

# What's New?

Senior School

Fortnightly Newsletter

New Hall School, Chelmsford



Founded 1642

Issue No 170

Friday 24 June 2011

Dear Parents

## Staffing News

From September 2011, the structure of the Senior Leadership Team at New Hall will be changing and expanding to take into account the size of the school. As some of you may know, Mrs Owens (Vice Principal, Curriculum) will be leaving New Hall at the end of this academic year in order to take up the Headship of St George's School, Ascot. Mrs Owens has played a key role in the leadership of the Senior School and we congratulate her on this promotion and wish her every happiness and success. Mrs Hopkinson (Vice Principal, Pastoral) has been promoted to Deputy Principal and we have appointed two new members of staff to take up new roles within the Senior Leadership Team. Mrs Jo Storey will take up the post of Assistant Principal Curriculum and Mr Andrew Wilson will be taking up the post of Assistant Principal Pastoral as of 1 September 2011. Mrs Storey is currently the Head of Mathematics at King Edward VII & Queen Mary School, Lancashire. She has a BSc(Hons) in Mathematics & Education from Loughborough University. She is accredited with Membership of the Institute of Learning and Teaching (ILT) and is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA). Mrs Storey is also a qualified Tennis and Netball Coach and Netball Umpire. Mr Wilson is currently Housemaster and Director of Music at Milton Abbey School. He has a BMus(Hons) in Music from Edinburgh University and an MA in Music of the Eighteenth Century from Cardiff University. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists (FRCO) and is a Fellow of the Trinity College of Music (FTCL). Both Mrs Storey and Mr Wilson have already spent some time at New Hall to familiarise themselves with the school, the staff and our systems in order that they are best prepared for the new academic year. We very much look forward to welcoming them to New Hall in September. Therefore the Senior Leadership Team in the Senior School will comprise: Mrs K Jeffrey (Principal), Mrs J Hopkinson (Deputy Principal), Mr J Alderson (Head of Sixth Form), Mrs J Storey (Assistant Principal Curriculum), Mr A Walker (Director of Co-Curriculum) and Mr A Wilson (Assistant Principal Pastoral).

## Mathematics Challenge Successes

Congratulations to all the students who took part in the recent Junior Maths Challenge. A remarkable 6 students achieved gold awards, 17 achieved silver awards and 22 achieved bronze awards. Notable performances came from Holly Gadsby (Year 8) who achieved a gold award, the best score in the school by a considerable margin, and has progressed on to the Olympiad for students who scored in the top 1200 across the country. In addition, Hollie Edmeades was the only Year 7 student to achieve a coveted gold award.

## Top Teacher!

Congratulations to Head of Chemistry, Dr Wheadon, who has been nominated for a 2011 Teaching Award. We look forward to following her progress through the competition.



## Essex Young People of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to Hannah Liddell (Year 13) who was nominated by New Hall for the Essex Police Young People of the Year awards and has been selected as a finalist. As Chaplaincy Prefect, Hannah has been the driving force behind the school's fundraising for charities in Rwanda. Hannah has also made a significant contribution to the local community organising fundraising events and raising over £30,000 for Little Havens Hospice. Hannah stands to win prize money of £2,000, some of which will be divided amongst charities. The awards ceremony will take place during the last week of term and we wish Hannah every success.



## End of School Timings from September 2011

Further to the letter referring to the finish times for the Senior School from September 2011, this is to confirm that school will finish **for all students** at 3.55pm on Fridays from next term and all buses will depart at 4.15pm.

### *Parent & Daughter Tennis Competition*

The second Annual New Hall Parent & Daughter Tennis Competition will be taking place on Saturday 9 July on Exhibition Day. The event will run from 2.00-5.00pm (approximately) and will be a fun tennis competition. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to participate, please contact Mr Bennett by email on a.bennett@newhallschool.co.uk.

### *Gentlemen v Scholars Cricket Match*

The Annual Gentlemen versus Scholars Twenty20 Cricket Match will take place on Exhibition Day starting at approximately 2.00pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Mr James by email on g.james@newhallschool.co.uk.

### *Bring back your books!*

Our records show that there are a large number of Library books still on issue, many of them overdue. The Library does not charge fines, but if books are very overdue we consider them to be lost. In this case, students are charged a replacement cost. To avoid such a charge being added to your next bill, please assist students to find and return their outstanding books. Miss Tait will gratefully accept all returns, no questions asked! Should returning students wish to borrow books over the summer holiday, this can be arranged. We strongly encourage students to read every day, since this is known to have a positive influence on their academic achievement – not to mention being fun! Should you have any enquiries regarding Library issues, please contact Miss Tait on library@newhallschool.co.uk or by telephone.

## **English Department**

### *Summer Holiday Reading*

In order to help busy parents keep their sons and daughters reading during the summer holidays, the English department is issuing a list of five 'good reads' to each year group at key stage three. These are books which will be easily available in libraries and book shops and will form the basis of discussion and display work in the first week of the Michaelmas Term.

### *English Through and Through*

The long awaited publication of students' writing should be delivered to the school next week. Keep a look out for posters advertising the collection of prose and poetry, which will be on sale at £9.99 with all profits going to NHVS. Anyone who may be disappointed at not being one of the 219 contributors should aim to be included in the third anthology, which we hope will be published next year.

### *Theatre Club*

In view of the success of the outing to Lord of the Flies at Regent's Park, in which members of Years 8, 10 and 12 shared views about the exciting production during a long and rainy interval, the English Department will be establishing a Theatre Club for enthusiasts of all ages to start in the next academic year. The aim is to arrange one theatre visit per half term as a way of encouraging a life-long interest in this vital aspect of our cultural heritage.

### *Book Amnesty*

Any stray copies of English Department texts should be returned to the Atrium before the end of term, where they will be gratefully received with no questions asked.

## **Modern Languages**

### *Essay Writing Prize*

Congratulations to Nikolay Avakyan (Year 10) who has won the "Good Writing" prize for the non-native speakers category in the 6<sup>th</sup> UK National Chinese Essay Writing Competition, which was organised by the UK Association for the Promotion of Chinese Education. Students from many prestigious UK schools participated and it is an excellent achievement to have been awarded this prize.

### *Proposed October Trip to Normandy*

The proposed trip to Normandy for Years 9-13 will not take place because of low take-up. However, undaunted, Mrs Smart will plan an alternative trip to Paris for Key Stages 4 and 5 over the period allocated for the original French trip, probably from Thursday 20 October until Sunday 23 or Monday 24, depending on Eurostar prices. This will be available to our keenest linguists, to provide them with an opportunity to speak French in context and to explore French culture at close quarters. More details will be given in September when French A Level numbers are clearer.

## **Music**

### *Fusion 11*



The annual Fusion event took place last week in a steamy DR1. Performances from Anna Maria Acevedo (Year 9), Harry White (Year 11), TJI, John Seddon (Year 10) and many others entertained the crowds. The special guest stars including Mr Clark, Mr Corby, Mr Castell and Mr Oakley made the evening even more entertaining. Thank you to Harry White for organising the concert.

### *Year 8 Concert*

Year 8 took to the stage of the Eaton Theatre on 15 June for a special Year 8 concert. Individual musicians, including Gasparis Zambelis on piano and Fay Archer on violin, entertained the audience with a varied programme. A beautiful rendition of *All I Ask of You* sung by Amy-Beth Ellice was interpreted through dance by Hannah Tomlinson-Roe. Class groups also presented their term's work with a highlight from 8GN being their composition *The Raisin Operetta*.

## Sport

### Sports Day

We are very much looking forward to Sports Day tomorrow and hoping that the weather will be kind to us all. Just a reminder that students should arrive by 8.30am, register in their tutor rooms and then proceed to the house bases as follows by 8.40am:

- Southwell's - DR1
- Pole's - Eaton Theatre
- Owen's - North Room
- Fisher's - PE2

At 9.00am, each house will parade up to the track with staff and go to their designated area. Warm up is at 9.15am and the first race will take place at 9.30am. At the moment the forecast is sunny, so sun cream and hats are essential. If the weather is rainy, then suitable weather proofing will be needed. We are very pleased that the New Hall Parents' Association (NHPA) will be supplying refreshments and a BBQ so do bring some change along. We would encourage students to bring extra drinking water if the weather is warm. Please would parents ensure that no rugby or footballs are brought on site during Sports Day.

### Year 7-9 Girls Hockey Tour to Barcelona June 2012

Thank you to the parents and students who attended the Barcelona hockey tour meeting on Monday. The PE staff are looking forward to taking such a talented group of students on tour. There will be 40 Year 7-9 students taking part in four training sessions and three fixtures for each age group on their action packed week away. We would really like to purchase a full range of kit for the tour, and are offering sponsors the opportunity for their branding to be prominently displayed on the clothing. If anyone would be interested in having their company sponsor the outfits, then please phone the PE Department on 01245 236093 or email Mrs Johnson at [m.johnson@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:m.johnson@newhallschool.co.uk). Any support would be much appreciated.

*Full write-ups are on the school website:  
[www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)*

### Athletics

#### 1500m National Finalist



Oliver Swallow (Year 8) competed at the East Area Prep Schools Athletics Championships, in Bedford. Oliver took part in the 1500m, following his win in the East Area Prep Schools Cross Country Championships, held at Framlingham in March. There were athletes from 50 schools in the region and in Oliver's particular event, there

was a strong field of 24 competitors. This is a new event for Oliver compared to the normal swim, bike & run disciplines of his Triathlon event. However in a very competitive race, Oliver completed the 1500m in a time of 4 minutes 49 seconds. This result was enough to finish in 2<sup>nd</sup> position and gain one of the two valuable qualifying positions for the national finals. Oliver will now represent New Hall School as part of the East Area Prep Schools team at the national finals, to be held at the Alexandra Stadium in Birmingham, next month.

### National Reserve

Congratulations to Carl Alabi (Year 11) who was awarded a silver medal in the U17 Triple Jump at the Essex Championships last weekend. As a result of this success, Carl has been named as a reserve for the National Track & Field Championships taking place in July in Gateshead.

### Track and Field Regional Finals

22 schools competed in the Track and Field Regional Finals in Hertfordshire on 13 June. After an excellent performance, the New Hall girls' team achieved a place in the finals for the first time. The standard was extremely high in all events on the day. New Hall athletes gained many personal best performances at this competition. New Hall dominated in the track events and gained the following achievements from top scorers:

- Courtney Sanders 800m 2m38.1s 3<sup>rd</sup> position
- Jemima Walker 1500m 5m26.0s 5<sup>th</sup> position
- Marni Gaskin Hurdles 13.3s 3<sup>rd</sup> position
- Freya Pelling 100m 14.0s 5<sup>th</sup> position

In the field events New Hall had four top scorers:

- Annie Meechan Discus 21.26m 3<sup>rd</sup> position
- Lucy Cracknell Javelin 19.96m 6<sup>th</sup> position
- Lily Turnball High jump 1.26m 5<sup>th</sup> position
- Esme Clarke High jump 1.26m 5<sup>th</sup> position

New Hall's overall current ranking is 7<sup>th</sup> place in East Anglia and the national ranking will be confirmed once all the results are in across the country.

### Cricket



Last weekend saw the annual junior cricket tour to Devon. The U13A and U12A teams made the trip down to the southwest to take on county cup finalists and champions Blundell's School and Exeter School. Unfortunately due to the severe weather, Friday's fixture against Blundell's was

washed out without a ball being bowled. The weather was kinder on Saturday for an all day game against Exeter School. The U13's team, under the careful guidance of Mr Winsor, impressively kept the Devon county champions to just 130 from 30 overs. This was outstanding display in the field and was a fantastic team effort. Baird and Coker saw New Hall over the line to win the game by 1 wicket. The U12's fixture at Exeter School was just as close an affair with some very impressive batting. The home side fell 18 runs short and gave New Hall 2 wins from 2.

#### Tennis

##### County Champions

Congratulations to both the U13 Girls and U13 Boys' tennis teams who have both been crowned Essex County champions! As a result, New Hall will now represent Essex in the regional knock out rounds in September.

##### GSA Champions

Congratulations to the girls' tennis team who were recently crowned the Girls' Schools Association Tennis Champions. The girls travelled to Bedford with Mr Bennett and picked up medals in many of the categories of the competition and, as a result, won the overall competition. This is the first time that New Hall has won this national event which is a significant achievement.



#### Tennis Results

##### U13 Boys

v St George's College, Weybridge	won 14-3
v The Leys, Cambridge	won 3.5-1.5
v Chigwell (Essex Triangular Finals)	won 12-0
v Coopers (Essex Triangular Finals)	won 12-0

##### U15 Boys

v Felsted School	won 7-2
v Chigwell (Essex Triangular Finals)	won 8-4
v The Leys, Cambridge	won 5.5-3.5

##### U18 Boys

v The Leys, Cambridge	lost 3-6
-----------------------	----------

##### U13 Girls

v The Perse School, Cambridge	won 9-0
v Woodbridge School	won 14-2
v Davenant School	won 9-0

##### U15 Girls

v The Perse School, Cambridge	lost 9-0
v Woodbridge School	won 12-4
v Sandon School	won 4-1

##### U18 Girls

v Woodbridge School	won 8-4
---------------------	---------

#### Staff v Students Tennis

In the most hotly contested tennis match of the season, Nicholas Carscadden (Year 12) and Ms Haddrell beat Mr Eyres and George Styles (Year 9) in the finals. Congratulations to all who took part in the event which was great fun, especially as the rain held off.



#### Triathlon

##### New Hall School Junior Triathlon



New Hall School was buzzing on Sunday morning with over 196 athletes queuing up to register for the annual Junior Triathlon. The event incorporated over 20 categories with each field split into age groups, boy, girl, club and non-club. The swimming pool was packed with parents watching the start of the race before the athletes raced over to transition to collect their bikes and helmets. It was extraordinary to see so many new competitors and elite athletes take to the fields to cycle the 1,000m laps. It proved to be a difficult bike course with an uphill loop and the 600m run course on the track was very windy, but the rain held off. The race finally came to a halt at 12.30pm when the last competitors raced through to bleep the timing chip mat. The New Hall athletes, some of whom were competing in Triathlon for the first time, really enjoyed their races. We were all very proud to watch the New Hall competitors gain their medals and achieve podium positions. Congratulations to Arran Rae (Year 10)

who achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place, Samuel Spilsbury (Year 7) who achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Oliver Swallow (Year 8) who achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in all their respective age groups. Thanks go to Mrs Staines and all of those who contributed to making this a fantastic event.

### Recycling

Our handsome, custom-made recycling box has been very heavily used this year. We have recycled:

- 2944 batteries (that's more than 120kg worth)
- 609 ink cartridges, earning £609 for CAFOD
- 64 mobile phones, which means £192 for CAFOD

Thank you to all the families who have supported New Hall students in our recycling initiative. Ink cartridges recycled from offices and from home not only prevent waste, they also help charity initiatives here and abroad through our support for CAFOD. If you still have things to recycle, please keep bringing them in, as we hope to do even better next year.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open throughout the summer holidays. If you wish to avoid the queue, the Uniform Shop now offers an appointment service during the holiday period, which is available to new and current students. Please contact Debbie Edwards by telephone on 01245 236 114 if this is of interest.

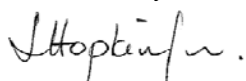
### Leavers' Ball

This year's Year 13 Leavers' Ball has a Tiffany theme and we would be very grateful if any unwanted Tiffany gift bags or boxes could be donated to the school to be part of the table decorations. Please contact the Events Manager, Mrs O'Riley, on [g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk) if you are able to help, or leave any contributions at Reception.

### RDA (Riding for the Disabled) Caribbean Ball

The RDA Ball will take place on Friday 23 September 2011 at Pontlands Park, West Hanningfield Rd, Great Baddow. The cost is £50 per head to include a 3 course meal, wine, live music, raffle and auction. RDA is run by students from New Hall, with volunteer adults. All money raised goes directly to fund the rides for the disabled which are provided at cost by Rawreth Equestrian Centre. This is our main fund raising event of the year. Please help us to provide over 1,200 rides for disabled children and adults. Tables can be 8-12 people. We are very happy to accept part tables and single tickets. It will be a great night - don't miss out. For further information and tickets contact: Donna Barber or Kim Baird on 07720 850047/07736 061473 or by email on [donna.e.barber@btinternet.com](mailto:donna.e.barber@btinternet.com) or [kim@graysinnnews.com](mailto:kim@graysinnnews.com).

Yours sincerely



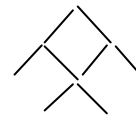
Joy Hopkinson  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 30 Solution

The last brain challenge was correctly solved almost simultaneously by several students including Lucy Greenwood (Year 6), Thomas Boon (Year 10) and Pavel Kohout in (Year 12)

And the solution is:



## And the next challenge is:

Looking in my wallet I found I had 3 coins (£1, 10p and £2), which I tipped out onto the desk. What is the likelihood that only 1 of them was heads up?

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

## Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 25 Jun	9.00am	Sports Day
Mon 27- Wed 29 Jun	5.00pm & 7.30pm	Generations Dance Show
Tue 28 Jun	3.30pm	Year 7 Concert
Wed 29 Jun	All Day	Feast of SS Peter & Paul
Fri 1 Jul	7.00pm	Music for a Summer's Evening
Mon 4 Jul	7.00pm	Sports Awards Evening
Tue 5 Jul	6.45pm	Years 7 & 8 Prize Giving
Wed 6 Jul	7.00pm	Year 13 Leavers' Ball
Sat 9 Jul	All Day	Exhibition Day

# NEW HALL R.D.A. CARIBBEAN BALL

FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011

7PM -12:30AM

BLACK TIE

TICKET PRICE £50, to include: welcome cocktail, three course meal & table wine, with live music and entertainment.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
DONNA BARBER  
07720850047  
[donna.e.barber@btinternet.com](mailto:donna.e.barber@btinternet.com)

KIM BAIRD  
07736061473  
[kim@graysinnnews.com](mailto:kim@graysinnnews.com)

PONTLANDS PARK  
WEST HANNINGFIELD RD  
GREAT BADDOW, CHELMSFORD  
CM2 8HR

Proceeds to go to Riding for the Disabled Association, run by students from New Hall, with volunteer adults. All money raised goes directly to fund the rides for the disabled which are provided "at cost" by Rawreth Equestrian Centre.

Founded 1642



New Hall Music School



# MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

Friday 1 July 2011, 7.00pm, Eaton Theatre

Tickets are available, free of charge, from Mrs G Phillips on 01245 467 588, [gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk) or at the Reception Office

Founded 1642



New Hall School

# Dance & Theatre Summer School

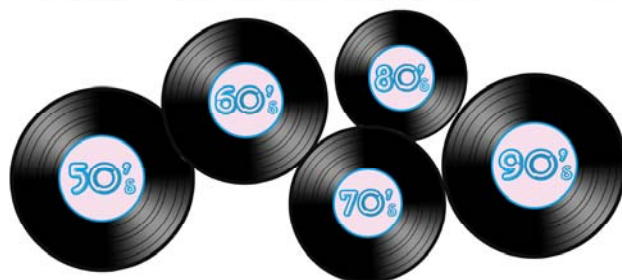


Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 August 2011  
10.00am - 4.00pm

[www.newhallschool.co.uk](http://www.newhallschool.co.uk)

New Hall Dance School Presents

# GENERATIONS



Monday 27 June at 5.00pm  
Tuesday 28 June &  
Wednesday 29 June at 7.30pm  
at the

Civic Theatre, Chelmsford

Tickets £8.50 & £5.00 (Conc.)  
available on 01245 606505 or on  
[www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

A fabulous and fun-filled  
dance show, taking you  
through the ages,  
featuring students from  
New Hall School

