

What's New?

Senior School

Weekly Newsletter

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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Dear Parents

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Science

The Rock Doctor

On 24 November, the Rock Doctor, Dr Mark Lewney, visited Year 11 and the Sixth Form to give an exciting performance about physics, waves, string theory and ultimately the whole universe, all with an electric guitar. Everyone very much enjoyed learning about some of the most challenging topics in physics in such an enjoyable way.

Art

Art Trip to London



On 19 November, students from Year 11 and Year 13 sampled work at the Tate Britain and the Tate Modern. The latter gallery provided a good look at Tacita Dean's huge video installation in the turbine hall and there were standout works in the upper galleries by the likes of Gerhard Richter, Ai Weiwei, Jenny Holzer and James Rosenquist. In the Tate Britain, Mark Wallinger's 'Airport Arrivals' drew much attention from the students; a haunting video piece set in slow motion and to music.

The group enjoyed a hearty meal of paella in between the two gallery tours by the banks of the Thames. Such Saturday trips will be offered to small groups of GCSE and / or A Level students on approximately a monthly basis for the remainder of the academic year. Anyone should contact Mr Hughes (Head of Art) if they wish to be considered on a future excursion.

Year 7 Art Exhibition

To coincide with the Year 7 Parents' Evenings this week, a new exhibition of Year 7 artwork has been put on display along one of the main school corridors. The selection of work demonstrates the great deal of promise already evident in this year group. The work includes painted colour wheels and developed work based on African masks, incorporating varied media such as graphite drawing, painting and clay relief work.



Setting The Example

The Art department were recently requested by Edexcel examination board to supply some power-point exemplar work for use in the standardisation of AS Level Art and Design work. Our particular thanks go to our Photography prefect, Charlotte Ashfield (Year 13), who carefully recorded a multitude of journal pages.

Music

Trinity Guildhall Drum Examinations

Congratulations to the following children on their fantastic results in the drum examinations on 19 November.

Adam Carmaciu	Grade 1	Distinction
George Morgan	Grade 1	Merit
Cameron Sheppard	Grade 4	Merit
Kit Fung Sun	Grade 1	Merit
Jessica Swain-Johnson	Grade 2	Pass

Chamber Choir Perform at Wedding



Congratulations to the Chamber Choir who were invited to sing at the wedding of Old Fish, Gemma Strudwick on 19 November in All Saints Church in Springfield. In addition to leading the congregation in the hymns, the Chamber Choir performed John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth* during the signing of the register.

Assemblies

This week's assemblies to celebrate St Cecilia's Day featured performances from Antonia Dajak (Year 12) who played a tear-jerking arrangement of the *Londonderry Air*, Valentina Ritter (Year 12), Antonia Dajak and Christina Guerrero (Year 13) gave a romantic performance of a Russian song by Glinka, Alice Talbut (Year 8) with a characterful rendition of *I Feel Pretty* from *West Side Story*, Sinéad Storey's (Year 7) piano solo and the Chamber Choir's prayer - *For the Beauty of the Earth*. Both assemblies were concluded in rousing fashion with a performance of Widor's *Toccata* for organ played by Mr Wilson.

Religious Education

Trip to the Jewish Museum



On 17 and 18 November, Year 8 students travelled to the Jewish Museum in London. Pupils gained insight into Jewish life and learned about Shabbat and the festival Purim. Students explored the museum and some even tried on a tallit and kippah. Everyone very much enjoyed learning something new on this exciting trip.

Charity

On 11 November, the Emily Whitworth (Year 8) and Holly Whitworth (Year 6) took part in a dance show, *Entertaining the Troupes*, which raised £268.00 for Help for Heroes. Well done girls!

New Hall Award In The Press

Look out for us in the local papers this week. There has been a lot of interest about our award for Outstanding Strategic Initiative. Mrs Jeffrey was even interviewed on the BBC Essex Breakfast Show!



Sport Hockey

Team	Opposition	Score	Player of the Match
U12A VII	Coopers Coborn	Won 1-0	Grace Stubbings
U12B VII	Coopers Coborn	Won 3-2	Mimi Gable
U13 B VII	Coopers Coborn	Won 5-1	Georgina Sturgeon
1 st XV	The Perse School	Lost 3-0	Emma Johnson
U16XI	Saffron Walden (Quarter-Finals Essex Cup)	Won 3-1	Ailish Hunt
U12A VII	St Mary's School U13/U14VII	Lost 2-1	Rebecca Meer
U12B VII	St Mary's School U12VII	Won 5-0	Rose McQuillan
U14XI	Bancroft's School	Lost 1-0	Annie Meechan
U15 XI	Bancroft's School	Lost 5-1	Milly Cano-Lopez
U14XI	Draper's Academy (1 st Round Essex Cup Plate)	Won 14-0	Samantha Howe
U15XI	St Mary's U16XI	Won 5-0	Ruth Alderton

Netball

Team	Opposition	Score	Player of the Match
U15A	St Clare's U16A (Essex Cup 2 nd Round)	Lost 11-14	Emily Holloway
U12A	St Mary's School	Lost 2-1	Rebecca Meer

Rugby

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U16A	Perse School	Won 12-7	Charlie Inwood
U13A	Perse Preparatory School	Lost 7-41	George Holroyd
U13B	Perse Preparatory School	Won 31-20	Jack Blackwell
U13C	Perse Preparatory School	Won 29-0	Charlie Baker
U12A	Perse Preparatory School	Won 45-0	Elliot Swallow
U12B	Perse Preparatory School	Won 22-17	Bradley Power
U14A	Berkhamsted	Won 36-19	Henry Baird
U14B	Berkhamsted	Lost 10-21	Dom Reynolds
U15A	Berkhamsted	Lost 10-38	Ollie Allain
U16A	Berkhamsted	Lost 8-29	Casey Morgan
3 rd XV	Berkhamsted	Lost 0-21	Alex Galvin
U15A	East Bergholt School, Daily Mail Vase	Won 52-0	Dom Morris

Tennis

Team	Opposition	Score
U18 Boys	Old Chelmsfordians Tennis Club (Essex U18 Winter Club League)	Won 5-1
U18 Girls	Thorpe Bay Tennis Club (Essex U18 Winter Club League)	Drew 3-3
New Hall Senior A	KEG's B (Boy's National Tennis League)	Won 4-2
New Hall Senior B	KEG's A	Lost 6-0

Full write-ups are on the school website:
www.newhallschool.co.uk

Dance Classes

Please note that Dance Classes will be running for an extra week this term and will now finish on Friday 9 December.

Celebrity Cupcake Baker



Amy Ellice (Year 9) has found fame this week by featuring in the Daily Express for her fantastic cupcakes that are being eaten by celebrities all over Britain. They have been spotted on television programmes such as Big Brother and were most recently ordered for the Twilight film premiere. We can't wait to try them!

Gold Challenge

We are delighted to announce that in the run up to the Olympics, New Hall School will be taking part in a new and exciting Olympic themed charity challenge called 'The Gold Challenge'. Our challenge is for each Vertical House to raise £2,012 for charity and to travel a distance of 2012 km, between Monday 28 November 2011 and Saturday 23 June (Senior School Sports Day). Distance may be travelled by running, walking, swimming, cycling, rowing, sailing, canoeing and horse-riding. Most of these activities can be completed in school and other activities can be completed out of school and added to House totals. All parents should receive a letter with full details about the Gold Challenge this week. We would love to hear what activities everyone is doing to add up their miles, so please do send your stories and pictures to Miss E Powell.

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
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
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

Congratulations to Thomas Boon (Year 11) who had the best answer to last week's challenge.

The next challenge is:

When the Montgolfier brothers tested their wonderful invention it caused more excitement than they expected. Why was that?

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

PICTURE OF THE WEEK



This week's artwork is by Christina Guerrero (Year 13).

NHPA
Christmas Fayre

Gift Stalls
Jewellery, Make Up,
Hair Accessories,
Stocking fillers, Books,
Home gifts, Cakes,

Games Galore
'Snowball the Snowman'
'Splat the Malteser'
'Play your Cards Right'
'Treasure Hunt' and many more..

Visit Santa in his Grotto

Friday 16 December 2011
2.00pm - 6.00pm
Preparatory School Hall


Entrance
Adults - £3.00
Children - Free
includes
a mince pie
& drink

Please come along to have fun
and support the NHPA

**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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