

# What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents

## Art

### *Barcelona Trip*



On 22 October, 32 New Hall Art and Photography students and 4 members of staff departed for Luton Airport en route to Barcelona. The aim of the trip was to enable the students to experience first-hand the artworks, architecture and culture of Barcelona in a whirlwind 4 day tour of the city. The cable car ride to the summit of Montjuic was breath taking and offered commanding views of city and harbour area. After exploring the 18<sup>th</sup> century Montjuic Castle, the group visited the Joan Miro Foundation, which provided a real insight into the Catalan struggle and the affects of the Spanish Civil War on artists during 1930's.



Visits to Casa Batllo and Sagrada Familia Cathedral also provided opportunities for the students to explore the architectural style of Antonio Gaudi and his fusion of Gothic architecture with the Art Nouveau movement. Despite the heavy rain, the group remained in high spirits, comforted no doubt by a broad menu of warm Spanish Tapas! On the final day, the students rose to beautiful weather in time to explore the grounds of the National Museum of Art of Catalunya where they explored Medieval, Renaissance and Contemporary Art. The group also had the opportunity to view the rediscovered Spanish Civil War negatives of Robert Cappa, prior to some last minute shopping, before heading back to New Hall.

## Classics

### *Staff News*

Over the half-term, Dr. Burbidge (who has recently joined the Classics Department from a position at Oxford University) visited Switzerland to deliver an invited lecture on the Latin epic poem, Vergil's *Aeneid*. It was given at the Fondation Hardt in Geneva, a few doors down from the splendid Villa Diodati where Mary Shelley wrote *Frankenstein*. Dr. Burbidge is writing a book on the *Aeneid* and he also teaches it to A2 Classical Civilization students.

### *Trip to Pompeii*

The Classics department is organising its' second trip to the Bay of Naples. During the first week of the October 2012 half term, students will explore Pompeii and Herculaneum, climb Mount Vesuvius, discover the Bay of Naples and take a drive along the magnificent Amalfi Coast. We will stay in Sorrento, a delightful small town overlooking the sea. More information will be available once the details of the programme have been finalised. The visit will be open to students in Year 8 to 13.

## Modern Languages

### *Paris Trip*

Keen linguists from Years 9 to 12 enjoyed an action-packed trip to Paris at the beginning of the Half Term holiday. They took the Eurostar to the heart of Paris and were instantly immersed in the sights and sounds of the French capital.



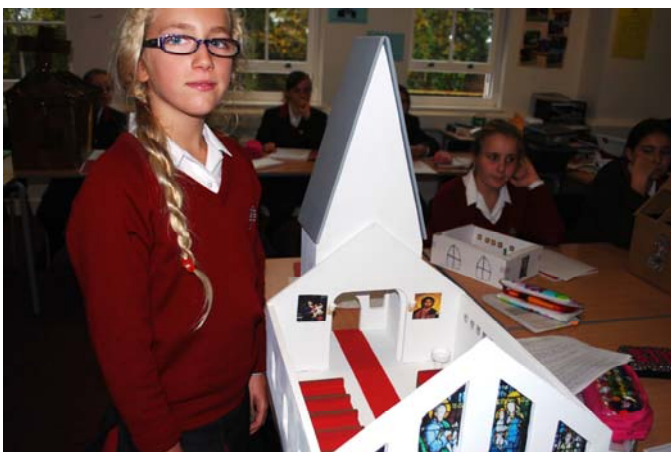
In addition to the traditional sights of Paris, they benefited from 4 hours of language tuition in a Language School and enjoyed a trip to the cinema to see *La Nouvelle Guerre des Boutons*, a poignant account of life during Vichy France during the Second World War, seen through the eyes of children.



The last evening saw the boys outwitting the girls on a French quiz on 'The Bridges of Paris'. Mass at the Sacré Coeur on the last day was a fitting end to the visit and a tour of the Place du Tertre afforded a final opportunity to enjoy 'une crêpe au chocolat'. The students were a credit to the school and behaved impeccably at all times.

## Religious Studies

### Year 7 Church Models



Year 7 students have been building and designing their own churches as part of their Religious Education lessons this term. Some amazing church models have been made by everyone for this project, well done!



## Sport

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

### Golf

#### Great fun at the New Hall Open

The New Hall Open took place on 31 October at Channel's Golf Club. The day was a great success and all 13 teams played some fantastic golf. The winning team was *The Flop Shots*, which consisted of Harry Robins, Louis Brown, Miles Fletcher and Oliver Bickley (all Year 10).



In second place was *The New Hall Playboys*. The team was made up of Mr James, Mr Macon, Mr Morrish and Mr Bennett (all New Hall School staff). Congratulations to Catherine Leighton (Year 12) for achieving the Best Net Score on the day. Thank you to David March, Matt Mahoney and Jack Cole (*The Pros*) for their efforts and also to all the staff at Channels Golf Club for being so helpful and professional on the day.

## Elizabeth wins Boyce Cup



Elizabeth Hatch (Year 11) was awarded the Boyce Cup for the most improved player of the year in the County after reducing her handicap by 12.4. Congratulations Elizabeth!

## Hockey Results

Team	Opposition	Score	Player(s) of the Match
U14	Forest School	Drew 2-2	Lucy Cracknell
U14	Felsted School	Lost 2-0	Freya Pelling
1 <sup>st</sup> XV	St Edmunds	Won 3-1	Nadia Wheadon
U13A	Woodbridge	Lost 1-3	Nicole Benfield
U13B	Woodbridge	Won 1-0	Phoebe Allen
U12A	Woodbridge	Won 6-2	Connie Day
U12B	Woodbridge	Won 4-1	Caitlin Watt

## Hockey Fixtures

Please check the hockey page on the New Hall website for changes to the upcoming hockey calendar.

## Netball

Congratulations to the Year 9 netball team who beat Great Baddow 22-20 in the second round of the Essex Cup. It was a close game but the New Hall School team managed to gain the advantage through excellent play and team work; especially brilliant movement and passing from centre court up to the shooters. This is a fantastic result and the girls are looking forward to the next round of the cup. Player of the match was awarded to Samantha Howe.

## Rugby

### Portugal Tour

On 19 October the Year 9 rugby team went on tour to Portugal staying at the superb facility that is used by the top sports teams in the world, the Browns Resort. The first training tournament was a sevens tournament where the highlight was a try set-up with a superb break and off load from Callum Grummit, which resulted in Richard Barber hitting a superb angle to score the try. The first match against opposition resulted in the team travelling to Lisbon to play Lisbon Rugby Club where Joe McQuillan scored the best team try of the day, after stretching the defence both ways, diving in at the corner. New Hall was victorious 24-21, with Richard Barber picking up a well-earned Man of the Match.



The next match for the Griffins was against Cajasol Rugby Club. The match was played in good spirits by both teams in pleasant temperate conditions. New Hall played effective rugby by stretching the opposition from side to side scoring with a high frequency in the wider areas of the pitch. The defence was solid with some big tackles going in, most notably Harry Warwick's dump tackle on the winger. The final score was 74-10 to New Hall with Man of the Match, with four tries, Ryan Liddell. After this match the boys took an ice bath, as professional players do, to which there was a variety of reactions! The final game of the tour was against Loule Rugby Club. New Hall played well and worked on moving the ball wide to combat the much bigger forward pack that Loule had at their disposal. This resulted in a victory for New Hall 39-12. Joe McQuillan earned the Man of the Match by battling hard in the forwards to earn a platform for the team to springboard their attacks. The tour was very successful and New Hall School returned home having won every game. The team represented the school very well and were a pleasure to take on tour.

### Bath Tour

Prior Park were soundly beaten 28-0 by the New Hall School A Team. The team flourished and dominated throughout. In a game where New Hall displayed free flowing rugby and crunching tackles, William Maude (Year 7) was awarded Man of the Match. The B team also managed to put together some convincing passages of play but were beaten despite some fantastic defending, particularly from Man of the Match Cameron Meechan (Year 6). The U12 rugby squads travelled the World Heritage Site of Bath over half term to play A and B fixtures against Kingswood School and Prior Park School. The A team came up against a very talented side and unfortunately they lost the game, but a fantastic defensive spirit was shown by the New Hall side. Man of the match was awarded to Rory Inwood (Year 7). Unfortunately, despite tireless efforts, the B team also lost their game, but managed a fantastic try courtesy of Bradleigh Power (Year 7). Henry Hall (Year 7) was declared Man of the Match by the opposition coach.

### Results

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U14	King John School	Won 76-0	Harry Warwick

### Suffolk County U14's Rugby

Congratulations to Joe Dougall on his selection to the U14 County set up in Suffolk.

### Tom Rees' Rugby Camp

The Tom Rees; Rugby Camp took place on 24 and 25 October. Children from both New Hall School and other schools took part in the day which saw Wasps and England rugby player, Tom Rees, providing professional coaching to the players. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to the next sport camps in the future.



### Riding

#### NSEA National Championships

For another year New Hall School had several riders who qualified for the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) Championships. This year the championships were held at Addington Manor on 22 October. New Hall School was successful at the qualifiers and managed to qualify for the novice *Jumping with Style* class. We had a team of three riders who went to the championships as unfortunately our 4<sup>th</sup> team member was away on a school trip. The team consisted of Joanna Thorogood (Year 8), Megan Cotton (Year 6) and Stephanie Wilson (Year 8). Joanna rode a fantastic clear round on her horse Arctic Monkey and received very high style marks. Stephanie and Megan also rode very well and with great style however, were unfortunate in receiving a few faults around the course. All riders rode really well and were unlucky to be just outside the placings. Stephanie Wilson also qualified on her horse Tango, as an individual, in the 90cm and 1m *Jumping with Style* class. She qualified at the last qualifier before the championships and won both her classes. At the championships Stephanie also rode well. She was clear in the 90cm class with a fantastic style mark which resulted her in finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place individually overall. She also rode a good round in the 1m class however, was unfortunate to receive a few faults, unfortunately missing the placing. Miss Hamilton-Farey (Head of Riding) would like to congratulate all riders who qualified and rode at the championships. This is a very big competition with lots of riders competing from schools all over the United Kingdom. It is a great achievement just to qualify for these championships, so to be so successful is fantastic.

### Sailing



Congratulations to Kathryn, Lucy and Ben Hutton-Penman for their recent sailing achievements at the Tera National and Intermediate squad training held in Kent. James Hutton-Penman (Year 11) qualified for the National Feva squad, however unfortunately he was unable to take up this place. Kathryn Hutton-Penman (Year 9) and James will be sailing as a pairing in the Eastern Region Squad this winter.

#### Upcoming National Schools Sailing Association Event

In May of this year the school entered two teams in the IAPS sailing regatta in Weymouth and did very well with a 4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> place overall. Entries are now been requested for the 2012 Regatta that will once again be held at the Olympic venue in Weymouth in May, just weeks before the best sailors in the world compete. Eligible schools are allowed to enter up to a maximum of two pairs in the event, where the children will be sailing Laser Picos double handed. The event will be in coastal waters, and there is a minimum capability requirement of being trained to RYA Dinghy Sailing Youth Stage 2. Full race management and safety cover is being provided by SailLaser, who are also providing the dinghies to be used in the regatta. If your child would be interested in being considered for selection for the team, please contact Steve Greenwood on 07974981689, who will co-ordinate training and support for the event on behalf of the school. Demand for places at the regatta is expected to be high, and spaces will be allocated to schools on a first come, first served basis, so if you are interested please get in touch with Mr Greenwood for more details as soon as possible.

### Tennis

#### Results

Team	Opposition	Result
Girls U18	Essex League - Danbury Tennis Club	Won 4-3
Boys' U18	Essex League - Thorpe Bay Tennis Club	Lost 5-1

#### Mixed Doubles National Knock-out Competition

New Hall performed exceptionally well against Culford's School who are the current National Champions. The match tied at 2-2, which resulted in a championship tie-break shoot out. New Hall School were unlucky and lost 10-5.

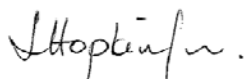
### Uniform Shop Telephone Number

The new contact telephone number for the uniform shop is 01727 815 203. This number goes directly to the on-site shop, despite having a different dialing code.

### NHPA Ball

There are 8 tickets available for the annual NHPA Christmas Ball due to recent cancellations. This is taking 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. Enquiries to be made to Annette Cotton at [annette@suncoapartments.com](mailto:annette@suncoapartments.com).

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 contact Miss Emma Powell on [e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk).

### Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Nov	All Day	Anti-Bullying Week
Tue 15 Nov	5.00 – 7.00pm	Year 12 Parents' Evening
Thu 17 Nov	All Day	Year 11 Boys Geography Field Trip to Olympic Site
Thu 17 Nov	All Day	Year 13 Human and Spiritual Development Day
Fri 18 Nov	All Day	Year 11 Girls Geography Field Trip to Olympic Site
Fri 18 Nov	7.30 – 10.00pm	NHVS Quiz Night
Sat 19 – Mon 21 Nov	All Day	Years 12 & 13 Art Trip to Paris

## BRAIN CHALLENGE

### Brain Challenge Number 38 Solution

...because I might be very unlucky and visit all 3 that do not stock the coffee and the 3 that are out of stock before finding my all important beans.

### The next challenge is:

Imagine that you are Dr Thomas and you are the second youngest in a family of 10. If the oldest child is a boy and has 2 sisters and 7 brothers, and the middle child is also a boy, then what are the odds that the youngest child will have a sister as their nearest sibling?

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

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



This week's artwork is by Rebecca Murphy (Year 12).

**Christmas  
Dance  
show**

**Monday 28 November  
Eaton Theatre, 6pm**

**Tickets are free and available via  
f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk**

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**New Hall School**  
 The Best Start in Life

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**New Hall Music School**

**St Cecilia's  
Concert**



**Tu es Petrus**  
 James Macmillan

**Gloria**  
 John Rutter

& other works

Friday 25 November 2011  
 at 7.00pm, in the Eaton Theatre

Tickets are available free of charge from Mrs Fiona Thom on  
 01245 467 588 or by email f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk

**NHVS QUIZ NIGHT**





The proceeds  
 from this quiz night will go towards the children's holiday 2012.

Our next Quiz Night is on

**FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2011**

from 7.30pm -10.00pm in the  
 Preparatory School Hall, New Hall School

Tickets are £10.00 to include a fish and chip  
 supper (please bring your own drinks and glasses)

Tables will be for up to 8 people

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the event, raffle prizes  
 will be gratefully received. They can be handed in to main school reception.

To: Mrs J Cammidge, NHVS, New Hall School, Chelmsford  
 Please enclose payment, making cheques payable to NHVS.

Name .....No. of tickets .....

Address .....

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