

What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents

New Parents Drinks Reception

We were delighted to welcome new Senior School parents to a drinks reception on 8 September. Parents had the opportunity to meet teachers and to have a tour of the school. It was a wonderful to have this evening to introduce families to each other and to staff.



Charity

Abby raises £378.20 for Cancer Research UK

Abby Fowler (Year 7) has raised £378.20 for Cancer Research UK by organising a Fun Day on 4 September 2011.

Buddies for Kids Performance

Mark Reeve, Father of Elliott Reeve (Year 7), a New Hall Drama Scholar, is helping to organise a Variety Show in aid of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital which takes place on Saturday at the Brentwood Centre. It will be a great evening and there are still tickets available. Please note that due to the content of some of the performances this is a 16+ event. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Box Office via www.buddies4kids.org.uk or www.nationalboxoffice.co.uk.

Careers

Insight into Industry Day

On Tuesday 13 September we were delighted to welcome specialist personnel from Essex and Suffolk Water to New Hall to lead an Insight into Industry Day with students in Year 10. The aim of the day was to give students the chance to experience first-hand the pressures of the business world. Students were divided into mixed ability groups and asked to design and build a water tower which would serve the needs of a new housing development. After working out the dimensions and design of the tower, students had to present their business plan along with a scale model of their water tower to their groups. At the end of the day the winning teams from each group took part in the final in the Eaton Theatre. Congratulations go to

all of the finalists and especially to the winning team of Libby Mead, Jonathan Chao, Luke Marshall, Tilly Robb, and Dominic Rodino.



Dance

A dance uniform shop will be in Walkfares on Saturday 17 September from 9.00 – 11.00am. If you need any dance uniform please come along at this time. Orders can also be made by contacting Linda Burkin on lindaburkin@aol.com.

Music

Congratulations to Stephanie Freestone (Year 11) who achieved a Merit in her Grade 6 Trinity Guildhall Singing Examination.

Sport

*Full write-ups are on the school website:
www.newhallschool.co.uk*

Cricket

Cricket Dinner



The 2011 Cricket Dinner was held on Saturday 10 September at the Three Rivers Country Club. The night was a huge success celebrating the achievements of the boys and girls that represented the school in the Trinity

term. Cricket professional Nasser Hussain OBE was there to award the boys Player of the Year for their respective age groups; Joshua Turner U12's, George Davies U13's, George Styles U14's and also 1st XI and Louis Poynter U15's. Mr James would like to thank everyone that made the night possible and the parents for supporting the evening; the night also raised money for the cricket fund and the NHVS.

Fencing

The fencing taster session which took place on 12 September was enjoyed by all that attended. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to try out fencing.



Golf

New Hall Golf Camp

New Hall Golf Camp, a 3 day course which offers boys and girls in Year 3-11 a chance to develop their skills, under the guidance of experienced golf coaches at a first class Golf course, will take place on Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 October 2011. The course is a real opportunity for skills to be honed whilst having fun. The course fee for the 3 day Golf Camp is £100 and includes all training, prizes and lunch provided by the Golf Club. For more information please contact Kevin Searle, Head of Golf, on k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk.

New Hall Golf Masterclass

A day of golf will take place on Monday 31 October 2011. There will be professional golf tutors on hand to help develop your golf skills, professional long and short game tuition, putting competition and an 18 hole round of golf, as well as breakfast and a 2 course dinner included in the price of £40.00 for students and £55.00 for adults. All this will take place on the Channels golf course. The event will be open to families of both the Senior and Preparatory schools. For more information about this fantastic day contact Kevin Searle, Head of Golf, on k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk or david.march@hotmail.co.uk.

Hockey

On 12 September, New Hall's U14 team faced Newport Free Grammar School in the first round of the Essex Cup. New Hall demonstrated high levels of fitness and determination against a strong side. There were some great attacking runs from Eleanor McCaffrey (Year 9) and a solid performance by Freya Pelling (Year 9) in defence. Two late goals sealed the victory for Newport but it was a very positive performance by New Hall. On 14 September the 1st XI faced the 2nd XI Bancroft's School. This was a fantastic

start to the season with a 1-0 win to New Hall. At half-time the score was 0-0 with many opportunities for New Hall to score provided by a strong midfield of Ella Dziejulski (Year 13), Courtenay Mee (Year 11) and Nadia Wheadon (Year 12). Ten minutes into the second half Nadia Wheadon shot at the top of the circle and scored a great goal to put New Hall in the lead. Notable performances were also given by Paige Durkan (Year 11) in attack and Annabel Hockley (Year 11) as centre defence.

Skating

Jessica Wakelin (Year 9), a New Hall Special Talent Scholar, has trained exceptionally hard over the summer attending camps and training sessions in Scotland and America and has received coaching from top European and American specialists. Jessica has now qualified to compete at the International Judging System (IJS) Major Figure Skating Championships which take place around 6 times throughout the year. Jessica competed at her first IJS competition in August and, despite a major fall, managed to place in the top 35 under 15 skaters in the country. Jessica is going onto compete at IJS competitions on Wednesday 21 September to Friday 23 September in Milan and at another in Wales on Monday 3 to Tuesday 4 October 2011. Jessica will be skating to qualify for the British Championships held in November this year. Everyone at New Hall wishes Jessica all the very best for these exciting competitions and it is exciting to see what she may go onto achieve.

Triathlon

A Fantastic Season for Arran



Arran Rae (Year 11) has had a fantastic season of results. This year he has progressed from competing in the Triathlon England Eastern Region League into Youth Events and British Triathlons Youth Championship Series. This has resulted in him racing against some of Great Britain's top youth triathletes. Competing at venues such as Blenheim Palace, London Docklands and London Hyde Park has been daunting compared to Arran's normal regional event locations such as Chelmsford, Colchester and Cambridge. Despite this, in the 400m open water swim discipline in the Victoria Dock he came out of the water in 5th position only 4 seconds behind GB's top youth triathlete. Going into transition one he lost time going onto the 13.2 km bike discipline which he struggled to regain before entering transition two and the commencement of the 2.9km run discipline. He gave a solid performance in the running discipline and finished in a creditable 13th

position in a time of 42 minutes and 41 seconds. The top 13 participants were covered by only 6 minutes in a race which took some youth competitors 1 hour and 15 minutes to complete. On 5 August nerves set in as he surveyed London's Hyde Park, the venue for the 2012 Olympic Triathlon and the next day's Dextro Energy ITU World Championship Series after which he would compete in the British Youth Aquathlon Championships. Swimming open water in the Serpentine with no wetsuits was uncharted territory for Arran and all this affected his performance when in the 400m Swim he exited the water in 18th position and lost time and position in transition which resulted in dropping many places and having to rely on an excellent sprint finish to the 2.5km run to gain 26th position. These are great national results for Arran and it is exciting to see what he may go onto achieve in the future.

A Great Result for Oliver



Elliot Swallow (Year 7) competed in the British IR Triathlon Championships in Durham on 4 September 2011, having previously qualified for selection to the Triathlon Academy and the Triathlon England Eastern Region Team. The championship brings together the top 154 young triathletes in Great Britain within the 11 to 16 year age group in teams from Scotland, Wales and the 9 Regional Teams of England. These are considered by British Triathlon to be the future stars of triathlon in this country. Whilst each team of 14 were all competing for the coveted Gold, Silver or Bronze Team trophies, individuals within all the teams were also competing against each other for the success of gaining individual rankings within GB. Despite all the competitors in the Boys Tristar 2 being nervous prior to the commencement of the swim, Elliot got off to a reasonable start in the last quarter of the group but by the time they rounded the first buoy he had moved up into 1st place only to be pulled back and swam over by others just before they rounded the second buoy but with the finish line in sight he powered through the field to gain 6th place on exiting the water into transition one. With a little difficulty in getting out of his wet-suit in transition, Elliot lost time and went out onto the bike course in 12th place, a position which he held until the end of the second lap when he lost ground having exerted so much energy in attempting to regain position on the high speed track. In approaching transition two he was very cautious, obviously being aware that earlier competitors had received penalties for dismounting too early. This caused him to drop down the field for the commencement of the run discipline where he

took time to regain energy and get to a comfortable pace before regaining places to finish with an amazing sprint 100m from the finish line to overtake another competitor in the last 15m and achieve a creditable ranking of 16 in Great Britain and assist his team in being placed 4th overall, only 20 points behind the Gold Medal winners, the North East, who were on their home track.

Rugby

Results - 14 September 2011

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U12A	St Faith's	Lost 7-24	Rory Inwood
U13A	St Faith's	Lost 15-37	George Holroyd
U13B	St Faith's	Won 31-21	Charlie Grenfell

Riding

Riding Social

The annual Riding Social will take place on Monday 19 September, from 6.00-8.00pm, in either the Newnham Room or North Room, subject to numbers. Michael Paveley, Director of Riding, Katie Hamilton, Head of Equestrian and Ruth Dowie, Proprietor of Runningwell Equestrian Centre will be attending to meet with parents and students/pupils and the new Riding Captain and Vice Captain will be announced. Drinks and nibbles will be provided. Please confirm your place as soon as possible by contacting Gill O'Riley on g.oriley@newhallschool.co.uk.

Christmas Ball

The annual New Hall Parents Association Christmas Ball will take place on Saturday 10 December 2011 at Stock Brook Manor Country Club. Tickets are £75.00, which includes reception drink, 3 course meal, unlimited house wines, beers and minerals. There will be entertainment and a live band on what promises to be a magical evening. To reserve a table of 10 or 12, please email Annette Cotton on annette@suncoapartments.com.

Open Day Arrangements

Please may parents be advised that coaches will be running on Saturday 24 September, for Open Day. The pick-up time will be as normal, with an earlier departure time of 1.00pm.

Sixth Form Admissions Evening

The Sixth Form Admissions Evening will be held on Thursday 20 October 2011 at 7.00pm in the Eaton Theatre. This will be an opportunity for current Year 11 students to speak to the Head of Sixth Form and other staff about A Levels and life in the Sixth Form at New Hall.

Student Absence Requests

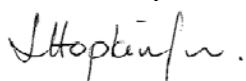
Please note that as of September 2011, student absence requests will be considered by me (Mrs Hopkinson, Senior School Headteacher). Therefore any requests for absence via email should be sent to my PA, Mrs Williams via E.Williams@newhallschool.co.uk. The school publishes term dates well in advance in order to assist parents with holiday planning. New Hall has long holidays therefore it is not considered appropriate for students to take additional time off from school during term time for family holidays. Student absences affect not just the individual

but may affect the whole teaching group and the teachers' programmes of work and their marking. Permission for absence is not normally granted for holidays and any absences of this kind will be marked as unauthorised on the student record.

Parents or guardians of overseas boarding students should ensure that all flights to and from school are booked well in advance. This is because many flights become full quickly and it is not acceptable for students to depart from school early or return late for this reason. If there are no places on appropriate flights then boarders will have to stay with their UK guardians or parents will have to make alternative arrangements.

We do understand that there may be an occasion whereby you do need to request absence for your son or daughter from school during term time e.g. for a medical procedure for which you have no control over the date or a close family member's wedding or funeral. On some occasions, in these unavoidable circumstances, permission for absence will be granted if a letter or email is received from parents, in advance, requesting absence from school. In our view, it is not in a student's best interests to miss out on required lessons. Repeated absence is likely to be detrimental to a student's education. It goes without saying that it is important to us that the school and parents work together to ensure a high quality of education provision.

Yours sincerely



Joy Hopkinson
SENIOR SCHOOL HEADTEACHER

What's New? is issued every Friday during the school term. If you have any news which you would like published in an edition of *What's New?*, please email e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk.

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 33 Solution

It is the discus which unusually has the optimum range when thrown against a stiff wind.

The next challenge is:

This word was apparently invented as the result of a bet to invent a new word in only 24 hours. It was scribbled around town and people soon wanted to know what the 4 letter word meant. It meant what it caused, so what was the word?

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

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 19 Sep	6.00 – 8.00pm	Riding Social
Fri 23 Sep	7.00pm – 12.00am	RDA Ball
Sat 24 Sep	9.00am – 12.00pm	Open Day
Sat 24 Sep	All Day	Years 11 – 13 EAL Trip to Cambridge


New Hall School



Golf skills Masterclass

Monday 31 October

Channels Golf Course

9.00am for 10.30am tee off

The New Hall Golf Masterclass is an opportunity to develop your golf skills with professional golf tutors. Breakfast and a 2-course meal is included in the price of £40.00 (students) and £55.00 (adults). Buggy hire is available for £20 per round.

The event will be open to families of both the Senior and Preparatory Schools and to New Hall staff.

To book your place on this fantastic day contact Kevin Searle, Head of Golf, on k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk.

Cheques should be made payable to New Hall School Trust and given to Mr Searle by Monday 17 October 2011.

The New Hall Parents' Association present their Annual Christmas Ball

A Magical Christmas

Saturday 10 December 2011

Stock Brook Manor Country Club, near Billericay

7.30pm for 8.00pm


Magical surprises and dancing to a live band

Dress code: Black tie

Carriages: 1.00am

Tickets: £75.00 per person (which includes reception drink, 2-course meal, unlimited house wines, beers and minerals, and entertainment)

To reserve a table of 10 or 12, please email Annette Cotton (annette@suncoapartments.com)



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