

Hall Grove School Newsletter



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Yesterday we heard that all 18 of our Year 8 Common Entrance candidates passed their exams into their first choice schools. Details are given below. It is particularly pleasing to note that of 186 papers sat, no less than 82 of them (44% of the total) were awarded A grades. These results, taken together with the six academic scholarships previously announced, confirm Hall Grove's position as one of the top performing prep schools in the country. Congratulations to all the boys and girls, to their parents and to the teaching staff who have prepared them so thoroughly.

This newsletter gives details of our Athletics Finals Day tomorrow and of our annual Sports and Open Day the following Saturday. This year we are marking the 2012 Olympic Games with our own Hall Grove Olympic styled games. It should be a lot of fun! Please note that the main events for the Pre-Prep are in the morning and for Years 3 - 8 in the afternoon. We encourage families to bring picnics, and the caterers will serve lunchtime drinks and afternoon tea. Parents are asked to show respect for the occasion by observing our dress code for the day.

At the end of the afternoon there will be a hog roast barbecue for those who would like to stay on, and drinks will be served. We can only hope that the weather will choose to smile on us!

Year 8 Destination Schools

Bearwood - Olivia House

Bradfield - Jamie Bohling (All-Rounders Scholarship), Suzie Clark (Scholarship), Joel Fox, William Griffin, Harrison Newey

Bryanston - Harry Hadden-Wight

Eton - Marcus Norrey (Exhibition and Music Exhibition), Fraser Graham

Gordon's School - George Hurt

Hampton - Andrew Condon (Scholarship), Aaron Goss (Scholarship), Matthew Rofe, Oscar McKittrick

Pangbourne - Amy Adams (Sports Scholarship), Jamie Grant

Reed's School - Mark Warnants

RGS, Guildford - Tom Bergstedt

St. George's, Weybridge - Matthew Burford (Scholarship and Music Scholarship), Oscar Reilly

Sir William Perkins's - Beatrice Spowers

Wellington - Josh Behr (Exhibition), Harry Hardaker, Calvin Hung (Music Exhibition), Ben Rowland, Saxon Walker

As well as the awards, particularly strong performances were achieved by the following:

Matthew Rofe and Oscar McKittrick (won places at Hampton through the scholarship exam); Jamie Bohling (finished in the top 15 for Bradfield with 9 A grades); Fraser Graham (8 A grades and in the top 30 starred passes at Eton), Mark Warnants (9 A grades and top place in Latin at Reed's); Tom Bergstedt (9 A grades at RGS, Guildford); Beatrice Spowers (7 A grades at Sir William Perkins's); Saxon Walker (8 A grades at Wellington).

Richard Österdahl

Our thanks to Mr Österdahl who has so expertly assisted the teaching staff these last two terms prior to starting a career in the City this Summer. He leaves us this week to take the opportunity to travel before his new job starts. His contribution to Hall Grove (his old school) has been immense and he has been a very good companion to staff and pupils alike. We will miss him.

Choristers' Tour to Spain

Good luck and best wishes to the Choristers for their tour to Barcelona.

The Hall Grove Annual Sports and Open Day - Saturday 30th June

Timings for Sports Day are as follows:

1100 Field events for all Years 3 - 8 who have entered

1130 900m runners Year 3 and 4, 1500m runners Year 5 and 6, 1500m runners Year 7 and 8

1215 Pre-Prep Sports Day begins on main track

1245 Break for picnic lunch

1400 Hall Grove 2012 Opening Ceremony - all Years 3 - 8, Pre-Prep are encouraged to attend

1435 Track events for Years 3 - 8

1600 Presentation of House Cup

1700 Olympic BBQ

Families are welcome to picnic in the grounds. In addition, there will be an Art Exhibition, dance displays, classroom exhibitions, music, a parade etc. Footsteps Ballet Class will be part of the parade and are performing in the Opening Ceremony which begins at 1400. The children involved in Footsteps will need to meet Miss Stein at 1330 in the courtyard changing rooms to get changed.

Dress order for competitors: Clean whites and house t-shirts.

Dress order for parents: smart casual please (men are asked not to wear shorts).

Years 3 - 8 Individual Athletics Finals - Saturday 23rd June

Please could all competitors make sure they are at school and ready to start the first event at 1000. If the weather is warm, please make sure the children have sun cream and a sun hat and if it is cold please make sure they have tracksuits to put on between events. Competitors can wear spiked shoes.

Olympic Week

With the Olympics only a few weeks away, this is an opportunity for Hall Grove to embrace fully the Olympic ideals. There are several excellent speakers attending assembly and the children will build an Olympic village out of 100,000 Lego pieces. They will have the chance to try synchronised swimming, volleyball, blind football and many more exciting activities. In the classroom, children will be studying the Olympics from the perspective of each particular subject. Pre-Prep children are invited to the whole school Olympic themed assemblies on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning which start at 0835. Please can the children be in their classrooms by 0825 on those mornings. Parents may attend if they wish and should park as directed on the tennis courts or playing fields.

Cakes and Circuses

The Middle School came dressed as Ancient Greeks today, and enjoyed lots of activity themed around the history of the Greek civilisation. Some 21st century cakes at brektime (organised by Jamie Hart in aid of The Children's Trust) added to the fun of the day.

1AE Assembly - Wednesday 27th June

The children in 1AE would like to invite their parents to their Class Assembly on Wednesday 27th June. If you are able to attend, please be in New Hall by 0900. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sports News

Rounders

20th June v St. Neot's: 1st IX won, U11 won, U10 lost

21st June v Edgeborough: U8 A and B lost

The Marist Rounders Tournament - Tuesday 26th June

The Years 5 and 6 girls' rounders teams are competing in a tournament at The Marist, Sunninghill on Tuesday. Please collect your daughter from The Marist at 1715.

Cricket

The cricket results are looking increasingly impressive with especially fine results recorded against our local rivals Woodcote House, Sunningdale and Edgeborough. Twenty matches won, none lost!

19th June v Ludgrove: 2nd XI won, 1st XI, 3rd XI and 4th XI lost

20th June v Aldro: 1st XI won, 2nd XI won, 3rd XI won, Colts A won, Colts B won, U10 A won, U10 B won, U10 C won, 4th XI lost, 5th XI lost

West Surrey Athletics for Boys - Monday 18th June

Well done to all the boys who competed in the annual championships at Bracknell Leisure Centre. The highlight of the day was James Somper winning the U12 High Jump and qualifying for the National Championships in Birmingham with a jump of 1.42m. There were also some pleasing performances from the following boys: George Brevett and Devon Gordon 3rd and 7th places in U10 100m, George Janes and Harry Francis 5th and 7th places in the U13 100m, Felix Stewart 5th in the U12 1500m and Miles Atkins 6th in the U12 800m.

Knight Frank Tennis Tournament - Runners-Up!

After some nail-biting matches, our B Team (Alex Wessely, Harry Francis, Joel Fox and Jamie Grant) ended the day runners-up! Charters School were the victors overall from a strong field including Woodcote House, LVS, Charters and Ludgrove. It is an unusual format because the score from two matches of doubles is combined to give a total 'team result'. In the end we only lost by one game. The tennis was competitive and it was a lovely day, well hosted by Knight Frank. The girls (Beatrice Spowers, Caitlin Gluckstein, Rosie Freeman and Margaux Gathy) came third overall and were thrilled with their performance. As a comparatively young squad, we were delighted to see them so competitive in their matches. Tennis at Hall Grove seems to be going from strength to strength.

Dan Slape

Golf News

Zac Jenkins (Year 7) and Xavier Schwarz (Year 6) competed in the Millfield School Golf Tournament on Tuesday. Zac won the U12 trophy while Xavier retained the U11 trophy. Many congratulations to both boys.

Hall Grove 'Greensomes' Golf Competition - 23rd June (Saturday afternoon)

There are still some tee times available after 1400 tomorrow in our golf competition which will be held in a 'Greensomes' format, ie teams of two made up of a child and an adult. This is a lovely opportunity for children to play around the upgraded nine hole course in a fun competition with an adult partner of their choice. All abilities welcome – our aim is to encourage the children to play and our Pro will be on hand to help where needed. Come along for a chance to win a trophy in one of four age groups: Reception – Year 1; Years 2 – 3; Years 4 – 5 and Years 6 – 8. The entry fee per team is £15. The fee is payable on the day and includes a goody bag per team and hot/cold drinks in the Pavilion. To book your tee time, please contact Caroline Grant before 1000 tomorrow by email at caroline.windsor@tfigroup.com or by telephone on 01276 858348 or 07770 755584.

Ski Trip: 2nd - 8th January

The response has been excellent for January's ski trip to Claviere, Italy and it is filling up quickly. There are seventeen places booked and only a few spaces left. Please contact Mr Tullett (i.tullett@hallgrove.co.uk) if you require further details or would like to reserve a place. The cost of the trip is £930, inclusive of all skiing costs.

School Uniform Shop

During the Summer holiday the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

Wednesday 25 th July	0900 – 1200
Tuesday 7 th August	0900 – 1200
Thursday 9 th August	1400 – 1700
Monday 3 rd September	0900 – 1200

During term-time, the Uniform Shop is open on Tuesdays from 0800 to 0915 and on Thursdays from 1500 to 1730.

Sports Xtra Summer Camps

Sports Xtra will be running Summer Camps at Hall Grove from 16th July to 10th August. Attached is a copy of their brochure and booking form. Booking forms can be completed and returned to the School Office, together with payment (cheques should be made payable to Sports Xtra (South East) Ltd). Bookings can also be made online at www.sports-xtra.com by quoting the course reference number. All the camp options are available to children aged 5 to 14 and run from 0900 to 1600. For further information, please contact Alison Black on 07894 708444.

Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camps

Please find attached details of the Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camps running during the Summer holidays.

Instrumentally's Rock School

Instrumentally's cool school for rock stars in the making. A five day workshop for 7-14 year olds giving the opportunity to develop musical skills in a fun-filled atmosphere culminating in a rock concert on the final day.

Dates: 16th July to 20th July 2012

Location: Hall Grove School

The cost for the week is £195 plus VAT

More information via www.instrumentally.co.uk/school-of-rock or by calling on 01344 627300.

There will be a brief Rock School demonstration in New Hall on Tuesday 26th June at 1230. Parents may attend.

Newsletter Attachments

The following documents are attached to this week's newsletter:

- Sports Xtra Summer Camps
- Windlesham Golf Academy Summer Camps
- Think-A-Link Summer Camp
- Instrumentally's Rock School

Gap Student Babysitting

Tom Hine, our returning Gap Student for the last weeks of term, is offering babysitting services from now until the end of the Summer holidays. He has just finished his first year at the University of Nottingham and has gained experience babysitting for many Hall Grove families already. He is able to provide references. If interested, please contact Tom on 07805 909717.