

# What's New?

Senior School

Weekly Newsletter

New Hall School, Chelmsford



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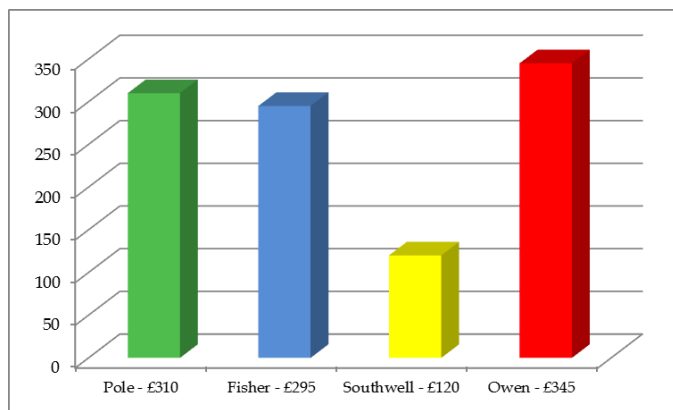
Dear Parents,

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## Gold Challenge Update

Thank you to all who have sponsored or given donations to the Gold Challenge this week. Each House is aiming to complete 2012km of sport by Sports Day to raise funds for the local charity, Kids Inspire. Please be reminded that if New Hall is ranked as one of the top four fundraising schools by Gold Challenge or the highest fundraiser for Kids Inspire, then our students could win the opportunity to have their own 100m race at the Olympic Stadium on 1 April 2012. We have until 29 February to achieve this so we really need to help our students reach this target.

The totals so far are:



## Careers

On Wednesday 18 January, Sergeant Bryan Carcary gave an exciting and informative presentation to students at New Hall about careers in the Army. A variety of speakers will be coming into school over the next few months, to give presentations and answer any questions students may have regarding various careers. Students wishing to attend any of the sessions should see Ms Haddrell in the Library during second lunch on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to reserve their place. Alternatively tutors or parents may also email Ms Haddrell on [s.haddrell@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:s.haddrell@newhallschool.co.uk). The confirmed speakers are available on the events pages of the New Hall website. The next speaker will be Alex Longmore, a Personal Stylist, on Thursday 15 March at 12.45 - 1.20pm in the North Room.

## Drama

### *Fantastic LAMDA Results*

Seventy three children took LAMDA examinations during the Michaelmas term and all achieved a merit or above. This is a fantastic achievement for the students. 51% of all those who entered achieved above 75% and 32% of all involved were above the 80% mark. In particular, Henry Baird, Hannah Tomlinson-Roe, Edward Gray and Amelia Davison (all Year 9) achieved outstanding marks and should feel very proud of their hard work.

## Music

### *Lunchtime Concert*

The first Lunchtime Concert of the Lent term was held on Wednesday 19 January. Thank you to all the performers. Michael Hollette (Year 7) performed *Lullaby of Birdland* by the pianist George Shearing; Sophie Morrish (Year 7) performed *Burgmuller's Orage* on piano; Meryn Parry (Year 7) described a *Lonely Dancing Girl* on piano; Alice Talbut (Year 8) sang *Nothing* from the Broadway musical *A Chorus Line* and Nathan Lambert (Year 10) performed an anonymous *Romance* on guitar. The next concert will be held on Wednesday 1 March in the Chapel at 1.40pm. All staff, students and parents are welcome.

## Examinations

Congratulations to Natasha McKinnon (Year 11) on passing her grade 5 cello examination with distinction and her grade 5 theory with merit. Well done also to Leanne Bailham (Year 9) who has passed her grade 3 piano examination with merit.

## Recital

Elena Artamonova (Assistant Housemistress) will be hosting an evening recital on Thursday 26 January at Handel House, Mayfair, London, with some fine works by Hummel, Corelli, Dittersdorf and Vasilenko. For more information, please visit [www.handelhouse.org/whats-on/calendar/viola-through-the-ages](http://www.handelhouse.org/whats-on/calendar/viola-through-the-ages).

## Sport

Full write-ups are on the school website:  
[newhallschool.co.uk](http://newhallschool.co.uk)

### Hockey

The U14A match against Helena Romanes School, due to be played on Wednesday 18 January, was cancelled so New Hall automatically qualified for a place in the semi-finals of the Essex Plate. This is a great opportunity and we wish the girls good luck.

### Netball Results:

Team	Opposition	Score	Player of the Match
U14A	Greensward Academy	Lost 17-11	Caroline Buckley
U12A	Old Buckingham Hall	Won 34-3	Phoebe Wickham
U14A	Colchester County High School	Won 29-14	Kirsten Moore
U14B	Colchester County High School	Won 28-9	Grace Edwards
U13A	Old Buckingham Hall	Won 24-16	Alice Aldridge
U13B	Old Buckingham Hall	Won 18-6	Alice Locker

### Rugby Results:

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U15A	QEB	Lost 10-34	Josh Wheal
U16A	Beth Grammar School	Won 37-7	Sam Odell

### Tennis

#### LTA Player Ratings

Congratulations to the following players who have increased their LTA player rating:

Oliver Bickley (Year 11) - 5.2

Jack Blackwell (Year 8) - 7.2

Richard Barber (Year 9) - 7.2

Jacob Ducksbury (Year 8) - 7.2

Daniel Cotton (Year 10) - 7.2

Nicholas Carscadden (Year 10) - 7.2

Ciaran Moore (Year 11) - 10.1

#### U12 County Championships

The following boys have been selected to represent Essex in the U12 County Championships this weekend: Harry Hylton (Year 7), Jack Blackwell (Year 8) and Jacob Ducksbury (Year 8).

#### U18 Essex Division 2 Semi Finals

The New Hall U18 boys' team have reached the U18 Essex Division 2 Semi Finals this weekend where they will face Redbridge Tennis Club. Good luck to the team.

#### NHVS Fashion Show

The New Hall Voluntary Service will be holding their annual Fashion Show on Wednesday 14 March 2012 to raise money for the holiday for disadvantaged children that takes place every year during the first week of the summer holiday. This year the event will have a movie theme and

we are looking for volunteers from Years 12 and 13 to become involved. If you are interested, please give your name to Grace Williams (Year 13), the NHVS Prefect. If any parents are interested in helping at the event or donating raffle prizes, please contact [e.williams@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:e.williams@newhallschool.co.uk) or [paula.ashfield@hotmail.com](mailto:paula.ashfield@hotmail.com). Tickets will soon be on sale.

#### Uniform Shop Closure

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop will be closed on Thursday 16 February due to refurbishment.

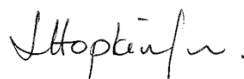
#### Electrical Items

Day students are reminded not to bring in plug-in electrical items from home that need to be plugged in e.g. hair driers and hair straighteners, as these can present a fire risk. All boarding students have their electrical equipment regularly PAT tested within the boarding house.

#### Thank You

Thank you to everyone for their patience and understanding this week whilst the Year 7 assessments have been taking place.

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](mailto:e.powell@newhallschool.co.uk). The deadline for submissions is 4.00pm on Wednesdays.

#### Forthcoming Events:

Date	Time	Event
Wed 25 Jan	5.00 - 8.00pm	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thu 26 Jan	All Day	Year 9 Sport Scholarship Assessments
Fri 27 Jan	All Day	Year 9 Music and Drama Scholarship Assessments
Sat 28 Jan	All Day	Year 9 Entrance and Scholarship Assessments
Mon 30 Jan	7.00 - 9.00pm	Classical Guitar Evening
Wed 1 Feb	1.40 - 1.55pm	Lunchtime Concert
Thu 3 Feb	6.00 - 9.30pm	Sixth Form International Boarders' Quiz
Sat 4 Feb		Years 11 - 13 EAL Trip to Canterbury
Wed 8 - Thu 9 Feb		Years 10 & 11 LAMDA Examinations
Fri 10 - Tue 14 Feb		Years 8 - 13 Choir Tour to Florence
Mon 13 - Sun 19 Feb		Half Term
Sun 19 Feb	4.00 - 6.30pm	All boarders return

# BRAIN CHALLENGE

## Brain Challenge Number 44 Solution

The Laser: Mathematically predicted by Einstein, imaginatively predicted as the Martian heat ray in Wells' *War of the Worlds*, with an ever more complex design developed with a bit of help from Dr Thomas (amongst many many other scientists) and originally demonstrated to be able to shoot a hole through a razor blade.

Well done to Bradley Wilson (Year 12) who was the first to solve this week's challenge.

## The next challenge is:

Three hunters forded a stream but in the process two of them got their gun cartridges wet. The three shared out the remaining dry cartridges and continued on their hunt. After each had fired four shots, the total number of good cartridges remaining was equal to the number each had after the division. So how many cartridges were divided after the mishap in the stream?


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

# PICTURE OF THE WEEK




This week's picture is of a sculpture by Simon Lai (Year 12).

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# Classical Guitar Evening



*Monday 30  
January 2012  
at 7.00pm  
in the North Room*

Tickets are available free of charge from Mrs F Thom on 01245 467 588 or by email [f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk)

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# Spring Concert

Friday 2 March 2012  
at 7.00pm  
in the Eaton Theatre

Featuring Beethoven, Mozart  
and Suite from 'Pirates of the Caribbean'

Tickets are available free of charge from Mrs F Thom on 01245 467 588 or by email [f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:f.thom@newhallschool.co.uk)

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# Golf Camp



**Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 February 2012**

## **Regiments Way Golf Club**

New Hall Golf Camp is a 3 day course which offers boys and girls in Year 3-11 a chance to develop their skills under the guidance of experienced golf coaches at a first class golf course. The course is a real opportunity for skills to be honed whilst having fun.

Wednesday & Thursday 9.00am-12.00noon and Friday 9.00am-4.00pm. The course fee for the 3 day Golf Camp is £100 and includes all training, prizes and lunch provided by the Golf Club on the final day.

**For further information please contact  
Mr Kevin Searle, Games Coach on  
[k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:k.searle@newhallschool.co.uk)**

A minimum number of participants is required to make this event viable. Places will be confirmed as soon as possible but please book early to avoid disappointment.