

What's New?

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Dear Parents

Open Day

Thank you to students for their contribution to making our Open Day on Monday, 5 May such a success. Across both schools we welcomed over 600 visitors from 250 families, which is the highest attendance we have had. We received very positive feedback about the school. The students were praised for their talents, conduct and expertise as tour guides.

Spring Concert and Drama Evening - View our New Theatre!

I hope that you will have now received by post your invitations to the Spring Concert on Wednesday, 21 May and the Drama Evening on Thursday, 22 May. I look forward to seeing you on one or both of these occasions, when we will be celebrating the performing arts at New Hall. Parents, family and friends attending will also have the first opportunity to view our new Theatre, which is nearing completion. Although the builders are still at work, I am delighted to let you know that we will be opening the Theatre on these evenings, to allow you to see the work in progress and the plan for our tiered seats. I look forward to showing you this latest addition to our facilities. We would be grateful if you could you reply to Mrs G Phillips if you and your family intend to join us for the Spring Concert and Drama Evening, so we can ensure your places are reserved.

New Scholars

Congratulations to the following students on their award of a Scholarship from September 2008:

11+ Girls' Division Scholars

Lucy Ashfield (New Hall Preparatory School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Jasmine Bailey (Messing-cum-Inworth Primary School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Molly Conrad (New Hall Preparatory School): Music Scholarship
Rebecca Coughlan (St Cedd's School): Hawley Open Scholarship
Eliza Duffy (St Cedd's School): Sports Scholarship
Hannah Gardner (St Margaret's Preparatory School, Gosfield): New Hall Open Scholarship
Emily Holloway (Brentwood Preparatory School): Anderson Sports Scholarship
Tara King (Ursuline Preparatory School, Brentwood): Catholic Independent Schools' Scholarship & Sports Scholarship
Cherie Knight (St Mary's Hare Park School): Catholic Independent Schools' Scholarship
Grace Langley (Herington House School): Sports Scholarship
Rebecca Maloney (St Mary's Hare Park School): Catholic Independent Schools' Scholarship
Pippa O'Riley (Great Totham Primary School): New Hall Open Scholarship

Tilly Robb (St Margaret's Preparatory School, Gosfield): New Hall Open Scholarship

11+ Boys' Division Scholars

Matthew Crawley (Ursuline Preparatory School, Brentwood): Catholic Independent Schools' Scholarship
Alexander Harker (Loyola Preparatory School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Thomas Macfarlane (New Hall Preparatory School): Music Scholarship
George Styles (Gilbert Colvin Primary School): Anderson Sports Scholarship
Harry Warwick (St Margaret's Preparatory School): Anderson Sports Scholarship

13+ Boys' Division Scholars

Samuel Bailey (New Hall School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Taha Khan (New Hall School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Liam Merrigan (Brentwood School): Music Scholarship
Jack Richardson (Helena Romanes School): New Hall Open Scholarship & Honorary Music Scholarship
Thomas Styles (Caterham High School): Sports Scholarship
George Thurgood-Howland (New Hall School): New Hall Open Scholarship

Sixth Form Scholars

Callum Cartwright (King Edward VI Grammar School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Amy Greenham (New Hall School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Benediki Hosek: HMC International Academic Scholarship
Martin Jonak: HMC International Academic Scholarship
Kate Maxey (New Hall School): Sports Scholarship
Hannah Myers (New Hall School): New Hall Open Scholarship
Constantin Prostica: HMC International Academic Scholarship
Daniel Schultz (St John's School, Billericay): New Hall Open Scholarship
Slavomira Stefkova: HMC International Academic Scholarship
Robert Wood (Colchester High School): New Hall Open Scholarship

Oxbridge Success

Congratulations to former New Hall student, Amy Carter, sister of Rory in Year 7, who has won a place at Clare College, Cambridge to read History from October 2008.

Literary Dinner

The 13th Annual Literary Dinner will take place on Saturday, 4 October 2008. This year we welcome as Guest of Honour, Alison Weir, historian and author of *Henry VIII, King and Court*, *Eleanor of Aquitaine* and *The Life of Elizabeth I*.

Booking forms will be sent out in the half term mailing. Do book early as it is expected to be a sell out!

French Exchange 2008-9

Thank you to all parents who have indicated that they wish their son/daughter to participate in the exchange. You will shortly be receiving the partnering forms to enable our French colleagues to find suitable matches. We are planning an exciting programme of visits in and around Toulouse.

Music

Chapel Organ Grand Opening Recital

Tickets for this much anticipated Recital by Dame Gillian Weir are now being distributed. Tickets are priced at £20 and are available from Mrs G Phillips in the Reception Office or via 01245 467 588 or gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk. Please do book early to secure your place. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will contribute to the Organ restoration fund.

New Hall Pop Idol

The annual New Hall Pop Idol competition took place yesterday. Congratulations to Freddie Benson (vocals) and Harry White (guitar), who won the much coveted title of New Hall Pop Idol 2008.

North Room Recital

Thank you to the students who contributed to this week's North Room Recital. Lauren Twigg (Year 7 Music Scholar) played the piano. The Guitar Ensemble, made up of Harry White (Year 8), Coralie Smart (Year 10) and Amelie Hahne (Year 11), impressed the audience with 3 varied pieces or repertoire. The finale was a movement by Robert Schumann, beautifully performed by the Piano Trio, Fred Tan (Year 12) on piano, Michal Anderle (Year 13) on cello and Miss McGill, on violin. We look forward to the next North Room Recital on Tuesday, 10 June at 1.15pm.

ABRSM Music Examination Results

Congratulations to the Eleanor Kibblewhite, Year 7, who has passed her Grade 4 Singing.

Sport

Cricket: Forthcoming Fixtures

Date	Time	School	Team
Wed, 21 May	8.00am-7.00pm	Worth (Tournament) (A)	U13 A
Thu, 22 May	12.30pm-7.00pm	Woodhouse Grove (H)	U13 A

New Hall Riders Qualify for the Inter Schools National Finals

The New Hall Equestrian Team celebrated major success at the Inter Schools JAS (Indoor Eventer Trial), East of England Jumping & Style Qualifier at Unex Towerlands on Sunday, 11 May 2008. Both of the New Hall teams scored highly, winning their sections and qualifying for the national finals which will take place at the College Keysoe in September. The complex course was divided into two sections, half run over show jumps and the other half over simulated Cross Country jumps. Marks were also given for style around the whole course. The Novice Team included Madeleine Taylor, Year 7, Helen Reed, Year 10, Phoebe Wallis, Year 10, and Alice Rowe, Year 10. The Open Team included Madeleine Taylor, Year 7, Annabel Schwier, Year 10, and Anna Giles, Year 10. Pippa O'Riley, Year 6 at Great Totham School, who will be joining New Hall in September, came second in her section.

Year 9 & 10 MESSA Rounders Champions

On 14 May, Year 9 & 10 attended the Annual Mid Essex Rounders Tournament at St John Payne School. The Year 9 team had a close and nerve-racking final against William De Ferrers School, winning 5½ to 4½ rounders. Ella Dziejulski and Rebecca Day were high scorers throughout the tournament. The Year 10 team won the final against the Plume School by a clear two rounders. Camille Hamilton played particularly well, scoring a large proportion of the rounders during the tournament. The following people took part: Harriet Fenton, Rebecca Hallahan, Camille Hamilton-Villemur, Danielle Hitchins, Sophie Hunter, Heather Porter, Katie Roberts, Coralie Smart, Annabel Schwier, Jennifer Spindler, and Molly Tappin (Year 10); Katie Crawley, Rebecca Day, Leticia Delage Estevez, Ella Dziejulski, Ellie Grainger, Megan James, Phoebe Last, Camilla Loomes, Anna Musto, Harriet Speakman and Clara Spicer (Year 9). Congratulations on this excellent achievement.

Tennis

New Hall triumphant against Chigwell School

On 1 May, New Hall played Chigwell School at a large fixture involving mixed age groups. The New Hall team performed exceptionally well and won across all age groups. The boys and girls U13 both won 3-1. The girls U14 and U15 also both won by 4-0. The standard of tennis was very high and congratulations go to the whole team, who performed exceptionally well. The teams consisted of: Joseph Clark, Tobias Tay-Smith, Miles Fletcher, Harry Pratt (U13 boys); Elizabeth Nemes, Ellouise Day, Nadia Wheadon, Sophie Summers (U13 girls); Clara Spicer, Ella Dziejulski, Paola San Vicente Bortoni, Leticia Delage-Estevez (U14 girls); Anna Giles, Coralie Smart, Harriet Fenton, Annabel Schwier (U15 girls).

MESSA U17

New Hall girls were runners up in the MESSA U17 tennis rally held on 6 May. Georgina Carscadden and Madeleine Lawes (Year 12), were the New Hall doubles pairing. New Hall's other pair, Phoebe Lane and Antonia Fenwicke-Clennell (Year 12), finished fourth.

New Hall beats Old Chelmsfordians Tennis Club

The U13 boys played at home against Old Chelmsfordians Tennis Club. New Hall played exceptionally well but were trailing after the singles by the score line of 3-1. This meant we had to win both doubles matches in order to tie the match. New Hall managed to do this, winning both games 6-4 and 7-5 and resulting in the final score of 3-3. The team consisted of Bradley Appleton, Edward Fenton and Miles Fletcher (Year 7), and Harry Pratt (Year 8).

New Hall victorious against Felsted Preparatory School and Brentwood School

The U13 boys and girls had a fixture at home to Felsted Preparatory School on 12 May. New Hall played exceptionally well and won the boys' fixture 4-2 and the girls' fixture 5-1. The U13 boys and girls team continued their winning run with a great victory over local rivals Brentwood School. The boys' team won all six matches winning a total of 36 games in the process and conceding only 4. The girls were also victorious, winning 5 matches to 1. They won a total of 34 games and conceded only 12. This was a remarkable result and a game in which all the players did New Hall proud. The boys' teams consisted of Richard Barber (Year 5), Edward Fenton (Year 7), Joseph Clark,

Harry Pratt, Tobias Tay-Smith and Tom Styles (Year 8). The girls' team consisted of Ellouise Day, Elizabeth Nelmes (Year 7), Grace Dagworthy and Nadia Wheadon (Year 8).

U18 Essex Tennis League

On 10 May, the boys played in the Essex U18 Tennis League at home to Kirby Tennis Club. New Hall played exceptionally well and were far too strong for the opposition. Michal Anderle, Adam Harris and Tristan Moseley (Year 13), and Richard Barber (Year 5), made up the New Hall team who won the match 6-0.

The girls played away to Langdon City Tennis Club. The girls played exceptionally well and managed to win all their singles matches. The girls then won one of the doubles matches and were narrowly beaten in the second. New Hall won the match overall, 5-1. The team consisted of Elizabeth Nelmes (Year 7), Leticia Delage Estevez, Gabriella Saenz, and Paola San Vicente Bortoni (Year 9).

Thank You from the Tennis Team

Thank you to Mr Robin Clark for his generous donation towards the New Hall Tennis Team.

Triathlon

The second annual triathlon is to be hosted at New Hall on Sunday, 21 September. Information and entry forms will be distributed to students after half term. Further details are available from the Swimming Pool reception.

NHVS - Update from the Chair, Mrs Hopkinson

The move to the Barn has proved very successful, with our guests commenting on the lovely atmosphere in the building, especially now summer appears to have arrived! During this term we will be holding a strawberry tea for our lunch groups and the Shaftesbury Group will hold their annual barbeque at the Barn in June.

Mini Bus

Our much needed new minibus has now arrived. It has been custom built for NHVS and very well equipped for carrying disabled passengers. We are in the process of organising some sign-writing for the bus so that you will be able to see us coming!

Thank you!

There has been a tremendous response from Year 8 parents, offering their help to NHVS. Some parents are already involved with a group and we would like to say a really big thank you to all the parents who volunteered, as we could not run without this support. Thank you also to Mrs Gunn for the kind donation of various items from 'Joseph', which are going to be raffled after half term. Tickets will be offered to students during the second half of the Summer Term. There will also be a signed poster from 'Grease', donated by Mr Bennett.

Children's Holiday

Preparations for the annual Children's Holiday are under way. Thank you to the 30 students who have volunteered to give up the first week of their summer holiday to help with this. Thank you to parents for their kind donations.

New Hall Golf Umbrellas

Stylish maroon golf umbrellas, with the New Hall gold crest, are now available at a price of £17.99 from Pope and Smith, the School Uniform Shop.

Yours sincerely

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The next edition of *What's New?* will be issued in two weeks. If you have any news which you would like published in an edition of *What's New?*, please email a.brown@newhallschool.co.uk.

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Fri, 16 May	7.30pm	NHVS Quiz Night
Sat, 17 May	All Day	Year 5 Olympics Taster Day
Sun, 18 May	1.30pm	Year 11 ICT GCSE Revision
Sun, 18 May	All Day	TRINITY SUNDAY
Wed, 21 May	All Day	Woodhouse Grove visit – Cricket Tour
Wed, 21 May	7.00pm	Spring Music Concert, Chapel
Thu, 22 May	7.00pm	Drama Evening, North Room
Thu, 23 May	All Day	FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Fri, 24 May	4.00pm	Half term
Sun, 1 June	6.00pm	Boarders return
Mon, 2 June	8.15am	Term re-commences
Fri, 6 June	All Day	Year 7 Latin and Classics Day
Sat, 7 June	All W/E	D of E Bronze Expedition
Sat, 14 June	7.00pm	Organ Grand Opening Recital
Sun, 15 June	10.30am	Celebration Mass with the Rt Rev Bishop Thomas McMahon

Chess

I seemed trapped forever to give Queen sacrifices as puzzles! Daniel Kohout was the first of many students to point out that Qxe6, followed by Bg6 was checkmate in the last issue. This time I must make it a little more difficult. Please provide the best move for White, and the reasons why it is the best move! There is no immediate checkmate!

