia.co.uk. Entries must be submitted by Friday 29 October.

Theatre Company Visit

On 1 October, students from Years 6 & 7 were invited to the Eaton Theatre to watch the Flying Theatre Company perform *Les Trois Mousquetaires*, a comic adaptation of *The Three Musketeers*. The play was enjoyed by all and, although it was entirely in French, the students found it easy to understand. The performance included circus tricks, balancing acts, juggling, miming and illusions.



Sport

Cricket Dinner

The inaugural Cricket Dinner and Presentation Evening took place on Friday 1 October. The evening was a great success, with 120 people enjoying a dinner and dance, and an auction which raised over £2,000 for the upcoming academy Cricket Tour to Dubai in February 2011. The Player of the Year Awards were presented by Nasser Hussain to Charlie Treacher (Year 8), George Styles (Year 9), Hayden Munt (Year 10) and Thomas Styles (Year 11) for their respective age groups. Mr Hussain also did a long-awaited Q&A session with the parents about his cricket career! Thank you to all of those who attended and helped make the evening both successful and enjoyable.



England Schools Cross Country

On 4 October, New Hall participated in the England Schools Cross Country Area (Essex) round. This is the first time we have entered this event and it is part of the athletics focus this year. Up to 17 schools participated in each of the 4 different age group races, with only the top 3 schools progressing through to the regional rounds to be held on 13 November. Each school can enter 6 students with the top 4 students placing scores added together to give a team score. All of the students completed the course, which in itself is an achievement. Oliver Swallow (Year 8) finished 3rd in the U13 race. Jemima Walker and Georgina Sturgeon (both Year 7) finished in 10th and 11th places respectively, despite competing against some older girls.

Boys Squad

U13 Team	Placing	U15 Team	Placing
Oliver Swallow	3	Arran Rae	28
Justin Smith	17	Joshua Jones	39
Samuel Jones	25	Matthew Jahansfar	41
Matthew Greenland	29	Sam Odell	43
Benjamin Jones	58	Conor McCaffrey	47
Benjamin Coxon	60	Approx. 70 competitors	
Oliver Jenkins	61		

Approx 130 competitors

Girls Squad

Jemima Walker	10
Georgina Sturgeon	11
Courtney Sanders	19
Eleanor McCaffrey	24
Isabel Godolphin	43
Joanna Thorogood	59

Approx 100 competitors

Overall School Results

U13 Girls	Finished 3 rd , through to the regional rounds
U13 Boys	Finished 4 th
U15 Boys	Finished 9 th

Hockey Results Update

Sat 18 Sep	1 st XI New Hall v 2 nd XI Chigwell	won 1-0
Thu 23 Sep	U15XI New Hall v U15XI St Edmunds	won 3-1
Sat 25 Sep	U12 VII A New Hall v Bancroft's	drew 1-1
Sat 25 Sep	U12VII B New Hall v Bancroft's	lost 1-3
Mon 27 Sep	U14XI New Hall v Ipswich School	lost 0-2
Tue 28 Sep	1 st XI New Hall v Woodbridge	lost 0-4
Wed 29 Sep	U12VII A v Royal Hospital	won 3-1
Wed 29 Sep	U12VII B v Royal Hospital	won 6-0
Thu 30 Sep	U15XI v Brentwood School	won 2-0

1st XI v U16XI Coopers' Coborn Results - lost 7-0

On 5 October, the team played against The Coopers' Company & Coborn School. The team played well, particularly in the second half when they only conceded 2 goals. In particular, Ella Dziejewski played valiantly against their talented midfield and Courtney Mee and Elizabeth Hatch put in good performances on their debut for the 1st XI.

On 25 and 29 September, the Year 7 girls' team played against Bancroft's School and Royal Hospital School. Both teams showed superb spirit and determination. Well done to Nicole Benfield, Alice Locker and Lucy Pryor for great effort.

U12A v Bancroft's School	drew 1-1
U12B v Bancroft's School	lost 1-3
U12B v Royal Hospital School	won 6-0
U12A v Royal Hospital School	won 3-1

Riding

Riding Meeting & Social

Last Monday evening, New Hall held their Annual Riding Meeting & Social. This was a great opportunity for riders within the school to meet and to become familiar with other team members and riders. Speeches were given by Michael

Paveley, Director of Riding, and by Annabel Schwier, Riding Captain. New members of the team were introduced and information was given about upcoming events. We wish all of our riders who are competing at the NSEA Inter-School Dressage Competition this weekend every success.



Congratulations to Stephanie Wilson (Year 7), who competed in the Milton Keynes Cross Country Competition and finished 4th out of 42 competitors, despite being the youngest.



Swimming Coaching Session with Nick Gillingham MBE

On 26 September, Nick Gillingham MBE, the Commonwealth Gold and Olympic Silver medallist, held coaching sessions on the art of butterfly stroke at the New Hall pool. A total of 32 swimmers from all over the South East attended, including Evangelina Fisher (Year 11) and Arran Rae (Year 10).



Tennis

On 7 October, New Hall's U15 boys beat Ipswich school in the U15 National Schools Tennis Tournament to progress to the last 16 schools in Britain! They will now compete again on 16 November and will have to win two matches to make it to the last 4 schools in the country and the National finals. Congratulations to all team members on this superb achievement. We wish them every success for 16 November.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey
PRINCIPAL

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Wed 13 Oct	7.00-8.30pm	Years 11-13 Parents & Students Ski Trip Information Evening
Thu 14 Oct	7.00-9.00pm	Sixth Form Admissions Evening
Tue 19 Oct	7.00-9.00pm	Scholars' Concert
Wed 20 Oct	6.30-11.00pm	Year 11 Dinner
Fri 22 Oct		Half Term ends
Mon 8 Nov		Term re-commences

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 16 Solution

Stephen Hawking is possibly the world's most famous living scientist. Which of his predecessors, also physically disabled, provided breakthroughs in science that prompted even Samuel Pepys to rush out to buy a microscope and learn about it all? *The man in question was Sir Robert Hooke – a truly underrated scientist and engineer who helped many others, including Sir Christopher Wren, to rebuild London after the great fire. Mr Hill was first with the answer. Well done sir!*

And here is the next challenge:

In this environmentally conscious society of ours, why do we still throw paper bags into the water? See Dr Thomas with the first correct solution to win a prize.

Music Scholars' Recital

Tuesday 19 October 2010
7.00pm, North Room

Tickets are available free of charge from
Mrs G Phillips on
01245 467 588 or by email
gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk.

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New Hall Music School

St Cecilia's Concert

Tuesday 16 November 2010
7.00pm, Eaton Theatre

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