

What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents

Remembrance Day



Students and staff marked Remembrance Day with a special assembly. We welcomed guests from the British Legion and some of our own students from the Air Cadet Force carried flags. During the minute silence, poppy petals were scattered from the choir loft, representing the lives of those lost. The silence ended with the *Last Post* played on the trumpet by Katie Bruniges (Year 10).

St Cecilia's Concert



The annual St Cecilia's Concert took place on 16 November in the Eaton Theatre. This particular concert focused on the groups and ensembles that form part of New Hall Music School. Opening the event was the orchestra, on best ever form. Now the biggest it has ever been, the orchestra performed the majestic *Allegro Maestoso* by William Boyce and the rousing *Hungarian March* by Berlioz. After an entertaining performance of *Swinging Saxophones* by the Saxtet, and a charming rendition of *Country Gardens* arranged by Mr Castell for the junior string quartet, the Chamber Choir took to the stage. Their performances of *The Birds' Lament* by Bennett and *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Mathias enchanted the audience. Due to illness, the trio that followed was diminished to a duo; but with Emily Legner

(Year 12) leading the way on oboe, the *Scherzo and Minore* from *Divertimento* by Albrechtsberger was a great contribution to the evening. Coralie Smart (Year 13) on oboe was joined by Peggy Hu (Year 13) on piano, Diane Wong (Year 12) on flute and Elena Artamonova on viola, performing the intricate *Waltz* from the opera *War and Peace* by Prokofiev, to great acclaim. Next on the programme was the newest addition to the Music School, The Jazz Initiative, also known as TJI; the group took the floor for their performance of *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* by Zawinul. It was a great debut, with an impressive improvised solo from James Summers (Year 9) on clarinet. The penultimate item was by Year 8 Music Scholar, Fay Archer, who performed the very moving *Adoration* by Borowski. To end the night with a smile, the Voces boys sang *In all my Dreams, I Dream of You* by Piantadosi and *I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair* by Foster. It was a lovely ending to a wonderful evening, showcasing the considerable talent of our students.

CISC Music Day



New Hall hosted a Music Study Day at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire for Directors of Music in Catholic Independent Schools throughout the country. Father Andrew Robinson (priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, former Organ Scholar at Trinity College, Oxford and keynote speaker for the Conference for the Directors of Music of the Catholic Cathedrals of England and Wales), Stephen Dean (composer and publisher of Decani Music), and Frances Novillo (regional music adviser for the Royal Schools of Church Music) all held sessions on liturgical music as a distinctive feature in Catholic schools.

New Hall U15 Tennis Team ranked in top 8 schools nationally

On 7 October, New Hall's U15 boys beat Ipswich School in the U15 National Schools Tennis Tournament, to progress to the final 16 schools in Britain. On 16 November, the team won against St Bede's School to take them through to the

quarter-finals where they then played Reed's School in the semi-finals, where unfortunately they were defeated. To get to this stage of the national competition is a fantastic achievement in itself. Around 250 schools entered which places New Hall within the British elite. Many congratulations to the boys, we are proud of their achievements.



English

Confidence Master Class

When voice coach to the stars, Barbara Houseman, met Year 13 English Literature students, they overcame their interest in Daniel Radcliffe and Jude Law anecdotes to engage in exercises designed to help them look, sound and feel confident. How do you "root" a twitching leg? How do you overcome a rolling eye habit? How do you end a sentence by putting a brick in a wall instead of limping, dropping it or hurling it into space? All these and many other questions were answered in the course of the day. For those of us who had not been aware that our body language has eight times as much impact on people as the content of what we say, it was a salutary experience.

Library

Public Library Visit

A group of students visited the public library in Chelmsford on Saturday 13 November. They spent the afternoon learning more about what Essex Libraries can offer, including their huge online reference library. Did you know that library users can access resources like the Naxos Music Library, Kompass business directories or the Encyclopaedia Britannica online from home? Or that hard-to-find books and journals can be borrowed from libraries outside Essex, even overseas, for as little as £1? Essex Public Libraries really are a marvellous supplement to our school Library – and, for relaxation after research is done, there are also extensive collections of books, comics and graphic novels, DVDs and audio books. We hope to make similar visits an annual event, ensuring that boarders in particular have the opportunity to become members of our public library. Miss Tait would like to thank everyone, at New Hall and at County Hall, who helped to make this visit possible.

Modern Languages

Sixth Form Boarders International Quiz



The inaugural Sixth Form Boarders' International Quiz took place on 17 November in the North Room. 45 students from Dennett and Champion Houses competed and represented their countries in a fiercely fought competition. 'China' was the theme for hospitality for the evening, with Chinese food served to the competitors as they worked hard to show off their international knowledge. Thank you to all the quiz masters who designed impressive PowerPoint presentations on their countries and also to all the Sixth Form students who took part and rose to the challenge. It was an enjoyable evening and we look forward to the next round next term.



Spanish Exchange 2011

Please can all students who expressed an interest in the Spanish Exchange 2011 return their reply slips with cheques by the end of this week. There are still spaces available but replies must be promptly submitted.

Charity

Link Romania Shoeboxes Appeal 2010

Both the Preparatory School and the Senior School would like to say a huge thank you to students, family, friends and staff who took part in this year's appeal. 244 boxes were lovingly packed and wrapped in brightly coloured Christmas paper to bring a little bit of joy to the poorest of families in these countries and to children in orphanages. Students watched the DVD made by the charity and were so moved when they saw the appalling conditions in which these families live. The boxes will soon be on their way to Romania, Albania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

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 their tutees. We would be grateful to receive any 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 236 112 or by email to e.williams@newhallschool.co.uk. Thank you for your continuing generous support of NHVS.

Dance

Orpington Festival of Dance Competition

Congratulations to Phoebe Allen (Year 7), who participated in the Orpington Festival of Dance Competition and achieved the following: 1st place in the Modern Class, 2nd in Ballet & Lyrical Modern and 3rd place in Character & Tap. In the intermediate section (ages 11-13 years), Phoebe received the aggregate award for her scores. She also qualified for the regional finals of the All England Dance Competition, which takes place in May 2011.

Sport

Cross Country

English Schools Cross Country Regional Finals Results

On 13 November, 6 girls from Year 7 and 8 competed in the English Schools Cross Country Regional finals. The course was an exhausting 2,500 metres in wet and muddy conditions. Despite this, the New Hall girls put in maximum effort and finished in 6th place, just missing out on gaining a place in the next round of the competition. Congratulations to the team on their achievement, in particular to Jemima Walker for gaining an impressive 14th place and Georgina Sturgeon for gaining 16th place, out of 100 runners. Other team members included Courtney Sanders, Eleanor McCaffrey, Anna McMinn and Antonia Kitchiner.

Cut Hedge Trophy Competition Results

Congratulations to the teams below, who came 2nd out of 20 schools at the competition held at Gosfield School on Wednesday.

Boys:

Order	U14A	Overall position
1	Oliver Swallow	1 st
2	Samuel Makins	5 th
3	Benjamin Jones	21 st
4	Oliver Jenkins	20 th
5	Benjamin Coxon	29 th
6	Gregory Spires	35 th
Reserve	Samuel Loader	37 th

Girls:

Order	U14A	Overall position
1	Jemima Walker	5 th
2	Georgina Sturdgen	6 th
3	Megan Staines	12 th
4	Anna McMinn	19 th
5	Isobel Ovenden	21 st
6	Lilly Turnbull	26 th

Hockey

New Hall v St Edmund's School Results

U12A VII – won 2-0

U12B VII – won 3-0

U13A VII – won 3-2

U13B VII – won 4-2

U15 v Bancroft's School Results – lost 4-1

Outstanding defensive play was seen from Elizabeth Hatch, Annabel Hockley, Gloria Bajowa and Sophie Bull. The mid-fielders were always ready for the fast break, and center forwards Charlotte Burnham, Gabriella Oxlade, Paige Durkan and Sarah Hardy worked hard throughout the first half to maintain the pressure. In the second half, a combination of Elizabeth Hatch as centre forward, and the consistently energetic and determined Charlotte Burnham and Gabriella Oxlade, meant that the team created opportunity after opportunity. This was justly rewarded with an outstanding goal from Ellie Dhanjal. This was an encouraging performance from the U15 side.

Senior Inter-House Hockey

Congratulations to Southwell House, who won the Senior Inter-House Hockey this week. They were closely followed by Owen House in 2nd place, with Pole House in 3rd place and Fisher House in 4th place. Congratulations to all the students who took part. It was a very enjoyable occasion.

Netball

U14 County Cup Tournament Results



On 7 October, the Year 9 netball team played in the first round of the National Schools' Championships. The girls played tremendously against 8 schools, finishing 3rd overall in the competition. The team then went on to gain a place in the County Round, at which 16 schools competed from the Essex Region. The girls played with determination and flare and achieved a 5th place in their group; just missing out on the semi-finals by one place. Congratulations must go to the girls on the great achievement of qualifying for this national competition. Team members included Lucy Ashfield, Francesca Bazley, Olivia Gills-Galpin, Emily Holloway, Tara King (Captain), Grace Langley, Emma Marler, Pippa O'Riley and Lucy Salter.

Rugby

New Hall v Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Results

Team	Score	Man of the Match
U15A	won 29-5	Matthew Howe
U15B	won 59-7	Dominic Hitchins
U14A	won 44-7	Samuel Turner
U13A	won 66-0	Ryan Liddell
U12A	won 72-0	Oliver Wright
U12B	won 63-0	Greg Spires

U14A v Boswells School, Essex Cup Results - won 48-24

Man of the Match – Joshua Wheal

U15A v Felsted School, Daily Mail Cup Results – won 31-0

Man of the Match – Oliver Osgood

New Hall v Orwell Park School Results

Team	Score	Man of the Match
1 st XV	lost 0-25	Richard Barber
2 nd XV	won 17-5	Samuel Makins
3 rd XV	won 27-14	Emilio Disco

New Hall v Norwich School

Team	Score	Man of the Match
U15A	won 36-14	Matthew Howe
U15B	won 19-5	Harry Kean
U14A	lost 12-19	Luke Marshall
U13A	lost 5-12	Joe McQuillan
U13B	lost 0-34	Emilio Disco
U12A	won 24-7	William Beard
U12B	drew 12-12	Charles Grenfell

OBH Sevens U13 Tournament Results - Runners Up

Group Stages

v St Joseph's School – won 22-0

v St John's School – won 26-0

v OBH B - won 43-0

Semi-final v OBH A - won 41-0

Final v Holmwood House - drew 12-12, and then lost 4-3 in the drop goal competition.

Sailing

James Hutton-Penman (Year 10) is a member of the Corinthian Otters, the junior section of the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Burnham-On-Crouch. At the annual prize-giving this month, James won the award for the best all-rounder and most travelled sailor out of the 75 Optimist sailors who are members of the club. Congratulations to James.

Swimming

League Gala v Moulsham High School Results

The first swimming league gala of the year was a great success and many personal best times were gained by the New Hall swimmers. The quality of swimming from the team was outstanding and New Hall achieved 1st place overall in all age groups. Congratulations to the swimmers, in particular the Year 7 boys, Year 8 boys and Year 8 girls. These age groups picked up the maximum points available finishing in 1st and 2nd place in every race.

	Moulsham High School	New Hall School
Year 7 girls	25	33
Year 8 girls	21	40
Year 9 girls	29	32
Year 10/11 girls	22	39
Year 7 boys	18	40
Year 8 boys	17	40
Year 9 boys	28	32
Year 10/11 boys	15	37
Total Gala points	175 – 2 nd place	293 – 1 st place

Tennis

Senior Students National Schools Competition

Congratulations to the senior students: boys and mixed doubled teams who have qualified top of their groups and will now progress into the regional knockout stage of the competition in January.

Clarion Call

All correspondence from New Hall will be communicated via this system. Therefore, if you have not yet uploaded your details onto Clarion Call, please contact the school secretary office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Katherine Jeffrey
PRINCIPAL

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri 26 Nov	7.00-9.00pm	Scenes from Operas
Sat 27 Nov	7.00-9.00pm	Scenes from Operas
Mon 29 Nov	7.30-8.30pm	New Hall Dance Company Christmas Show Production
Tue 30 Nov	7.00-9.00pm	Year 9 Options Evening
Wed 1 Dec	7.00-10.00pm	Year 13 Drama Assessment Performance
Thu 2 Dec	4.00-7.00pm	Years 8-10 Geographical Association Worldwide Quiz
	7.00-9.30pm	Senior Prefect Christmas Dinner
Fri 3 Dec		NHPA Christmas Ball
	7.00-10.30pm	Sixth Form Christmas Party
Tue 14 Dec	2.00-6.00pm	NHPA Christmas Fayre

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 19 Solution

The only place a house can be where all the walls point south is the North Pole so the bear must be a white polar bear. Congratulations to Roland Smith for working that out.

And the next challenge is:

When a moth jammed up the workings of an early electric counting machine, we coined a new phrase that we have all likely fallen foul of at some point or another. What is it?

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