

What's New?

Senior School

Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents

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Opening of the Chaplaincy Centre



We were delighted to welcome so many of the Religious Community, as well as students, staff, parents, governors and friends of New Hall, to the opening of the new Chaplaincy Centre in the Barn which took place in the evening on Foundation Day. A special service was led by school Chaplain, Fr Frank Jackson, which included blessing the room with water.

Foundation Day

On Wednesday 8 October, we celebrated the 376th anniversary of the Foundation of the school by Susan Hawley. Mass was celebrated by Fr Dan Mason in the morning and in the afternoon the house music competition raised the roof of the sports hall! West-End performer, Dan de Cruz, was the visiting judge; he crowned Pole House the winner of the competition. Congratulations to all in Pole House on their success. Thank you to all students, particularly the House Captains, who worked so hard to make the event such fun.



DVD Filming

On the 2-3 October, we welcomed Stone Productions to New Hall for 2 days intensive filming. We are in the process

of producing a promotional DVD for the School and anticipate being able to screen the short film before the end of the term.

13th Annual Literary Dinner

On Saturday 4 October, almost 200 people gathered at New Hall for the annual Literary Dinner. Guest of Honour Alison Weir gave the audience an engaging preview into her latest novel which was a real treat and the excellent food and company made the event most memorable. My thanks go to the Committee who organised the dinner and also to Lara-Jayne Ellice on the Harp and Crystle Ying on the Piano who provided the beautiful music.



Charities

CAFOD Donation

In Chapel Assembly on Tuesday morning, Mr O'Leary, a representative from the international aid organisation CAFOD was presented with a cheque by Charities Prefect Sophie Blythe-Tinker (Year 13). The amount was in excess of £1,200 and has been raised over the last year by fast lunches and collections at school events. Mr O'Leary said how grateful he was to New Hall for their continued and generous support of CAFOD and he explained how this contribution will really make a difference to those in poverty around the world.



Read for St Mark's

There is a permanent second-hand book table in the Library. All items are 50p and all proceeds go to support our sister school, St Mark's in South Africa. All staff, students and parents are welcome to come and browse. If you have any books for sale they would be most welcome.

Wear it Pink for Charity

We will be showing our support for the Breast Cancer Campaign by taking part in Wear it Pink on Friday 14 November. We would like each student to wear an item of pink to school on this day and donate £2 each to the charity. This could be an item of clothing or something smaller if they prefer (e.g. tie, hair band, scarf).

NHVS Quiz Night

The NHVS Quiz Night takes place on Friday 21 November; please see the flier enclosed in the half term mailing for more information. If you are unable to attend the quiz night but would still like to support the event, we would be very grateful for raffle prizes. Any donations can be left in the main school reception marked for NHVS. We are grateful for your support.

NHVS Christmas Appeal

The NHVS Christmas Appeal 2008 is for items for our Christmas hampers for the elderly. Each year group will be requested to bring in a particular item between Monday 3 and Friday 14 November. We would like the students to bring in the following: Year 7 girls: small boxes of chocolates. Year 7 boys: jars of marmalade or jam. Year 8 girls: savoury biscuits. Year 8 boys: small boxes of teabags. Year 9 girls: small jars of pickles/relish. Year 9 boys: small jars of coffee. Year 10 girls: boxes of 6 mince pies. Year 11 girls: small Christmas puddings. Year 12: rolls of Christmas wrapping paper. Year 13: Christmas paper plates and serviettes. Many thanks for your continued support.

NHVS Volunteers

The NHVS is looking for new adult support volunteers to help with one of our 7 action groups. We appreciate any help people can give but, in particular, we need volunteers to drive the minibus. There is an urgent need for drivers at lunchtimes. If you feel you have time to give to NHVS, even if it is only once or twice a term, please contact Jane Dickinson in the NHVS office.

Year 11 Celebration Evening



On Tuesday 14 October, Year 11 and their staff guests were invited to a formal celebration of Year 11. The evening

started with a Mass which included performances by musicians Lara-Jayne Ellice, Kayleigh McEvoy, Coralie Smart and Diane Wong. It continued with an inspirational talk by Andy Mouncey on *Doing Big & Scary*, which really inspired the students. The evening ended with a wonderful 3-course meal in the North Room.

Chemistry Mastermind 2008

Thank you to all the students who participated in the New Hall heats of the Royal Society of Chemistry Mastermind competition. Prizes will be awarded to all those who took part after half term. Congratulations go to Catherine Leighton (Year 9), Daniel Mullens (Year 9), Rebecca Day (Year 10) and Diane Wong (Year 11), who came top in their respective year groups. They have now participated in the postal round of the competition. We await the results and wish team New Hall every success.

Annual Mass for the Deceased

The Community annual Mass for the dead will take place on Saturday 8 November at 2.00pm, in the Chapel, celebrated by Fr Leslie Knight. All are welcome to attend. If anyone has a person they would particularly like remembered and prayed for then please let the Community know at: crssuk@canonesses.co.uk

Year 7 Trip to Sutton Hoo and Framlingham



The Art and History Departments joined forces for this busy, fun filled trip. The girls were blessed with better weather than the boys but both trips enjoyed excellent tours by National Trust guides who helped interpret the burial mound site at Sutton Hoo in an entertaining way. In the afternoon it was off to Framlingham to storm the Duke of Norfolk's fortress. Great fun was had trying to shoot arrows at Miss Kiernan and Mrs Fawdry from the battlements and parading like Ladies and Gentlemen in the Tudor pleasure gardens.

Drama

The Senior School production, *Lark Rise*, will take place at the end of this term. If any parents would like to help with Front of House or any other aspect of the production please contact Mrs Wimsett, Head of Drama.

Music

Sunday Mass

We are very grateful to the members of local choir, The Waltham Singers, who sang so beautifully at our Sunday Mass on 5 October. The Waltham Singers are conducted by our Director of Music, Andrew Fardell.

Lunchtime Concert

This week's lunchtime concert took place in the Chapel, to allow Diane Wong (Year 11) the opportunity to perform pieces by Phillip Moore on the Organ and by John McLeod on the Flute, both of which she did with great success. Patrick Gray (Year 8) played *Timbourin* by Gossec on Violin. Lara-Jayne Ellice and Kayleigh McEvoy (Year 11) joined forces, singing a very moving rendition of *The Prayer* by Sager & Foster. Kayleigh ended the concert with a very mature performance of *On My Own* from Les Miserables.

Forthcoming Music Events

The St Cecilia's Day Concert, which this year will be featuring Last Night of the Proms favourites, will take place on Thursday 20 November at 7.00pm in the Eaton Theatre. The Senior School Choir & Orchestra, Year 7 Girls' Choir, Voces, the Saxtet, Piano Quartet and soloists will all be performing so please do book your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are available free of charge from Mrs G Phillips on gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk or on the school number.

Chelmsford Competitive Festival of Music & Drama

On Friday 7 November, the Chamber Choir and the Year 7 Girls' Choir will compete in the Chelmsford Competitive Festival of Music & Drama. The Chamber Choir came top in their class last year and were awarded the Dorothy Cole Trophy. We wish them every success in this event.

Music Examination - Distinction

Many congratulations to Lara-Jayne Ellice (Year 11) on achieving 132 in her recent Grade IV Harp examination. The examiner observed that she thoroughly deserved her Distinction.

National Children's Choir of Great Britain

If you love to sing, are between the ages of 9-15 and would like to be considered for a national choir, then the NCCGB would like to hear from you! Auditions will take place at St. Cedd's School, Chelmsford, on Thursday 30 October 2008. To download an application form and for more information please visit:

www.thenationalchildrenschoirofgreatbritain.co.uk

Campion & Earle House Disco

On Saturday 11 October, students in Campion and Earle Houses hit the dance floor with a Disco in the North Room. Over 100 students attended and a great night was had by all (including the staff!).



Travel

We are looking into the possibility of a new coach service, for students in Year 3 upwards, from Burnham-on-Crouch, via Latchingdon, Cold Norton, Cock Clarks & Danbury. Anyone interested in this service should contact Mrs G Phillips, Travel Secretary, as soon as possible on the school number or at gphillips@newhallschool.co.uk.

Sport - *The full match reports can be found on the website.*

Hockey

Congratulations to Katie Roberts (Year 11), who has been chosen for the East of England U16 Hockey Squad and Jennifer Spindler (Year 11), who has been chosen for the Essex U17 Hockey team.

Under 15 Hockey

New Hall 3 St Edmund's 0

Senior Hockey

New Hall 1XI 3 Brentwood 1XI 2

In the opening match of what promises to be an exciting season for senior hockey at the school, New Hall won an exciting game against Brentwood School. It was clear to see from their performance and the result that the team has great spirit and potential. With the added input of the new Head of Hockey, Mrs Sidwell, I am very confident this victory will be the first of many.

New Hall 1XI 2 Queenswood 2XI 1

In the second match of the season for the seniors, New Hall beat Queenswood 2-1 in a very competitive and tiring match for our girls.

Riding

Congratulations to Annabel Schwier, who represented New Hall at the Woodbridge School Hunter Trial which took place at Poplar Park on 12 October 2008. Annabel finished 8th in the 3'3" class on her horse Mr Scruffy. She scored highly for her style.

Felsted School Inter-School Show-Jumping and Dressage Competition: Sunday 12 October



New Hall gave an outstanding performance at Sunday's Inter-School Show-jumping and Dressage competition gaining first place in the team dressage, team show-jumping and tack and turnout. This is a fantastic achievement as the school was competing against a number of schools from around the county. A special mention must go to Madeleine

Taylor, who rode two spectacular jump-offs, keeping calm under immense pressure. She secured 1st and 3rd placing for two of the New Hall show-jumping teams. Pippa O'Riley was awarded the highest dressage mark in the team dressage. Please see the website for all team and individual placings.

Pony Club Membership

Park Lane Riding Stables, which hosts our extra-curricular riding, have been approved as a Pony Club Centre. Further details are available on the website. If in the meantime, you would like to register your child's interest in joining the Park Lane Pony Club, please e-mail:
k.hamilton@newhallschool.co.uk.

Rugby

U14

New Hall	22	Tabor High School	14
New Hall	79	Royal Hospital School	0

U13

The 1XV team won the inaugural New Hall School Under 13 Invitational Festival with wins against Moulsham High School (48-0), St. John Payne (44-7) and in the final against Honeywood School (8-5).

Other results:

U13 1XV	74	Robert Clack	7
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U13 2XV	74	Robert Clack	0
U13 3XV	125	Robert Clack	0

U12

The Year 7 team made its debut against some top opposition at the Finborough School Festival and performed superbly. In their group they had wins against both Moreton Hall and Norwich School. This left them with a difficult quarter final match against an undefeated St Joseph's, Ipswich. After extra time, the game had to be decided by the toss of a coin. Unfortunately, luck was not on our side. However, the boys demonstrated great ability during the match and dignity when faced with such a difficult end result. Well done to them all.

Colts Festival



New Hall hosted a very successful Colts Rugby Festival on Saturday 11 October. The New Hall Preparatory School fielded two teams, with many boys in the 'B' team having their first experience of rugby. The 'A' team made excellent progress from last year's tournament, winning two of their four matches. In the finals Elm Green defeated Moreton

Hall in the Bowl final, Holmwood House beat Old Buckenham Hall 'B' in the shield final and in the main final Old Buckenham Hall defeated Felsted Preparatory School. Many thanks to all the staff and parents who helped make the day such a success.

Triathlon

Congratulations to Arran Rae (Year 8) and Eleanor McCaffrey (Year 6) who both achieved top 3 places the in recent New Hall Triathlon.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Jeffrey
PRINCIPAL

The next edition of *What's New?* will be issued after half term. 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 17 Oct	TBC	French Exchange departs
Fri 17 Oct	4.35pm	Half Term begins
Sat 18 Oct	All Day	Chess Tournament
Sun 19 Oct	TBC	Art Trip to Barcelona departs
Mon 3 Nov	8.15am	Term re-commences
Fri 7 Nov	TBC	Chelmsford Music Festival

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Last week's challenge proved to give a few difficulties, with most people saying the hole would get smaller, arguing that the brass would expand into the hole. The answer is that the hole in the brass plate will get larger. Why? As the plate is heated, all of the brass plate must increase in size including the sides of the hole; if these sides increase in length then the area of the hole is increased accordingly.

This week's challenge is below. Don't forget, prizes are on offer; so, if you fancy the opportunity to win, write your answer to this week's challenge on a slip of paper, including your name and tutor group, and pass it to Mr Fradley on or before Friday 7 November.

Brain Challenge Number 3

Without taking the pen off the paper, or retracing lines already drawn, join up the nine dots below with 4 connected straight lines.

