

# What's New?

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Dear Parents

## Catholic Confirmation

Our sincere apologies go to Elle Sozzi and her family for the omission of Elle's name in the previous newsletter regarding her Confirmation. Bishop Thomas McMahon celebrated the Catholic Confirmation of Elle on 4 February. We congratulate Elle on her commitment to her faith and keep her in our prayers.

## Mathematics

On 3 February, 90 students in Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Maths Challenge. Congratulations to the 4 students who achieved a gold award, the 18 students who achieved a silver award and the 22 students who achieved a bronze award. There were several notable achievements from individual students who took part. Pippa O'Riley (Year 9) achieved the highest result in the school and secured both a gold award and a place in the Olympiad competition, which is for the top 400 students nationwide in each year group. Both Kelvin Man (Year 11) and Tony Qu (Year 9) have progressed through to the Kangaroo competition for their respective year groups, which is for the next 1,500 students who did not make it into the Olympiad competition. Over 600,000 students take part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge and New Hall students achieve outstanding results year on year.



*Pippa O'Riley (Year 9) who was placed in the top 400 in the UK for the nationwide Maths Challenge*

## Parents' Forum: Gifted and Talented Provision

On Wednesday 23 March, there will be a specialist Parents' Forum for parents of students in Years 5-13 from 4.45-5.45pm in the Eaton Theatre. This is an opportunity to find out more about the Gifted & Talented provision at New Hall, to meet the Head of Department and put forward your ideas and suggestions. RSVP to Mrs O'Riley, on 01245 467 588 or by e-mail to [g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk).

## English

### *The Times Spelling Bee Competition*

An intrepid team of four Year 7 students have been selected this week after facing a challenging round of spelling competitions held by the English Department. The final selections are: Joseph Andrew, Gabrielle Clarke, Oliver Ledwith and Jemima Walker. The students will be attending the regional Spelling Bee round held at Freeport Cinema on 21 March; support is welcome.

### *Interpretation of Text Competition*

The semi-finals of the Interpretation of Text Competition have been held this week. A large number of Year 7 and 8 students have faced their tough, yet appreciative, audience of peers: presenting their poems from memory while showing understanding through their voice. All must be congratulated for getting this far and the finalists will be announced next week. The final will be taking place on Thursday 31 March in the North Room from 5.00-7.00pm. Refreshments will be provided.

## 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, prize draw and the opportunity to shop! To purchase a ticket, please visit [www.newhallschool.co.uk/events](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk/events) to download a booking form.

## Lecture at Brentwood Cathedral

On Wednesday 16 March at 7.30pm, Archbishop Vincent Nichols will be giving a lecture at Brentwood Cathedral which is entitled: *Living our Catholic Faith in a Secular Age*. Light refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall will follow the lecture. The event is free of charge and all are most welcome to attend.

## Modern Languages

### *Spanish Revision Sessions*

Students from Year 11-13 benefitted from some intensive Spanish revision sessions on 4 and 5 March. The students tried out some typical Spanish dishes including paella and churros on Friday evening while practising their Spanish. After the meal, the group watched the moving film *La Lengua de la Mariposa* to learn more about the background of the Spanish Civil War. The students were then invited back on Saturday morning for examination specific revision sessions to help prepare them for the forthcoming examinations. Well done to all those students involved and 'buena suerte' for the summer examinations.

## Music

### A Level Music Students' Lunchtime Concert



Four A Level music students took part in a lunchtime recital at Trinity Methodist Church, Chelmsford, on Wednesday last week in preparation for their imminent A Level examination recital. Coralie Smart opened the recital with a programme of Liszt Consolations: 2 in E major; 3 in Db major and 5 in E major. Lara-Jayne Ellice featured twentieth century harp masters with *Esqisse*, *Danse D'Autrefois* and *Angelus* by H Renie and *Seguidilla* by Salzedo. Pan Hu focussed her recital on Chopin Etudes: *Op10 no.3*; *Op10 no.6*; *Op10 no.12* and Kayleigh McEvoy's programme of 'Love in Eighteenth Century Italian Opera' finished the recital with performances of *O del mio dolce ardour* by Gluck, *Donne vaghe* by Paisiello, *Marito vorrei* by Mozart and *Voi, che sapete* by Mozart. The music was of a very high standard and the audience of over 60 were very appreciative. Profits made by tickets sales were donated to the Trinity Church restoration appeal.

### A Day with Chris Walker

New Hall is delighted to be hosting a day with internationally renowned composer, Chris Walker, on Saturday 30 April. The event, which is organised by the Diocese of Brentwood, is open to parish music leaders, singers, instrumentalists and catechists. The day will be an opportunity to learn new works by Chris Walker, as well as meeting others from parishes across the diocese. A booking form is available for download from the New Hall website. The cost is £10 for adults and free of charge to New Hall students.

## Clarion Call

It has come to our attention that a number of emails and attachments sent via Clarion Call are not being read. It is important that parents read these items since school trips, activities and events are being missed, resulting in students missing out on valuable experiences. Clarion Call provides us with the facility to see whether a particular parent has read an email, but we do not have the staff time to keep chasing individual parents in this regard. Therefore your co-operation would be much appreciated.

## Exhibition of the work of Sr Mary Stephen CRSS

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre invite you to join them at an exhibition of the art work of Sister Mary Stephen CRSS at New Hall Preparatory School on Sunday 20 March. The exhibition will be held in the school hall and is open to the public on Sunday 20 March from 12noon-5.00pm. In

addition, parents are warmly invited to visit the exhibition, with or without their children, on Friday 18 March from 3.00pm or on Monday 21 March from 3.00-4.00pm. Postcards and original artwork will be available to purchase.



## Internet Safety Poster Competition

Congratulations to Dominie Rodino (Year 9) who was the winner of the Internet Safety Poster Competition. Look out for Dominie's poster which is displayed around the school.



## Sport

### Athletics

Congratulations to George Perkins (Year 10) who finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the final of the National Indoor U17 60m Championships. Despite running against older boys, George's time was 7.16 seconds; an outstanding achievement.

### Cross Country

On 4 March, New Hall athletes took part in the Mid-Essex Cross Country competition at Hylands Park. Students achieved some excellent results despite a strong field of 72 competitors and the muddy course! The results were as follows:

#### 1500m Year 7 Girls

Georgina Sturgeon	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jemima Walker	4 <sup>th</sup>
Anna McMinn	62 <sup>nd</sup>

#### 2000m Year 8 Girls

Courtney Sanders	11 <sup>th</sup>
Eleanor McCaffrey	12 <sup>th</sup>
Lily Turnbull	49 <sup>th</sup>
Katherine Streatfeild	65 <sup>th</sup>

#### 2200m Year 7 Boys

Oliver Jenkins	18 <sup>th</sup>
Samuel Jones	34 <sup>th</sup>
Samuel Makins	38 <sup>th</sup>
Benjamin Jones	46 <sup>th</sup>

#### 2500m Year 8 Boys

Oliver Swallow	1 <sup>st</sup>
Justin Smith	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Callum Grummitt	45 <sup>th</sup>
Ethan Lundy	66 <sup>th</sup>

#### Hockey

##### Staff v Students Match for Charity

This year's staff v students' hockey match will take place on Monday 4 April from 12.45-1.45pm. Last year, the teams drew 4-4 and the previous year, staff won 5-2 and so the staff are marginally in the lead! The match aims to raise money for the Helen Rollason Cancer Support Centre charity. Therefore, all who play in the match will have an opportunity to contribute a voluntary match fee and spectators will pay a £1 entrance fee. Last year over £350 was raised for the charity which was a fantastic achievement, and it is hoped that the school will beat this total this year. Please contact Mrs Sidwell if you would like to play. Gum shields and shin pads are available from the Uniform Shop.

#### Essex County Schools U19XI Girls Invitational Hockey Tournament Results:

v Bancroft's School, Woodford Green	drew 0-0
v Forest School, Walthamstow	lost 1-0
v Chelmsford County High School	lost 5-0
v Brentwood School	lost 4-0

Mrs Sidwell would like to take this opportunity to thank Year 13 student, Danielle Hitchins, for captaining the hockey team this year and wish her and Molly Tappin, Ellen Royce, Annabel Schwier and Jessica Grainger every success in the future. The girls will play in their last match for New Hall on Monday 4 April in the staff v students charity hockey match at 12.40pm.

#### Year 7 team win U12VII CESSA Hockey Tournament

Player of the tournament: Antonia Kitchiner



On 3 March, the Year 7 girls travelled to Chelmsford County High School to play in the U12VII CESSA Hockey Tournament.

The tournament was played in a round robin format and the results were as follows:

v Sandon School, Chelmsford	won 5-0
v Chelmsford County High School	won 3-0
v William de Ferrers School, South Woodham Ferrers	won 3-0

This is an outstanding achievement for the team. Mrs Jones and Mrs Sidwell would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the girls on their success. Team members included: Alice Aldridge, Lydia Allen, Nicole Benfield (Captain), Chloe Bull, Rachel Hull, Madeleine Gardiner, Antonia Kitchiner and Joanna Thorogood.

#### Netball

Year 7 A, B & C v Ipswich School

U12A lost 15-12

Player of the Match: Sophie Thomson

U12B won 22-4

Players of the Match: Chloe Thurgood and Madeleine Gardiner

This was another superb result for the U12B team. It was almost impossible to choose a player of the match as everyone worked so well together and performed to such a high standard. Well done to the team who have won every game this season and have the best statistics for their goal scores.

U12C won 16-5

The girls demonstrated excellent defensive skills and worked together to pass the ball, helping the shooters to score frequently.

#### Inter-House Competition

1 <sup>st</sup>	Southwell's	15 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Owen's	11 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pole's	6 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fisher's	1 point

#### Rugby

Well done to George Perkins, Eben Becerra, Joshua Jones and Alfie Adelman (Year 10) who played for the Essex U15 team to contribute to a 15pts-12pts win against Kent.

#### U12 Sevens Festival

New Hall hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual U12 Sevens Festival on 5 March. Schools from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Glamorgan, Hertfordshire, Kent, Northamptonshire and Suffolk took part in the festival. Several local rugby clubs were also invited to compete at the festival which provided a good standard of play for the matches. After 64 group matches, the top 2 teams progressed through to the main cup competition. The teams in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place progressed through to the plate competition and the remaining teams were entered into the bowl competition which was a knock out. In the cup semi-finals Bro Morgannwg School, Wales, won against St Columba's College, Hertfordshire, and Saffron Walden County High School won against Northampton School for Boys. Another nail biting match ended with Northampton scoring a try in the dying minutes. In the final, Saffron Walden County High School won against Bro Morgannwg School 42-10. In the bowl final Campion School, Essex beat Colchester Royal Grammar

School 40-21. Lincroft School, Bedfordshire, beat The Perse School, Cambridge, to win the plate competition 45-12. Thank you to all of the schools which took part in the festival, it was a fantastic day which was enjoyed by all.



### Generals Lane

We have received a request from Essex County Council regarding Bulls Lodge Quarry on Generals Lane. Concern has been expressed that traffic coming down Generals Lane from the direction of New Hall's exit, heading towards the roundabout, is often travelling very quickly and does not take account of the fact that lorries may be approaching the bridge over the railway line, or turning into and out of the quarry site access. While the speed limit is 60 miles an hour, due to the nature of Generals Lane being mainly single lane, it is not appropriate for such speeds. Also, in freezing weather conditions it is unlikely to be gritted. While HGVs visiting the site will give way appropriately, please could you ensure that you moderate your speed on Generals Lane and be aware that HGV traffic, which is slower moving, does have to use Generals Lane to access Bulls Lodge quarry. Your co-operation would be much appreciated to ensure the safety of all users of Generals Lane.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey  
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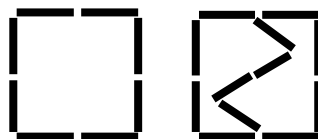
### Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 14 Mar	7.00-8.30pm	China Trip Parent & Student Information Evening
Wed 16 Mar	7.00-9.30pm	NHVS Fashion Show
Fri 18 Mar	6.00-10.00pm	Years 11-13 French Masterclass
Tue 22 Mar	7.00-8.30pm	Talent Competition for Rwanda
Wed 23 Mar	4.45-5.45pm	Parents' Forum: Gifted & Talented Provision
	6.00-8.00pm	Students and Parents Operation Wallacea Course
Thu 24 Mar	4.45-9.00pm	Year 13 Parents' Evening
Mon 28 Mar	6.00-8.30pm	UCAS Introductory for Parents and Students

# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 24 Solution

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



Congratulations to George Morgan (Year 7) and Thomas Boon (Year 10) for answering correctly.

### And the next challenge is:

If a student uses half of her remaining ink in her pen every day, how much ink does she have left after three days?

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



New Hall Music School



## SPRING CONCERT

FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2011  
7.00PM, EATON THEATRE

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# Cricket Academy Tour to Abu Dhabi and Dubai, 2011



*The team at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium*

The 17 man squad comprising players from Years 7-11 made their way to Abu Dhabi and Dubai for their first Academy Cricket tour during the February half term, winning all 5 matches.



## Match Reports

*New Hall v The British School, The Emirates Palace Hotel*

New Hall won the toss and elected to bat. A joint effort resulted in the team setting a steady total of 148 for 9 from their 35 overs. The boys then took to the field, with a run out, and together with a good catch at backward point from Samuel Jones, the fielding side looked strong. The team

continued to apply pressure with the ball and Connor Whetstone, Samuel Jones and Matthew Crawley took 2 wickets apiece. The British School team took some last quick wickets at the end of their innings, and were finally bowled out for 83, giving New Hall the win by 65 runs.



*Visit to Sheikh Zayed Mosque*

*New Hall v The Zayed Cricket Academy, Sheikh Zayed Stadium*  
The second fixture was against the Zayed Cricket Academy at the Sheikh Zayed Stadium, which will host test matches and one day internationals for Pakistan against England early next year. New Hall posted 183 from their 35 overs.

After a slow start at the top, due to some good swing bowling from the Zayed team, Dominic Morris came to the crease and started to take the game to the opposition. Matthew Crawley (37) gave the innings control through the middle overs, and the platform he created allowed George Styles (35) and Benjamin Mountford (17) to come in and score, at well over a run a ball in the last 6 overs of the game. Charlie Gibson, Charlie Treacher, James Berry and Joshua Turner all bowled with excellent control and did not allow the batting side to get away. Connor Whetstone went on to take 5 wickets from his 7 overs and only conceded 3 runs. Connor's accuracy and control, together with his ability to spin the ball, dazzled the batters as they capitulated to just 100 all out, giving New Hall their second win of the tour.

The academy then travelled to Dubai where, aside from cricket, they enjoyed a desert safari and BBQ at the home of a current New Hall parent.

#### *New Hall v Repton School (T20 game)*



The sports facilities at Repton School were outstanding and the New Hall team enjoyed playing under lights. George Styles got the team off to a great start smashing 44 from just 26 balls. Some clean striking from Benjamin Mountford (28) took the side up to 117 for 9 from their 20 overs. With Repton School leading the way for most of the game, the New Hall team knew that they would have to strike early. Louis Poynter bowled a quick opening spell, clean bowling their hosts opening batsman's first ball of the innings. Louis was supported well by the controlled bowling of Callum Fletcher, which gave New Hall a great start. Runs started to come from the Repton middle order and the New Hall boys began to feel the pressure. Joshua Chapman stepped up and produced a fine spell of swing bowling claiming 3 wickets in the middle overs. Again, it was the pace of the ball that sealed the game for the academy, with Thomas Styles claiming 3 wickets to secure a win of just 25 runs in the closely contended match.

#### *New Hall v Repton School, The Sevens Ground*

Louis Poynter took full advantage of the extended overs and gained a superb 82, with shots all around the ground. Louis constructed his innings very well and it was a pleasure to see him supporting the younger players as they came in through the end of the order. With Taha Khan and Thomas Styles also contributing to the team's efforts with 28 and 32 apiece, New Hall finished on 187 for 7, their highest total of the tour so far. Callum Fletcher and

Hayden Munt started the innings with the ball and demonstrated control and accuracy, but struggled to make a breakthrough. It was the turn of the younger bowlers to take the limelight; Charlie Gibson and Charlie Treacher took 5 wickets between them, crushing the Repton middle order. The New Hall team's fielding got increasingly better with 2 outstanding catches from George Styles and Joshua Turner close to the bat. The academy's top wicket taker, Connor Whetstone, collected figures of 3 for 6 from just 2 overs, giving the delighted New Hall squad their 4<sup>th</sup> victory from 4 games.



*The boys enjoy a camel ride*

#### *New Hall v Dubai College*

Captain, Matthew Crawley, got New Hall off to a good attacking start with the bat, scoring a fluent 25 before being run out. With a middle order collapse occurring it was James Berry who added some stability, making his way with shots all around the ground before finally falling for a well worked 38. The star of the first innings was Benjamin Mountford, who demonstrated destructive hitting in the lower order. Benjamin smashed 38 from just 20 balls with 4 straight sixes, twice clearing the school walls to take the New Hall team to 158 for 7 from their 25 overs.

The tour finished with a fun day at the Atlantis Water Park, which was followed by the long trip home.

Mr James would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the boys on their success, which is a real testament to all of their hard work in the training sessions. The boys showed an admirable commitment to the team in each game and were wonderful ambassadors for the school. Thank you to Mr James, Mr Winsor and Mr Briggs who were the accompanying staff for the tour. Thank you also to Lookers Land Rover in Chelmsford for their kind sponsorship of the tour.

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