

# What's New?

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Dear Parents

## *Chapel Organ Grand Opening Recital*

Tomorrow evening we will be welcoming world famous organist Dame Gillian Weir to New Hall for the Grand Opening Recital on the newly restored Chapel Organ. It is an honour to welcome her for this very special event and I hope that many of you will be able to join us to hear her play. Tickets, priced £20, will be available on the door and proceeds from the sale of tickets will contribute to the Organ restoration fund. The Recital starts at 7.00pm. The recital will be followed by drinks and canapés on the front lawn. Dress is smart and we are pleased to be welcoming *Essex Life* reporters and other photographers to New Hall to mark this historic occasion.

## **Creative Writing Success**

Congratulations to the students from the Creative Writing Club who have had their work published in the *Talkin' Bout My Generation* poem competition for Eastern England. They are: Eleanor Kibblewhite, Sophie Thompson-Hyland (Year 7); Jacob Collins, Daniel Mullins (Year 8); Sophia Miller De Vega, Abigail Odell, and Lauren Sudders (Year 9). A book of the poems will soon be available.

## **Tate Modern Visit**

On 4 June a group of 44 students from Year 10 visited the Tate Modern. They spent some time looking at the artworks and photography in small groups, having been asked to find pieces which they really liked or really disliked and to explain why! (Not as easy as you might think). They also had a tour with an artist, who encouraged the students to take an analytical approach to the works, rather than making a quick subjective judgement. This is an important aspect of their art education and the students had an interesting and challenging experience.

## **Music**

### *ABRSM Music Examinations*

Congratulations to Stephanie Freestone, Year 7, who passed her Grade 3 Singing with Merit.

Students who are entered for an ABRSM Practical examination this term should check the notice boards in Walkfares to confirm their examination time. Due to the high number of candidates entered, the music examinations will take place over 3 days from 26-28 June. The ABRSM Theory Examinations will take place on Saturday, 14 June in BS1, Walkfares.

## **Sports Day 2008**

### *Field Events: 17 & 19 June*

All field events will take place during the week leading up to Sports Day. Parents are welcome to watch, although please note that the events will be over fairly quickly.

Field Events	
Tue, 17 June	8.30am-9.30am
Thu, 19 June	1.00pm-1.45pm
Thu, 19 June	1.00pm-1.45pm
Thu, 19 June	1.45pm-2.15pm
Thu, 19 June	2.50pm-3.45pm
During PE Lessons	Monday 7N 1.40pm-2.50pm Tuesday 7H 11.15am-12.25pm

### *Track Events: Saturday, 21 June*

The main focus of Sports Day will involve the whole school and will take place at the track on Saturday, 21 June. Warm up will begin at 10.00am, with the first race starting at 10.15am. All parents are encouraged to support their children. There will be a barbeque from 11.00am. It is envisaged that the last race will be at 1.00pm. For those parents feeling energetic, you may want to bring suitable footwear for the Parents' Skipping Relay and the 50 metres Running Relay!

## **Sport**

### *Athletics Master Class talent identification:*

This term has been a busy term for athletes at New Hall. As well as daily training sessions at school, a number of students attended Master Class sessions at Chelmsford Athletics Club. A number of New Hall athletes have been selected for further training. Congratulations to the following students: Princess Gloria Bajowa, Joshua Jones, Luke Pordham, Darius Roohi, William Simons (Year 7); Alexandra Marler (Year 8); Ella Dziejewski, Phoebe Last, Chloe Lawless, Danielle Smith (Year 9); Sarah Coward, Heather Porter, Ellen Royce, Annabel Schwier, Jenny Spindler and Molly Tappin (Year 10).

### *Golf*

Congratulations to Tobias Tay-Smith, Year 8, who had a busy half-term break representing Essex at golf. Tobias played exceptionally well, winning his matches against the best young players from Norfolk, Suffolk, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

### *Essex U18 Tennis League*

On 17 May, the girls' U18 team played away to Chadwell Heath Tennis Club. New Hall played exceptionally well and won two of the four singles matches 6-0, 6-0. The New Hall girls then went on to win both of the doubles matches 7-5 and 6-1 to win the match 4-2. The team consisted of: Katherine Crawley and Clara Spicer (Year 9); Anna Giles and Coralie Smart (Year 10). On 7 June both the boys' and girls' U18 teams won convincingly to keep up their hopes of reaching the semi final of the Essex U18 competition. The boys' team won 6-0 against Great Baddow School and the girls won 5-1 to Thorpe Bay School.

### *Nestle Schools Tennis*

The girls' Year 10 and Under team played away to Felsted School B Team. As always, the girls put in a great

performance and gave their all. The girls won 3 of the 4 singles matches and 1 of the doubles matches to come out victorious by 4-2.

#### *Tennis Fixtures*

The U13 boys and girls travelled away to Bishop Stortford College. Both teams played very well in difficult conditions. New Hall unfortunately lost both matches 3-1. The Year 7 girls' team played against Holmwood House School. The match was a very closely contested affair with the both teams playing some great tennis. The match was tied at 70 games all.

#### *New Hall: 2008 MESSSA Champions*

The girls' U15 team have become the MESSSA champions for 2008. Both New Hall teams played exceptionally well and beat some strong opposition. For the first time, both New Hall pairs got to the final which was a closely contested affair with the teams giving their all. In the end, the New Hall second pairing of Anna Giles, Year 10, and Leticia Delage Estevez, Year 9, were victorious over Clara Spicer and Ella Dziejewski, both Year 9. In the U13 boys' event, New Hall had further success with Joseph Clark and Thomas Styles, Year 8, winning against strong opposition to become the MESSSA champions. New Hall second pairing of Timothy Hodson and Miles Fletcher, Year 7, played well but were defeated in the semi finals. In the girls' U13 competition, the New Hall pairs competed well but were beaten in the semi finals by a strong Chelmsford County High School team. The girls' team consisted of Ellouise Day and Elizabeth Nelmes, Year 7, and Grace Dagworthy and Nadia Wheadon, Year 8.

#### *Save The Children Sponsored Tennis Tournament*

This event was a huge success, with 40 girls taking part from Year 7. The eventual winners were Elizabeth Nelmes and Georgina Ellis and the runners up were Ellouise Day and Ellie Dhanjal. Congratulations to all participants. The total amount raised will be announced once all competitions have taken place.

#### *U13 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket: Saturday, 7 June v Felsted*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI started the game fielding. New Hall bowlers were fairly accurate in the early stages and took some early wickets. However, Felsted were able to set a very high score of 189 off their 20 overs. The following 17 overs were probably the most enthralling our Director of Sport has seen in his 12 years of teaching. George Styles and Matthew Carroll put on 158 for the second wicket. Matthew Carroll played a supporting role and was eventually out for 25. The game came down to the last over with 12 needed. After George had hit a 6 off the first ball, expectations of a victory were high. Unfortunately, having got so close, the team were unable to surpass Felsted's total. George Styles ended the match on 127 not out.

#### *U13 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket: Wednesday, 11 June v Holmwood House School*

Once again the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI started fielding and there were 2 excellent catches from Edward Fenton and Sam Prebble. Holmwood ended up scoring 162 off 25 overs. After 3 run outs in the first 5 overs, the team struggled to put together any large partnerships and the game was lost shortly after tea. The return fixture will take place on Wednesday, 2 July.

### **Charity**

#### *NHVS 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. NHVS would be grateful for any donation you can make towards the holiday. Cakes, biscuits, bottles of squash and cartons of drink are particularly needed. If you have any unwanted clothes or footwear for children aged between 6 and 8, NHVS can put them to good use. Any contributions can be left at Reception and marked for NHVS with your name and son/daughter's Tutor Group.

#### *Year 9 Fundraising*

Instead of selling cakes for St Mark's School in South Africa, Year 9 have been challenged to think of healthy, ethical and practical ways to raise funds. House points will be awarded to the Tutor Group which shows the most initiative as well as to the best organised. We hope all members of the school will contribute and we also urge parents to welcome any uncharacteristic offers to perform household chores!

### **Travel**

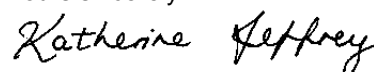
#### *Coach Services*

This is advance notification that from September 2008 all school coach services will leave the site at 6.00pm.

### **Oberammergau 2010**

Members of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are leading a party to Oberammergau to see the famous Passion Play in May 2010. The trip is from 23-28 and will include a few days holiday in the Austrian Lake District. Please contact Srs Moira & Margaret Mary CRSS if you would like them to send you a brochure with further information: anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk or 01245 604 108

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
Sat, 14 June	7.00pm	Organ Grand Opening Recital
Sun, 15 June	10.30am	Celebration Mass with the Rt Rev Bishop Thomas McMahon
Tues, 17 June	7.00pm	Yr 10 ISCO Presentation
Wed, 18 June	All Day	Year 9 Industry Day
Sat, 21 June	All Day	Sports Day & NHPA BBQ
Tues, 24 June	7.00pm	FUSION '08
Thurs, 26 June	7.00pm	Sports Awards Evening
Sat, 28 June	All Day	Reserve Sports Day
Sun, 29 June	2.00-8.00pm	Poppins '08 Rehearsal
Tues, 1 July	4.30pm & 7.30pm	Poppins '08 Dance Show -- Civic Theatre, Chelmsford
Wed, 2 July	7.30pm	Poppins '08 Dance Show
Thurs, 3 July	6.30pm	Boarders BBQ
Fri, 4 July	6.30pm	Year 13 Leavers' Dinner
Sat, 5 July	All Day	Exhibition Day
Sun, 6 July	All Week	NHVS Children's Holiday