

What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents

Another award for New Hall

On 16 November 2011, we were delighted to have been awarded first prize in the Independent Schools Awards 2011. The award was presented for Outstanding Strategic Initiative at a special ceremony for 350 guests at the National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham.



The judges praised New Hall School for its ambitious and pioneering move to set up a 'diamond' model school, the resounding success of this initiative enabled the school to double its roll to 1,150 students by September 2010. The award was collected from the guest of honour, former Olympic medal winner, Roger Black MBE, by Katherine Jeffrey, Joy Hopkinson and Professor Michael Alder. We are thrilled to have received this award which is one of the 'Oscars' of the educational world and is testament to all the hard work of staff, students and parents over the last few years to enable us to become such a unique and forward thinking school.

Remembrance Day Services

We were very pleased to welcome the local British Legion branch members together with the Rev. Lee Batson (vicar of Boreham) to our Remembrance assemblies this week. The last post, after our 2 minutes silence, was played by Katie Bruniges (Year 11) on Monday and Felix Fardell (Year 8) on Tuesday.

Shoebox Appeal



The 2011 Shoeboxes Appeal closed on Tuesday with boxes still arriving until the very last minute! New Hall students, their families and everybody who took part in this year's appeal, can be proud of the total number of boxes they brought to school. 141 brightly wrapped boxes, filled with a variety of 'little treasures', will soon be on their way to some of the poorest countries in Europe. From families living in shanty towns to children's orphanages, you can be sure that these boxes will bring a big ray of sunshine in to their lives. They will know that, somewhere in England, people thought of them and cared enough to fill a shoebox for them. On behalf of Link Romania, a very big thank you to you all for your generosity.

Inter-house Cookery Competition

Pole House triumph with team work and planning



Four students from each house in Years 7 and 8 took part in the inter-house cookery competition on 14 November. The theme of a birthday tea for a 6 year old provided an opportunity for students to show off their bakery skills as many cupcakes and sponges were the order of the day,

along with pizzas, shaped sandwiches and tasty drinks. Mrs Hopkinson, Mr Smith and Mrs Fletcher judged the teams on not only their culinary skills but also on hygiene, planning, table decoration and team work.

Music

Pop for the Planet



This year's *Pop for the Planet* took on a 'live lounge' feel as Harrison Booth (Year 9), Harry White (Year 12), Connor Selby (Year 9), Nathan Lambert (Year 10), Amy-Beth Ellice (Year 9) and Mr Corby took to the stage in the Eaton Theatre and entertained the waiting crowds. The talent on display was evident from the cries of "more!" from the audience demanding an encore for which the musicians were only too glad to provide.

Great Success for Alice at Music and Drama Festival
Congratulations to Alice Talbut (Year 8) who had great success at the Chelmsford Competitive Festival of Music and Drama. Alice achieved a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in 3 of the classes.

Lunchtime Concert

On 17 November, a wonderful lunchtime concert took place in the Chapel, which started with a rendition of the first movement of *String Quartet Op. 2 No. 4* by Valentina Ritter (Year 12), Caron Magee (Year 10), Stephanie Wilson (Year 8) and Antonia Dajak (Year 12). There were then solo performances from Valentina, who played *Partita* in D minor for solo violin and Antonia who performed *Londenderry Air* cello. To finish the concert, *Trio* by Glinka was played by Valentina, Antonia and Christina Guerrero (Year 13). The next concert will be held on Wednesday 30 November in the Chapel.

CD for Miss Artamonova

A recent discovery of seven viola compositions by the 19th century Russian composer Sergei Vasilenko has led our resident violist Miss Artamonova to record a special CD celebrating the previously unknown works. The CD is available to buy worldwide and promises to be a huge success, not only for Miss Artamonova, but also for violists everywhere as it not only expands the repertoire of the instrument; but also points to the courage of a composer who spent his life treading the tight-rope between his own musical interests and the demands of Soviet 'socialist

realism'. The CD – *Sergei Vasilenko – Complete Music for Viola and Piano* is available now on Toccata Classics.

Sport

Full write-ups are on the school website:

www.newhallschool.co.uk

Hockey

U14 National Hockey Tournament

The U14 girls finished in 6th place overall in the Eastern round of the National Hockey Tournament. Competition was tough but the girls played some fantastic hockey and should be proud of their achievements and being 6th best hockey team in the East! The player of the tournament was Madelaine Twaite (Year 9) and Samantha Howe (Year 9).

Results

Team	Opposition	Score	Player(s) of the Match
U15XI	Forest School	Won 4-0	Isabel James
U13A	Forest School	Won 2-1	Alice Aldridge
U13B	Forest School	Won 5-0	Alice Locker
U12A	Forest School	Won 4-0	Grace Stubbings
U12B	Forest School	Lost 1-0	Tiah Roberts-Cooper
U13A	Coopers Coborn	Lost 3-6	

Hockey Fixtures

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

Rugby

Results

Saturday 12 November:

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U12A	Norwich School	Won 10-5	Greg Oxlade
U12B		Lost 0-55	Henry Hall
U13A		Won 17-14	Sam Spilsbury
U13B		Lost 5-14	Alex Matthews
U13C		Won 29-0	Alex Acheson
U14A		Won 55-0	Ben Coker
U14B		Lost 0-12	Callum Grummitt
U15A		Won 28-24	Sam Turner
U16A		Won 48-7	Brad Jordan
3 rd XV		Lost 22-24	Ed Fenton

Mid-week Matches:

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U14A	Davenant, Essex Cup	Won 56-7	Charlie Gibson
U15A	Worth School, Daily Mail	Won 38-20	Josh Wheal
U16A	RHS	Won 54-12	Jack Pomfrett
U16B	RHS	Lost 19-36	Hugo Franklin
U13A	Orwell Park	Won 12-5	Harry Morgan
U13B	Orwell Park	Won 52-0	Josh Chapman

Sailing

James and Kathryn Set Sights on Sailing for Britain

James Hutton-Penman (Year 11) and Kathryn Hutton-Penman (Year 9) and their respective crews are taking part in the National Grand Prix Series with the hope of qualifying for the British Team in next year's RS Feva World Championships. The British Team will be made up

of the top 68 boats in a four regatta qualifying series. Last weekend they took part in the third Grand Prix of the series at Queen Mary Reservoir, where James finished 9th and Kathryn 28th out of 95 boats. After 3 regattas, both are well placed for qualification in the British squad, James lying 5th and Kathryn 17th out of 105 entrants. Both qualified and are taking part in winter training with the Eastern Region Class squad, James also qualified for the Class National Squad but is not taking up this place.

RS Tera National and Intermediate Squad

Congratulations to Lucy Greenwood and Kathryn and Ben Hutton-Penman for their recent sailing achievements at the Tera National and Intermediate squad training held in Kent.

NSEA National Championships

The National Schools Sailing Association event will be held on Monday 9 to Friday 13 July 2012 and will be their 50th anniversary. The Regatta is being held at the Weymouth and Portland Sailing Academy and will be the last event before the Olympics. There will be fast and slow handicap fleets, single and double handed, as well as a Rookie Fleet for those in their first competitive season. Entrants will need to have their own boat. For more information please contact Mr Greenwood on: steved.greenwood@btinternet.com.

Triathlon

Arran Crowned Champion



Arran Rae (Year 11) has been crowned the Eastern Region 2011 Youth Triathlon League Champion. The League runs from April through to September and the results are calculated and the best five performances count towards your overall result. This is a fantastic achievement for Arran and demonstrates all his hard work over the past few months.

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.

Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Sat 19 - Mon 21 Nov	All Day	Years 12 & 13 Art Trip to Paris
Mon 21 - Wed 23 Nov	All Day	Year 11 Modern Foreign Languages Speaking Controlled Assessments
Thu 24 - Fri 25 Nov	All Day	A2 Drama Examinations
Thu 24 - Wed 30 Nov	All Day	Year 10 Modern Foreign Languages Writing Controlled Assessments
Thu 24 - Fri 3 Dec	All Day	Year 11 Mock Examinations
Fri 25 Nov	7.00 - 9.00pm	St Cecilia's Day Concert
Mon 28 Nov	6.00pm	New Hall School Christmas Show
Tue 29 Nov	7.00 - 9.00pm	Year 9 Options Evening
Thu 1 Dec	7.00 - 9.30pm	Senior Prefect Christmas Dinner
Thu 1 Dec - Sat 3 Dec	All Day	ABRSM Music Examinations

BRAIN CHALLENGE

Brain Challenge Number 39 Solution

If you imagine that you are Dr Thomas and you are the 2nd youngest then you are male and the odds of the youngest child having a sister as their nearest sibling are zero.

The next challenge is:

A popular fair ground game involves trying to guess how many jelly beans are in a jar. It is generally won by the closest guess but can you think of how to make yourself the winner?

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

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



This week's artwork is by Emily Niner (Year 13)



**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 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



ACHILLES WANTS YOU

**...to audition for TROY,
the Junior School Play for 2012!**


Open to all students Years 7-9 - Sign up at Walkfares!
 Auditions run from Mon 21st - Wed 30th Nov
 Lots of slots available at lunch-time and after school
 You don't need to prepare / bring anything to audition
 [The actual show will be Trinity Term week of 7th May]


DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!
 Any questions? Ask Mr Symes!

**Christmas
Carol Service**

Brentwood Cathedral

Tuesday 13 December, 7.00pm (Years 7,10,13)
 Wednesday 14 December, 7.00pm (Years 8,9,11,12)



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