

What's New?

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Dear Parents

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China Trip



120 Year 10 & 11 students and staff jetted off to China on Thursday for a 10-day Geography expedition over the Easter holidays. The trip will include visits to some of China's most important places including the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. We wish them well for the trip and look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

Exemplar Students

Congratulations to two students whose work has been used as best practice examples by respective examination boards for A Level. Year 13 student, Sarah Barrett, wrote two essays in a January A Level History examination paper (in which she scored 100%) which have now been used as exemplar material in the examiner report which is distributed nationally. In Music, Daniel Schultz (who left New Hall in 2010) has had his composition used, also as an example of a perfect score of 100%. It is wonderful to see New Hall students' work being used in this way.

AV Debate

On the 31 March, two opposing campaigners met in the Eaton Theatre to express their views on the upcoming referendum on the change of the electoral system, which is due to take place on 5 May. The 'Yes for AV' campaign was represented by Taha Khan (Year 11) and Samuel Trizuljak (Year 12) and their arguments focused on the need for a change, suggesting the UK was no longer a two-party system. They also pointed out the advantages of Alternative Vote: fairer votes, improved representation within the Parliament and widening of the choice for the electorate as well as the flaws of the present system, First-Past-The-Post (FPTP), first of them being distorted representation, then inequality and waste of votes. The 'No' campaign, led by Daniel Mullens (Year 11) and Jan Nedvidek (Year 12), argued the change was not urgent, as the FPTP reaches sufficient outcomes. They presented the fact that AV makes the votes of minor parties count more

than once and in practice AV would only help Liberal Democrats. They opposed AV, while suggesting that if change is required, then to Proportional Representation, which is widely used in Europe. After the question time there was a vote and present students and staff decided to preserve FPTP with 10 No votes, opposed to 7 Yes votes.

Drama

Bluff your way in Theatre



Over 80 students took part in 3 evenings of *Bluff your way in Theatre* during the last week of term. A comprehensive illustrated guide to theatre, from Greek to modern day, including scenes from theatre as diverse as *Medea* the ancient Greek tragedy to the 1940's *A Streetcar Named Desire* and the current *Billy Elliot* and *Sister Act* from the West End. With useful narration between each scene, the audience were transported from genre to genre with information about context and often a little humour! Congratulations to the students and to the Drama and Music Departments.



A busy week for Tom!

Congratulations to Year 7 Drama Scholar, Thomas Denham, who, in addition to appearing in *Bluff your way in*

Theatre, recently played bass guitar at Barleylands for the Rainbow Music concert. Thomas also performed in the chorus at the Shenfield Operatic Society's production of *Annie Get Your Gun*, which was performed at the Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch last week.



English

Interpretation of Text Competition

On 6 April, the English Department held the annual Interpretation of Text Competition for Years 7 and 8. It was an impressive show of poetry appreciation and vocal expression from the young students, who treated the audience to a wide variation of pre-1940 poems, from Robert Browning to Rudyard Kipling. The judges faced a challenging task as they selected the winners. Theodore Stevenson won 'Best Overall' when he regaled the audience with an Australian poem, *Mulga Bill's Bicycle*, Emily Snow won 'Best Year 7' with *Fireworks* by James Reeves, Joshua Deans won 'Best Year 8' with *The Soldier* by Rupert Brooke, Samuel Johnson won 'Most Moving' with *Funeral Blues* by W H Auden, and 'Most Promising' went to James Watt for his interpretation of *Prince Kano* by Edward Lowbury. The English Department would like to thank the judges for completing, with great grace, the tough job of deciding the winners and the audience for showing such appreciation and support.



Spelling Bee Competition

The Year 7 New Hall Spelling Bee was well attended as students came to pit their wits against such challenges as 'The Destroyer Round'! After 8 brain tiring rounds, where such words as 'hieroglyphic' stumped some spellers, the clear winners were: Gabrielle Clarke, Madeleine Gardiner and Rebecca Kimberlin. Our congratulations go to the

students for their strong spelling skills and enthusiasm for the English language.



History

The guest speaker at this term's History Society was Mr Owens, Head of Politics & Teacher of History. He enthralled students from Years 11, 12 and 13 on the subject of 'The Great Game: A 19th Century Cold War?' In this, he explored the strategic rivalry and conflict between the British Empire and the Russian Empire for supremacy in Central Asia, focusing on the desire for control and influence in the Ottoman Empire and east towards India. The students were inspired and this was, for many, a superb introduction to a period of history that was previously in their own individual 'dark ages'.

Biology Olympiad and Challenge Award Ceremony

Congratulations to Rebecca Lewis (Year 13) who has been invited to attend the Biology Olympiad and Biology Challenge Award Ceremony on 30 June, where she will receive her Bronze medal.

Modern Languages

Debate in Chinese

The Modern Languages Department held a debate in Chinese between Year 10 and Year 13 students. The teams debated about whether the United Kingdom should be criticised about their dealings with Libya. It was an interesting and thought-provoking event. Congratulations to the girls team comprising Kristy Cheung (Year 10), Joyce Mok (Year 12) and Maggie Qin (Year 12) who were the winners of the debate. Well done also to Silva Chen (Year 13) who won the title of best debater. Thank you to all the students who participated and also the students who acted as judges.

Sixth Form Boarders International Quiz

For the second time this year, the Sixth Form boarders have proved they could organise a fun and challenging evening of entertainment by introducing their countries to each other. After a delicious Mexican meal, 8 teams presented their quiz to an audience of eager Campion and Dennett contestants. Hong-Kong, Canada, Nigeria, Croatia, Bosnia, Slovakia, Poland and Russia were the challengers of the evening and each table proved to be very competitive to show off their geographical and historical knowledge. The contest proved to be very close with two winning teams totalling 71 points and one runner up with 68 points.

Following a competitive evening, all participants are ready to jostle for the top position at the next quiz on the 15 June.



Music

Our thanks and congratulations go to the following students who have performed for school assemblies recently: Leanne Bailham (Year 8), Molly Conrad (Year 9), Grace Fairbairn (Year 11), Peggy Hu (Year 12) and Anna Jeffrey (Year 8).

Spring Concert



The Eaton Theatre was the venue for the first half of this year's annual Spring Concert on 1 April. Opening the concert with real gusto was the school orchestra with 'Music from the Movies' including themes from *Star Wars*, *Thunderbirds* and *The Pink Panther!* The first half continued with two accomplished instrumental trios who entertained with works by Purcell and Tchaikovsky and strong performances by Saxtet, the Guitar Ensemble, Fay Archer (Year 8) and from the Chamber Choir, who performed several works by Chilcott. The climax of the first half came with two outstanding performances by The Jazz Initiative who performed two pieces with solos by James Summers (Year 9), Camille Hamilton-Villemur (Year 13) and Felix Fardell (Year 7) and Voces who thoroughly entertained the audience with a rendition of Billy Joel's *The Longest Time* with tenor solo from Calum Stanton-Bennett (Year 10). The second half in the Chapel was more reflective and sombre, with an exceptional performance of Stainer's *Crucifixion* from the combined choirs of Senior Choir and Voces. The choirs were joined by soloists John McCuin (tenor) and Gerald Malton (Bass). It was an intensely profound performance, particularly during this Lenten season. Our thanks go to the Music Department, Mr Fardell, Mr Castell,

as well as to our accompanist, Mr Archard, and all the students who took part in this special event.

Masterclass at Widford Lodge

On 27 March, Mr Fardell and Mr Castell visited Widford Lodge Preparatory School, Chelmsford, to lead an hour-long Singing Masterclass for pupils in Years 4-6. It was a fast-paced and lively session, with music ranging from traditional part songs to a song about Mozart's Go-Kart! The pupils learnt very quickly and had great fun.



Charity



Well done to Emily Whitworth (Year 7) who has raised £156.15 for the Rwanda appeal by selling cakes outside her house.

Sport - See website for full match reports.

'The Barry McKay Shield' Staff v Students Hockey Match



On Monday lunchtime, 16 members of staff and 16 students participated in the annual staff v students hockey match, to

raise money for the Helen Rollason Cancer Unit at Broomfield Hospital. After an entertaining and good spirited game, the final score was 4-0 to the staff, with goals from Mrs Sidwell, Mr Briggs, Mr James and Mr Sidwell. The total raised so far stands at £437.75 and Mrs Sidwell would like to thank all those who took part and supported this event.

Athletics

U13 & U15 England Schools Athletics First Round

The first round of the England Schools Athletics Competition will be taking place on 13 May at 11.00am in Gloucester Park, Basildon. There are 11 schools in each group and the top 2 will progress through to the final. Unfortunately, 2 of the past winners are in the same group as New Hall and so athletes will need to start training hard over Easter! The teams will be selected from training sessions and trials. Training in school will take place on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes after the Easter break; other sessions will be listed in the extra-curricular booklet for the Lent Term. Each athlete will participate in 2 events; a track and a field event with points scored for each individual performance. The individual points are then totalled and the highest placed school team will go through to the final. If you can run, throw or jump (or do all three!) then please ensure that you go to the training sessions.

Cross Country Championships: Framlingham College, Suffolk



<i>U12 Girls</i>	<i>4th position overall</i>
Anna McMinn	37 th
Jemima Walker	5 th
Georgina Sturgeon	4 th
<i>U13 Boys</i>	<i>5th position overall</i>
Ethan Lundy	29 th
Samuel Makins	22 nd
Oliver Swallow	1 st

Football

Congratulations to the Sixth Form girls team who won 7-0 against King Edward VI Grammar School.

Netball

Inter-House Results

Year 7 Competition:

1 st	Southwell's	15 points
2 nd	Pole's	11 points
3 rd	Fisher's	6 points
4 th	Owen's	0 points

Year 8 Competition:

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

Year 9 Competition:

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

New Hall v Bancroft's School, Woodford Green Results

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U13A	won 37-9	Freya Pelling
U14A	lost 28-29	Pippa O'Riley
U14B	lost 12-15	Izabela Pagano

U14A v Clacton Lions, won 26-7

Player of the Match: Annabel Gardiner

New Hall v St Edmund's School, Kent

Team	Result	Player of the Match
U12A	won 23-12	Kirsty Thomas
U12B	won 17-7	Madeleine Gardiner & Alice Locker
U12C	won 22-5	Georgia Tinson
U14A	drew 26-26	Megan Staines

U13 & U14 v Ipswich School

U13A	won	33-15
U13B	won	15-9
U13C	won	10-6
U14A	lost	12-14

U15 CESSSA Tournament

The U15 team played a round robin tournament against other Central Essex Schools.

v Chelmsford County High School	lost 7-10
v Boswell's School, Chelmsford	drew 8-8
v William De Ferrers School, South Woodham Ferrers	lost 9-11

U16 CESSSA Tournament

v William De Ferrers School	lost 12-13
v St Peter's School, Billericay	won 11-3
v Great Baddow High School	lost 16-5

U12B/C v William De Ferrers School, South Woodham Ferrers, Tournament - 1st place

Players of the Tournament: Chloe Thurgood and Carli Bardwell

U12B

v William De Ferrers School	won 3-1
v Great Baddow High School	won 4-0
v St Peter's School, Billericay	won 13-0

U12C

v William De Ferrers School	won 5-3
v Great Baddow High School	won 5-0
v St Peter's School, Billericay	won 5-1
v The Plume School, Maldon	drew 0-0

Riding

Congratulations to Madeleine Taylor (Year 10) who finished the trial at Aldon International in 2nd place, and double clear within the time, on her horse Bandalera. At the first event of the season, prior to Aldon, which was in Cambridgeshire at Isleham, Madeleine competed on all 3 of her horses and all were double clear inside the time. Her horses Dak and Bandalera were placed 3rd and 4th respectively and Biscuit finished 10th in his section. Well done to Madeleine on a fantastic start to the season.

Rugby

Essex Schools U15 Cup Final - won

Player of the Match: Matthew Howe

Congratulations to the U15 team who won the Essex Schools U15 Tournament last Sunday. The team won against The Robert Clack School in Dagenham 36pts to 12pts.



Sailing

We are delighted to announce that New Hall is now a member of the National School Sailing Association (NSSA).

Swimming

Congratulations to Evangelina Fisher (Year 11) who competed in the Essex County Swimming Championships which took place over three weekends. Evangelina gained places in the finals in each of the events she entered, winning 9 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 2 bronze medals in total. She also achieved the best placing out of the girls in her age group and broke two County Event best times that have stood since 2004 in the 50metre and 100metre breaststroke competitions.

Triathlon

On 3 April, the first event of the Triathlon league, an aquathlon (a swim immediately followed by a run), took place at Hockley Leisure Centre. Congratulations to the following students who achieved the below results:

Megan Staines	300m swim	2400m run	9 th place
Aaron Stone	150m swim	1200m run	1 st place
Elliot Swallow	200m swim	1800m run	3 rd place
Oliver Swallow	300m swim	2400m run	1 st place

A particular commendation must go to Arran Rae, who took part in the adult race which involved a 400m swim followed by a 5km run, and he came 8th out of 138 starters. This was a fantastic start to the season by all competitors, and our thanks goes to their coach, Mrs Staines.

Travel Information

School Coaches and Minibus Services on Open Day

This is a reminder that school coaches and minibus services will operate on Open Day, Monday 2 May 2011, at the normal morning times but with an early departure from school in the afternoon at 4.30pm.

Dropping off & parking in the mornings

Senior School parents are asked please to adhere to the parking arrangements previously communicated and clearly signed, namely that Senior School parents should drop off and pick up in the front of school car park, unless directed by the Estate Staff to use the main car park as an overflow.

Student access to e-mail

Please be advised that students can access their personal drives and shared drives from home using Ranger Outpost software. The instructions to install this software are available on the shared drive.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey
PRINCIPAL

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri 8 Apr	4.30pm	Term ends
Wed 27 Apr	8.15am	Term begins
Mon 2 May	9.00am-12.00noon	Open Morning
Thu 5 May	5.00-9.00pm	Year 10 Parents' Evening
Fri 6 May	6.00-10.00pm	Years 7 & 8 Disco

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 26 Solution

In this health conscious and hygiene obsessed age, why when we eat do we always eat over at least a cm of dirt? Somewhere below us there is always the ground, so whatever we do and certainly whenever we eat, we are always 'over' at least a cm of dirt (in fact a lot more than that).

Unfortunately, the Brain Challenge remained unsolved!

And the next challenge is:

If my cheap disposable pens have a 10% chance of failing, how many do I need to have with me to ensure that I have a 99% chance of being able to write with at least one of them?

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



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pony for the day.

The day will be packed with fun
activities where you will learn
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includes a riding lesson.

Open to New Hall students
and those joining us in Year 7,
September 2011.

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