

What's New?

Senior School

Fortnightly Newsletter

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Dear Parents

Inspection

The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) have now completed stage one of their inspection of the Preparatory and Senior Schools. I am pleased to confirm that they have found the school compliant in all respects in relation to regulatory practice e.g. health & safety, child protection, safer recruitment. A team of inspectors return for the first three days after half term (8-10 November), primarily to assess teaching and learning.

So far, less than one-third of Senior School parents have responded to the questionnaire. We would encourage you to take this opportunity to give the inspectors feedback on the school. You are able to complete the questionnaire online at <http://surveys.isi.net> and ISI will still accept responses until 8 November. Please contact Reception for the unique code for New Hall Senior School's inspection; you will need to enter this and your email address to be sent a link to the questionnaire. Please note that there is a separate code for the Preparatory School.

An issue has come to light regarding the timing of the inspection in relation to parents of new students who joined the school in September. One of the questions asks about feedback on your child's progress and of course the first set of reports (half termly effort and attainment grades) is not issued until today. There is no option on the questionnaire for 'not applicable' for those parents who may have completed the questionnaire before having received the first half term's feedback. Therefore I would recommend that new parents consult the Reporting and Assessment summary on page 24 of the Year 7 & 8 Curriculum Booklet (2010-11) that you were sent by Admissions when your child joined the school and which is also available on the school website for ease of reference. You will also have a copy of the Parent & Student Information Booklet (2010-11) from when your child joined the school, which sets out in detail the contact details for staff at the school (including relevant telephone numbers and email addresses) and the system for reports and communication with parents.

Parents' Forum

I am pleased that we have received our first parental comment via the Parents' Forum Suggestion Box at Reception. This was feedback regarding the need to address potholes on the school drive. There was already an action plan in place for addressing this, but the comment has been passed on to the Bursar and the Estate & Property Committee for action.

Foundation Day

On 8 October, New Hall School celebrated its Foundation Day. In the morning, the Senior School came together as a

community to celebrate Mass in the Sports Hall with Father Frank. It was a moving and inspiring occasion as we remembered our shared values and spiritual heritage. We continued the celebrations in the afternoon with musical performances from all four Houses. Every student took part in some way and all contributed to a fantastic atmosphere. During the judging, we were treated to a terrific high-energy routine from New Hall Dance Company and an unforgettable performance by our very own staff dancers!



Congratulations to Fisher House, the overall winners, and thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success.



NHPA Christmas Fayre

The annual NHPA Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Tuesday 14 December from 2.00pm-6.00pm in the Preparatory School Hall. There will be an array of stalls selling wonderful Christmas gifts, games for the children to enjoy and Santa will even be making a visit! Donations for the raffle and the hugely popular cake stall would be gratefully received. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Cotton on 07766 696 929.

Booked Up

New Hall joined forces with *Booked Up*, the national programme run by the independent charity *Booktrust*, which aims to encourage Year 7 students to read for pleasure. Several weeks ago, Year 7 students were given the opportunity to pick a book from a list of exciting titles, and the arrival of them has been eagerly anticipated! On Wednesday morning, each Year 7 student was delighted to receive the free book of their choice.



Year 11 Celebration Evening

The Year 11 Celebration Evening took place on 20 October. Following a short service, Year 11 students along with their tutors, Heads of Year, Mrs Owens and Miss Tait enjoyed a delicious three course formal dinner. The evening was enjoyed by all.



E-Safety Talk (the safe and responsible use of technology)

On Thursday 18 November, at 4.45-5.45pm in the North Room Karl Hopwood, an e-safety expert, member of UKCCIS (UK Council for Child Internet Safety) and in-house consultant for INSAFE, the co-ordinating node of the EU safer internet programme will be giving a talk on e-safety issues. ICT can offer many positive educational and social benefits to young people, but unfortunately there are some dangers. As you are aware, we have technologies in place to restrict inappropriate access to internet sites, as well as policies in place, such as our terms of use of mobile phones, that aims to tackle the issue of children bringing an increasingly sophisticated range of handheld devices into school, that could give them access to potentially unsuitable materials. However, it is important that members of our pastoral team do not work in isolation when dealing with issues relating to safety; parents and carers also have a key

role to play in creating a safe ICT learning environment and culture, through promoting internet safety at home and hence reinforcing the messages taught in at New Hall. You will have received a letter yesterday regarding the talk; please complete and return the attached form if you would like to attend.

Music

Scholars' Recital

In a delightful programme, the Senior School Music Scholars entertained the audience with solo performances in a special recital on 19 October. The scholars performed diverse works from a selection of composers from Sting and Lloyd-Webber to Mozart, Purcell and Brahms. Particular mention goes to Molly Conrad (Year 8) for her rendition of *Papillons* by Dennison on piano, Coralie Smart (Year 13) for her *Andantino* from Sonata by Saint-Saens on oboe and to our new Year 7 scholars; Gabriel Summers played *Album Leaf* by Grieg with great gusto on the trumpet and Olivia Podd brought a smile to everyone's faces with a *Teddy Bears' Picnic* on bassoon. The evening finished with an outstanding performance of *Adoration* by Borowski by Fay Archer (Year 8) on violin, which was greeted with rapturous applause. Well done to all scholars for their continued hard work and contribution to the musical life of the school.



Trinity Guild Hall Drum Kit Examinations

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a pass:

Deborah Beach	Grade 2
Matthew Carroll	Grade 2
Rosie Johnson	Grade 1
Beau Lyons	Grade 4
Thomas Macfarlane	Grade 2
Jessica Swain-Johnson	Grade 1

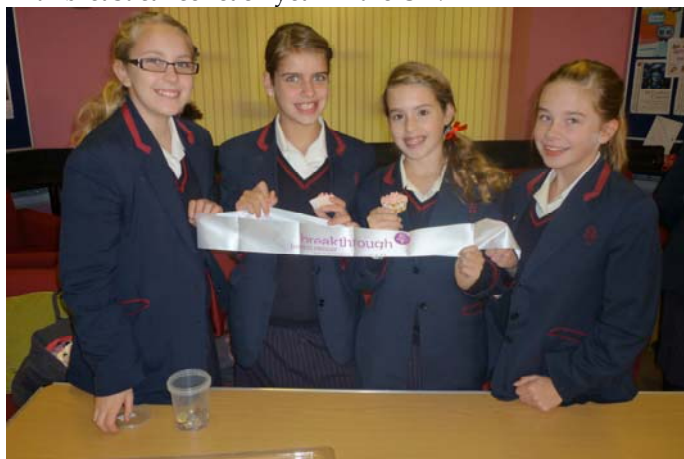
Charity

NHVS Christmas Hamper Appeal

It is that time of year again when we appeal for items to make up Christmas hampers for our elderly guests who attend the lunch time groups. Tutors have been given a list of the specific items required from each year group and will have discussed this with the students. We would be grateful to receive these gifts by Monday 29 November 2010. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the NHVS Secretary, Mrs Williams, on 01245 236112 or by email e.williams@newhallschool.co.uk. Thank you for your continuing generous support of the NHVS.

Fund Raising for Breast Cancer Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and three Year 8 students have been holding cake sales to raise money for the *Breakthrough Breast Cancer Charity*. Lots of pink icing, a sprinkling of edible glitter and the 220 homemade cakes were sold in minutes! Georgia Mee, Molly Midgen and Eleanor McCaffrey have raised £55, which will go towards helping the 46,000 women and 300 men who are diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the UK.



Sport

Tennis

National Finals Qualifier

James Caddies (Year 7) has qualified for the National Finals of the U12 Tennis Competition, which is host to the top 16 boys in the country on 30 and 31 October. We wish James every success.

National Schools Senior Students Competition Results

New Hall Boys v KEGS B – won 5-1

New Hall Girls v Southend High School – lost 4-2

Hockey

New Hall v Chelmsford County High School Results

U14XI lost 3-1

U15XI lost 5-0

U14XI National Tournament Results

Player of the Tournament: Francesca Bazley
v King John School drew 0-0

v The Coopers' Company & Coborn School won 1-0

v Bancroft's School lost 0-1

v Chigwell School drew 0-0

1st XI v St Edmund's School Results – won 6-1

A fantastic result for the team, an excellent standard of play was seen by Ellen Royce, Molly Tappin and Alexandra Marler in midfield. In defence, Lani Graham made a successful debut displaying good tackles and passes to midfield.

New Hall v Old Buckenham Hall School Results

U13A VII lost 5-2

U13B VII lost 5-1

U12A VII drew 2-2

U12B VII drew - 2-2

Rugby

Essex Team Results



Congratulations to Vincent Morris (Year 13), who played for the Essex U18 Rugby Team against the Eastern Counties, and scored the winning try. Thanks to his efforts, Essex won the game 26-24.

Finborough Festival Results

On 9 October, New Hall Griffins Year 7 A and B teams attended the Finborough 12-aside festival. Unfortunately, the B team did not progress past the group stages. The A team had a tough group but became runners up after two victories out of three matches; one of which a brilliant physical performance against Holmwood House. In the quarter finals, the Griffins met a strong Bedford side. After a magnificent game of rugby from both schools New Hall clinched the game due to a conversion from Oliver Morris to win 7-5. The Griffins finished second overall in the tournament, narrowly missing out to Barnardiston Hall. They collected their trophy and medals from the England Hooker, Dylan Hartley. The team showed great effort, all individuals contributed towards this fantastic achievement.

U15 Boys v KEGS Daily Mail Cup Results – won 53-7

Congratulations to the U15 boys who have secured a place in round 3 of the Daily Mail Cup after a win against KEGS.

Riding

Dressage Competition

On 9 October, New Hall held their second annual dressage competition at Towerlands Park. Despite tough competition New Hall riders performed well. The dressage team comprising Ellie Dhanjal (Year 10), Katie Ockendon-Evans (Year 10), Rosie Oxlade (Year 8) and Annabel Schwier (Year 13) were placed 3rd overall, and achieved the title of Essex Dressage Champions. At the same event, Rosie Oxlade was awarded the *Dakota Shield*, given annually to the New Hall rider achieving the highest percentage mark in the competition.

Jumping with Style Competition

On 10 October, New Hall riders competed at Woodbridge School's *Jumping with Style Competition*, at Towerlands Park. The 70cm team comprising Joanna Thorogood (Year 7), Stephanie Wilson (Year 7), Rosie Oxlade (Year 8) and Sophie Nixon (Year 9) won their class and qualified for the NSEA Championships which is to be held in December at Addington Manor. Joanna was also placed 8th individually and Rosie was placed 9th individually in the class. The 80cm

team comprising of Joanna Thorogood, Rosie Oxlade, Sophie Nixon and Lucy Salter (Year 9) achieved 5th place. Lucy Salter rode a fantastic round, winning the class of over 100 riders and qualifying individually for the NSEA championships. Gabriella Oxlade (Year 10) achieved an individual 9th placing in the 90cm class and 4th in the 1m class. It was another successful weekend for New Hall riders who demonstrated their skills in the different disciplines.



Essex Farmers Pony Club Hunter Trials

Rosie and Gabriella Oxlade competed at the Essex Farmers Pony Club Hunter Trial held at Great Graces in Danbury last weekend. Rosie won the Open Pony Class and Gabriella came 4th individually. The duo came 3rd in the Intermediate Pairs. Well done to both girls.

Driving to and from the New Hall site

As many of you will know, White Hart Lane can become extremely congested in the morning. Please ensure that you use the right-hand lane at the New Bowers Way roundabout if you are turning right to come back down White Hart Lane towards the New Hall entrance.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey
PRINCIPAL

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri 22 Oct		Term ends
Mon 8 Nov		Term re-commences
Wed 10 Nov	7.00-9.00pm	Pop for the Planet
Fri 12 Nov	4.45-7.00pm	Year 12 Parents Evening
Sat 13 Nov	5.00-9.00pm	NHPA Fireworks
Tue 16 Nov	7.00pm	St Cecilia's Concert
Wed 17 Nov	4.45-5.45pm	Meeting: Parents' Forum
Fri 19 Nov	7.00-10.00pm	NHVS Quiz Night

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 17 Solution

In this environmentally conscious society of ours, why do we still throw paper bags into the water?

Thomas Boon realised that those paper bags end up in hot water because they contain tea for a nice cuppa!

And here is the next challenge:


Factors and Multiples Maths Challenge


Please visit <http://nrch.maths.org/5468>, for the challenge.

Emilio Disco, Alfie Nixon, Jack Plummer and Manuel Lopez (Year 8) challenge you to beat their score of 61.

Please inform Mrs Jenner of your scores.

New Hall Music School





Pop for the Planet

**Wednesday
10 November 2010
7.00pm,
in the Eaton Theatre**

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

Want to take part?
Please see Mr Corby or Harry White.

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