

# What's New?

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Dear Parents

## Silver Medal to mark 10 years' of service

On Sunday 16 January, Camille Hamilton-Villemur (Year 13) received a silver medal to mark her 10 years of altar service. Camille is pictured with Father Frank, 2 altar servers from the Parish and Rebecca Jeffrey (4R), who was enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen, the association for Altar Servers. Servers can only be enrolled into the Guild after serving for over a year. Congratulations to both girls who have made this commitment to such an important service.



## English

### *An Endangered Form*

Competitions in letter writing will be held during the Lent term for members of Years 7, 8 and 9 in a determined effort to remind all students of the endangered art of this elegant form of correspondence. All relatives still awaiting thanks for Christmas presents should take heart.

### *Shakespeare Masterclass*

AS English Literature students have been invited by Coutts Bank to enrol for a Shakespeare Masterclass, to be held at the Almeida Theatre later on this term. There are places available for 6 applicants, who will have the opportunity to work with the Artistic Director, Michael Attenborough, son of Richard and nephew of David Attenborough.

### *AS Revision Workshop*

A stiff upper lip was shown by students of First World War literature on Saturday 15 January in preparing for attack in Monday's examination. Swift drilling in context, practical criticism and poetic craft ensured that the candidates were ready for the big push.

### *Creative Writing Club*

Mr Lockyer would like to remind members of Years 7-10 that the club for aspiring writers continues this term at 4.45pm on Monday in the Atrium.

## Science

### *Physics Olympiad*

Well done to the 5 Year 13 students who took part in the Physics Olympiad this year. Congratulations to Kenrick Chong, Rickey Lee and Diane Wong, who achieved commendations in the second paper. Well done to Louis Sin, Jack Tao and George Liu, who took part in the first paper and received certificates for participation.

## Design and Technology



Year 11 girls have been working hard to produce animal houses, inspired by modern architecture, for their coursework projects which they produced in their mock examinations.



## Model United Nations

Throughout the year, 12 students from Years 11 to 13 have been preparing for the Model United Nations Conference to be held at Felsted School later this term. We have been allocated 3 extraordinarily high-profile countries to represent, the United Kingdom, South Africa and Afghanistan. As part of the process, delegates were requested to submit proposed solutions to major global concerns. These would then be debated at the conference.

We are delighted that 2 of our students have had their resolutions selected from amongst hundreds. Shraiya Thapa (Year 13) representing the United Kingdom, will be challenged on her proposed solutions to the ongoing crisis in Sierra Leone, while Daniel Mullens (Year 11) representing South Africa, will need to defend his proposals for solving water shortages globally. Bearing in mind only five Resolutions were chosen, this is a remarkable achievement. We are now preparing for the Conference itself, where students' debating and diplomatic skills will be put to the test.

### Dance

#### *Disneyland Paris Trip – August 2011*

Deposits for anyone that wishes to travel with the group to Disneyland Paris need to be with Mrs Molina or Mrs Warren by Wednesday 26 January. (£30 per person made payable to A1 Travel).

#### *World 10*

The following costumes need to be returned to the dance department:

- White skirt with black bodice
- Red bolero

If you have either of these items at home, please return these as soon as possible.

### LAMDA Results

Students have received impressive LAMDA results following examinations at the end of the Michaelmas Term: 70% of students achieved a Distinction and the remaining 30% accomplished high Merits. Congratulations in particular, to Charlie Treacher and Samuel Johnson (Year 8), who both achieved 89% in their Grade 2 Spoken English examination. Well done also to Oliver Peck (Year 9), who attained 85% in his Grade 3 Spoken English examination, and to Anna Jeffrey (Year 8), who achieved 86% in the same examination, despite taking it a year early. 80% and over qualifies for a Distinction.

Examinations which were cancelled due to the snow have been rescheduled to 15-17 February. Please see Miss Smith for further details.

### Charity

#### *Poppy Appeal*

Thank you to all those who donated generously to last year's Poppy Appeal. The Senior School raised a total of £390.13 for the Royal British Legion.

#### *Hat for Haiti*

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Wear a hat for Haiti'. In total, we raised £352.58.

### NHVS Fashion Show

Once again we will be hosting a charity Fashion Show, on Wednesday 16 March, to raise money towards the Children's Holiday that takes place every July at New Hall. This holiday gives 20-25 children from disadvantaged backgrounds the chance to have some much deserved fun, in a happy caring environment. The theme for this year is British Heritage, to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We are going to run a vintage stall and are asking parents for

donations of clothing and accessories suitable for sale. We are also looking for donations of raffle prizes. Please drop them into reception or the NHVS office marked Fashion Show. Tickets will be on sale after half term.

### Music

#### *ABRSM Results*

#### *Alto Sax*

Thomas MacFarlane	Grade 3	Merit
George Shield	Grade 1	Distinction

#### *Cello*

Phoebe Fardell	Grade 4	Merit
Ting-Kit Man	Grade 4	Pass

#### *Clarinet*

Rebecca Kimberlin	Grade 2	Distinction
James Summers	Grade 5	Merit

#### *Flute*

Esme Clarke	Grade 1	Pass
Amy Murphy	Grade 4	Pass
Hannah Rothman	Grade 3	Merit

#### *Oboe*

Catriona Sheppard	Grade 4	Merit
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#### *Organ*

Mrs Jeffrey	Grade 4	Distinction
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#### *Piano*

Fay Archer	Grade 1	Distinction
Chloe Bacon	Grade 4	Pass
Richard Barber	Grade 4	Pass
Alice Green	Grade 6	Pass
Kayleigh McEvoy	Grade 3	Merit
Shalom Olurotimi	Grade 1	Distinction
Lola Ramjane	Grade 1	Merit
Claire Wallace	Grade 1	Pass

#### *Singing*

Jennifer McNeillie	Grade 3	Pass
Chloe Norman	Grade 3	Pass
Tara Pasha	Grade 3	Pass

#### *Trombone*

Nicholas Penny	Grade 3	Merit
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Congratulations also to Liam Merrigan (Year 11), who passed his Grade 5 Theory examination, and to Oliver Peck (Year 8), who achieved a Merit in his RGT Grade 3 Guitar examination.

### Sport

#### *Cross Country*

After competing in the first round of the Mid-Essex Cross-Country Championships, Jessica Swain-Johnson (Year 10) was selected to run for Mid-Essex for the second round on 15 January at Hylands Park. Jessica finished 9<sup>th</sup> overall and has now been selected represent the county in a competition held in Reading on 5 February. We congratulate Jessica for this excellent achievement and wish her every success.

### Hockey

Congratulations to the group of 8 girls from Year 8 who have been selected to be members of the Essex Junior Academy centre (JAC) training squad for their age group. The girls will represent the academy in the East region JAC leagues.



*Anna Jeffrey, Madelaine Twaite, Annie Meechan, Lucy Cracknell, Samantha Howe, Eleanor McCaffrey, Freya Pelling, Chloe Smithyes*

Congratulations also, to Nadia Wheadon (Year 11), who has been selected for the U17 Essex Academy, and Sophie Thompson-Hyland (Year 10), who has been selected for the U16 Essex Academy.



### Netball

*U16A v St John Payne School – won 25-17*

Congratulations to the team, a great start to the season!

### Team Practice

A reminder that team practice takes place every Wednesday from 4.45-5.45pm for Year 12 and 13 netballers.

### Riding

#### National School Championships

New Hall had another successful weekend at the school championships, which were held on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 January at Addington Manor.

The mini show jumping competition was the first class of the weekend. The team consisted of: Sophie Nixon (Year 9); Stephanie Wilson (Year 7); Scott Taylor (Year 6); Lucy Salter (Year 9). All of the riders rode fantastic rounds and the team ended on a score of 0. New Hall was the only school to finish on a score of 0 penalties, which meant that we were

the top school going through into the finals. Despite the technical course they faced in the final, the team finished on 0 penalties again, securing a win for the team.

The open show jumping competition was the second class on Saturday. After securing a place in the final, Madeleine Taylor (Year 9) rode an outstanding round to win the class.

Sunday began with the mini jumping with style event and New Hall entered a team comprising Joanna Thorogood (Year 7), Sophie Nixon (Year 9), Stephanie Wilson (Year 7) and Rosie Oxlade (Year 8). Despite riding well, the course was long and difficult and team were not able to secure a placing.

The novice show jumping class followed, the team comprised Lucy Salter, Gabriella Oxlade (Year 10), Scott Taylor and Joanna Thorogood. The team demonstrated some excellent riding in the first round; however, there were a few poles that came down in the rounds which forfeited the team's place in the final. Despite some great rounds, the intermediate team which included Rosie and Gabriella Oxlade and Madeleine Taylor incurred some penalties occurred and did not qualify for the finals.

Lucy Salter represented New Hall in the novice jumping with style class and finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place, an excellent achievement.



### Rugby

*U15A v Whitgift, Daily Mail Cup Results – lost 0-38*

Man of the Match: Matt Howe

#### New Hall v Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School Results

			Man of the Match
U12A	won	22-5	Tom Clow
U12B	won	22-0	George Morgan
U12C	lost	10-26	Alex Matthews

### Skiing

#### Ski Trip to Tignes, French Alps

Students from Years 10, 11 and 13 visited Tignes in the French Alps for a week of skiing before Christmas. The high altitude gave plenty of snow and blue skies, which provided a perfect setting for the 30 hours of ski instruction which the students received. Many students competed in a slalom race on the final day, with Ellen Royce (Year 13) achieving the top award. Out of the beginners, special mention should go to Harry Gannon (Year 11) who managed some difficult

red runs, which is remarkable for his first adventure on snow! The bowling night gave students an opportunity to show their finesse on firmer footing and this was won by the Year 10 boys, with an outstanding performance from Julien Hamilton-Villemur. The return journey was a character building experience, as the snowy conditions in the UK forced an overnight stay in Newcastle. Thank you to Mrs Clarke, Mr Crosby, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Johnson, Mr Shah and all the students for making the trip such a success. The next ski trip is to Alpe D'Huez during the Easter break with Year 8-9 boys so watch this space for tales of their adventures!



#### Essex Sports Awards nominees

Congratulations to George Perkins (Year 10), who has been nominated for the Young Sports Personality of the Year award. Congratulations also to both the U15 and U18 boys' tennis teams, who have been nominated for the Young Team of the Year award.

Last year, George won the title of England Schools Junior Boys' 100m Champion. George competes at an excellent standard in athletics and rugby. Last year, the U15 boys' tennis team became County Champions and then went on to compete in the Regional Rounds of the National Schools' Competition and made it through to the semi-finals. The U18 tennis team have had a fantastic year. The boys played in this year's Glanvill Cup and became Regional Champions. The team then won their place in the National Finals and compete against the other top 16 schools in the UK. The team played exceptionally well, achieving a national ranking of 14<sup>th</sup>. The combined success of both tennis teams have seen New Hall being ranked 11<sup>th</sup> nationally in the top 25 performing schools in the AEGON Team Tennis Schools Series. I would strongly encourage you to vote for the students, in recognition of all their hard work and outstanding sporting achievements. You can vote by completing a coupon in the Essex Chronicle or Brentwood Gazette. You may leave this at the senior school reception and we will send this off to the newspaper. Alternatively, you can vote by text: Text EC sport plus the code of your choice - to 65100. To vote for George Perkins text EC0010, to vote for the U15 Tennis Team text EC0027 and to vote for the U18 Tennis Team text EC0026. Texts cost 50p each plus your standard network rate. You have until midnight on 4 February to cast your vote!

#### Valentines Ball

The scrummage committee warmly invite you to a Valentine's Ball on Friday 11 February at The Three Rivers Country Club. The evening starts at 7.00pm, with a champagne reception. You can then enjoy a three-course meal with complimentary wine, followed by an evening of entertainment and dancing. Carriages depart at 1.00am. Tickets are priced at £60.00 and are available from Kim on 07736 061 473 or Richard on 07801 941 880. All proceeds raised go towards funding rugby equipment and the NHVS.

#### Uniform Shop

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Friday 28 January for stock taking purposes.

#### Travel Information

There is currently 1 space available on the daily Taxibus service from the Ford's Building at Great Warley which comes directly to New Hall. This place is open to students from Year 3 upwards. Please contact Mrs Phillips, Travel Secretary, g.phillips@newhallschool.co.uk, for more information.

#### Removal of trees

One or two parents have raised concerns about the recent removal of trees at the front of the school, close to the exit barrier. This removal has been carried out on the advice of our planning and landscape advisors and the plan is to replace with indigenous species. All such works around the campus are carried out in accordance with a campus wide planting schedule.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey  
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#### Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 24 Jan	5.00-6.30pm	OMEGA Lecture
Wed 26 Jan	4.45-9.00pm	Year 9 Parents' Evening
Thu 3 Feb	7.30-10.00pm	Sixth Form Party

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Brain Challenge Number 21 Solution

What story did Robert May, an advertising copywriter, come up with for Montgomery Ward department store's 1939 Christmas promotion? *The Christmas brain challenge was won by Elizabeth Shiers (Year 11) who identified Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.*

### And the next challenge is:

A man walks into a bar and asks for a glass of water. Instead of handing him a glass of water, the barman suddenly turns and screams at him as loudly as he possibly can. Why? See Dr Thomas with the first correct solution to win a prize.