

What's New?

Senior School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Catholic Confirmation

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Thomas McMahon to New Hall to celebrate the Catholic Confirmation of one member of staff and the following students: Charlotte Chambers-Farah, Edward Fenton, Miles Fletcher, Christina Guerrero, Sara Guerrero, Brad Jordan, Tara King, Cherie Knight, Katie Lampshire, Conor McCaffrey, Claudia McCrea, Ciaran Moore and Hope O'Brien. We congratulate the students on their commitment to their faith and keep them in our prayers.



Chinese New Year Celebrations

Campion House and the Modern Languages Department jointly celebrated the Chinese New Year on the evening of 3 February. The Chinese boarders, and many other boarders of different nationalities, showed brilliant team work by making Chinese dumplings - a traditional activity in China passed on for generations. Thank you to Mr Sidwell, Mrs Rutherford and Year 12 students: Ivan Leung, Rex Lau, Harry Kong and Henry Wong for making the celebration such a success.



Careers Convention

This year's Careers Convention was a huge success, with 59 people exhibiting. We were delighted to welcome back several Old Fishes including Sascha Williams, who was available to give advice on becoming a freelance journalist, and Lilli Hood, pictured below. Thank you to all students and parents who supported the event.



Boarding

Earle House trip to the Secret Nuclear Bunker



On Sunday 13 February, the gentlemen of Earle House and staff visited the Secret Nuclear Bunker in Kelvedon Hatch. The bunker was originally designed to house up to 600 military and civilian personnel, possibly even the Prime Minister, and their collective task was to organise the survival of the population in the aftermath of a nuclear war. As the Cold War died down, the bunker and its ancillary systems were no longer required by the Government; it was decommissioned in 1992 and is now in private ownership. Upon entering the non-descript front door the students found themselves descending into the hillside via a 120m long tunnel, secured with steel blast doors at the far end. The group spent an hour exploring the labyrinth of tunnels whilst listening to a sound track of imminent nuclear attack

sirens and public information broadcasts playing in the background. The students had the chance to visit the sick bay, operating theatre, BBC broadcast room, map room and dormitory accommodation. It was a most enjoyable and interesting experience for all involved; many of the boys took the opportunity to dress up in the post apocalyptic fashions available.

History

Students enjoy History lecture at Chelmsford County High School Sixth Form historians were challenged and inspired after attending a lecture by Dr Daniel Beer at an event hosted by Chelmsford County High School's History Society. Having been educated at Cambridge and Harvard, Dr Beer is now a Lecturer in Modern European History at Royal Holloway, University of London, and has published a range of works on the intellectual and cultural history of the late Imperial and early Soviet periods. This lecture, *Interpreting Stalinism, or how to read a personality cult*, probed the origin, function and importance of Stalin's personality cult and invited students to draw interesting links between religious, social and political functions of society and the conditions that enable personality cults to flourish. As potential undergraduate historians, the students were excited by the opportunity to experience a university-style lecture and to develop their broader understanding of a historical topic with un-ending popular appeal.

Onatti Theatre Company



French GCSE students were entertained by the Onatti Theatre Company on 7 February. The play was *Le Paquet Mystérieux* and the intrigue surrounded a strange package which unexpectedly appeared in the hut where Vanessa and Lucas rent out sports equipment and sell snacks. The blood stains on the door added to the suspense but, with the help of some of the students who engaged in some 'reconstructions' of the crime scene, it was established that the package was neither a severed head nor a bomb but merely some funky new uniforms. Catherine Leighton did a fantastic job as a shop assistant and multi-tasked very efficiently, in perfect French. Merci à Onatti encore une fois.

EAL Trip to Olympia

The current Year 12 students will finish their studies at New Hall just 2 weeks before the start of the 2012 Olympic Games. A group of Year 12 EAL students and staff recently spent a Saturday touring some of the Olympic sites, to find out how things were progressing. They visited ExCel, walked around the park itself to view the Village, the

Velodrome, the Aquatics Centre and the Stadium. Nearly all of them decided that it was worth applying for tickets and some have even applied to be volunteers; their native languages are sure to be put to good use.



Music

Lunchtime Recital

This week's lunchtime recital began with a very accomplished performance of Gluck's *O del mio dolce ardour* from *Paride ed Elena* by Christina Guerrero (Year 12). Annabel Hockley (Year 10) followed on clarinet with one of the *Petites Pièces Faciles* by German composer *von Weber*. Coralie Smart (Year 13) ended the recital with the beautiful second of six *Consolations* by Liszt. Students should see Mr Castell if they wish to take part in a recital.

Local Radio Station interview Year 10 student's band

On 9 February, Emily Curtin (Year 10) and her band were interviewed live on Phoenix FM. The group were asked questions about the influences of their music which include bands 'Guns and Roses' and 'You Me at Six'. They also performed a live acoustic set of one of their own songs and a cover of a song by the group 'You Me at Six'. The band was thrilled to perform for the station. If you would like to see the band perform, they will be playing at The Golden Fleece, Chelmsford, on Thursday 3 March, at the Surface Festival on Monday 18 April and at the Freedom Festival on Friday 15 July.

Dance/Musical Theatre Classes

Please note that Saturday dance classes/musical theatre will take place this Saturday as normal.

Sport

Hockey

Please note that the U19XI Essex Hockey Invitational Tournament due to take place on Wednesday 16 March has been rescheduled for Wednesday 2 March from 11.30am-4.30pm.

U13VII Mid-Essex Hockey Tournament, 3 February

v Great Baddow High School	won 4-0
v The Sandon School, Chelmsford	won 3-0
v Chelmsford County High School	won 1-0
v Brentwood School	lost 1-0
v William de Ferrers School, South Woodham	drew 0-0

The girls played well and finished in 3rd place overall.

U13VII Essex Round of the National Hockey Tournament

The team did extremely well to finish within the top 4 schools in Essex in the competition. Mrs Sidwell would like to congratulate the Year 7 and 8 girls who played in this tournament and thank them for their hard work in the additional training sessions provided.



Results are as follows:

- v Maltings Academy, Witham, won 7-0
- v Brentwood School, drew 1-1
- v FitzWimarc School, Rayleigh, won 6-0
- v The Coopers' Co. and Coborn School, Upminster, won 1-0
- v Chigwell School, lost 4-0
- v Felsted School lost 3-0

Netball

Year 10 Inter-House Tournament

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| 1 st | Pole's | 15 points |
| 2 nd | Owen's | 10 points |
| 3 rd | Fisher's | 6 points |
| 4 th | Southwell's | 0 points |

New Hall v Bishop's Stortford College

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U14A	lost 11-14	Annabel Gardiner
U14B	drew 14-14	Matilda Robb

New Hall v Brentwood School

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U12A	lost 24-9	Alice Aldridge
U13A	lost 21-6	Caroline Buckley

New Hall v Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U18A	won 11-18	Samantha Hall
U16A	won 28-21	Hester Catchpole
U16B	lost 30-4	

New Hall v Chigwell School

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U12A	lost 19-20	Stephanie Wilson
U12B	won 15-11	Madeleine Gardiner
U12C	won 14-3	Molly Bailey
U13A	won 22-1	Lucy Cracknell
U13B	won 30-6	Esme Clarke
U13C	won 15-4	Eloise Clarkson

U16A v St Edmunds School, Kent, won 22-20

New Hall v Ipswich High School

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U14A	won 23-10	Lucy Salter
U14B	won 11-8	Emma Dickinson

New Hall v Royal Hospital School, Ipswich

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U12A	won 24-6	Lucy Pryor
U12B	won 16-1	Nicole Benfield
U13A	won 24-3	Eleanor McCaffrey
U13B	won 20-2	Amy Murphy
U13C	won 25-3	Megan Lockwood

New Hall v St John Payne School, Chelmsford

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U14A	won 18-13	Francesca Bazley
U14B	lost 15-12	Emma Marler

U14B v U14A William de Ferrers School, South Woodham Ferrers, lost 4-18

U14A v U15B William de Ferrers School, South Woodham Ferrers, won 18-16

New Hall v Woodbridge School, Suffolk

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U12B	won 17-0	Charlotte Wakeman & Chloe Thurgood
U12C	won 9-6	Hannah Rothmann
U13B	won 12-5	Annie Meechan
U13C	won 9-7	Alexandra Malyon-Davies
U16A	won 20-16	
U16B	lost 12-20	
U18A	lost 17-30	

Rugby

New Hall v St Benedict's School, Ealing

Team	Result	Man of the Match
U12A	lost 5-12	Oliver Morris
U13A	lost 0-32	Alexander Sammons
U14A	lost 0-70	Benjamin Mountford
U15A	lost 5-20	Matthew Howe

New Hall v The Boswells School, Chelmsford

Team	Result	Man of the Match
U12B	lost 0-42	Charles Grenfell
U12C	lost 5-29	Marco Choi
U14B	lost 15-31	Nikolay Avakyan

New Hall v St Joseph's College, Ipswich

Team	Result	Man of the Match
U12A	won 17-10	William Baird
U13A	won 33-7	George Davies
U14A	lost 10-26	Harry Warwick
U15A	lost 0-55	Harrison Barber

Tennis

Congratulations to the U15 boys' tennis team, who have secured enough votes to place them in the final three nominees for the Essex Chronicle's Young Team of the Year award. The team have been invited to the awards evening which will be held at Chelmsford City Football Club on Friday 11 March. We wish them every success.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey
PRINCIPAL

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri 18 Feb		End of half term
Mon 28 Feb		Term recommences
Wed 2 Mar	5.00-6.00pm	Meeting: Normandy 2011 Parents' Information Evening
Wed 2 Mar		World Book Day
Sat 5 Mar		U12 Rugby Sevens Festival
Sat 5 Mar	9.30-11.30am	Coffee Morning for prospective Pre- Reception families

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New Hall Preparatory School

You and your family are warmly invited to join staff from New Hall Pre-Reception for

Coffee & Cupcakes

on Saturday 5 March 2011 from 9.30-11.30am
at New Hall Preparatory School



If you are considering entry to New Hall Pre-Reception (from the age of 3) this is an opportunity to visit Pre-Reception, meet the Headteacher, staff & pupils and to meet other families. Optional tours and fun activities with a visiting entertainer will take place throughout the morning.

RSVP online at www.newhallschool.co.uk/events or to Christina Taylor, New Hall School, The Avenue, Boreham, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 3HS, UK
c.taylor@newhallschool.co.uk/01245 467 588

Due to ongoing school development, the Senior School requires as soon as possible the following:

Assistant Registrar

The Assistant Registrar will be required to undertake a variety of administrative duties. A professional manner, self motivation, strong initiative, good IT and excellent communication skills are essential for this client facing role. An additional language (Chinese, Spanish or Russian) would be useful although is not essential. Working hours are 8.30am to 5.30pm, all year. The salary range for Assistant Registrar is currently between £18,385pa and £20,861pa

Closing Date: Noon Friday 4 March **Interview Date:** Tuesday 8 March

Admissions Assistant

An assistant is required to work in a busy Admissions office. Reporting to the Registrar, the successful candidate will undertake a variety of administrative duties. A professional manner, good IT and excellent communication skills are required for this varied role. Working hours are 8.30am to 5.30pm, all year. The salary range for Admissions Assistant is currently between £15,217pa and £16,580pa

Closing Date: Wednesday 9 March **Interview Date:** Tuesday 15 March

Generous benefits available for all posts including training provision & subsidised membership of New Hall Sports Club

- superb working environment • London 30 mins by train

New Hall is committed to safeguarding students. There will be an enhanced CRB check prior to appointment.

For further details & Application Forms please contact the School Secretary: Tel: 01245 467 588 Fax: 01245 464 348
Email: admin@newhallschool.co.uk

NHVS Fashion Show

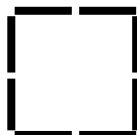
You are warmly invited to the NHVS 'Truly British Fashion Show', which will be taking place on Wednesday 16 March from 7.00-9.00pm. Tickets cost £10 each for adults and £5 each for students and include a drinks reception and canapés, as well as a goody bag, a prize draw and the opportunity to shop! To purchase a ticket please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/events to download a booking form.

Brain Challenge Number 23 Solution

If you want to play the game then you have to rent it, even if it is warm and wet. This product's design has been extraordinarily successful; it was intentionally made ugly so no one would steal it. What is it? Congratulations to Hester Catchpole (Year 11) for getting the correct answer: *Bowling shoes*.

And the next challenge is:

How can you add 4 more matchsticks within the square to make 2 shapes only of exactly the same size & shape?



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

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Own a Pony Day

at Runningwell Equestrian Centre



Monday 21 February from 9.30am-3.30pm

Spend the day at Runningwell Equestrian Centre, where you will be given your own pony for the day.

The day will be packed with fun activities where you will learn how to care for your pony and includes a riding lesson.

Open to New Hall students and those considering entry into Year 7 in September 2011.

The day fee of £50.00 includes all activities. All levels catered for.

Please bring a packed lunch. Alternatively, food may be purchased from the cafe.

For more details please contact Runningwell Equestrian Centre on 01268 711 221 or info@runningwell.co.uk.

Runningwell Equestrian Centre, Warren Road, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8DG

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