

# What's New?

Senior School

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Dear Parents,

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## The Gold Challenge at the 2012 Olympic Stadium

New Hall School joined the Gold Challenge late last year. It gives every student the chance to get fit during this Olympic year of sport and to raise money for charity.

Our chosen charity is Kids Inspire, a locally based children's charity. Through them we are delighted to have secured 43 tickets to the Olympic Stadium for a special event on Sunday 1 April for those students participating in the Gold Challenge. This will give our students the unique opportunity of seeing inside the stadium before the Games have even begun. They will take part in a parade (that will mirror the route of the Olympic Opening Ceremony) in front of a crowd of 20,000, alongside celebrity ambassadors and Team GB legends.

Every student who participates in the challenge will be entered into a lottery to win tickets to this special event.

If your son or daughter hasn't joined in yet it's easy for them to get involved. All they need to do is participate in a bit of exercise or sport and record the distance they travelled on our totalizer. They can participate in school or at home; the PE staff will help them enter their total onto our totalizer.

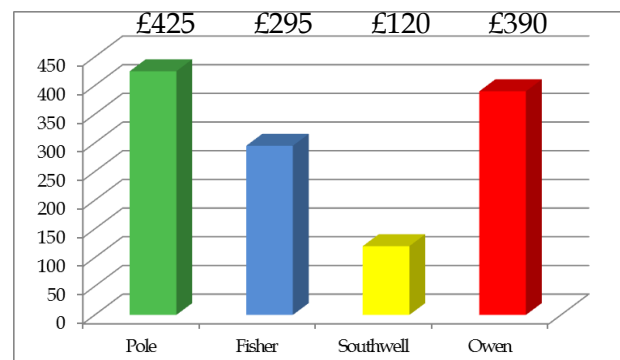
You can sponsor their extra sporting effort on our Virgin Money Giving page:

[virginmoneygiving.com/newhallschool](http://virginmoneygiving.com/newhallschool)

### Extra Special Prize

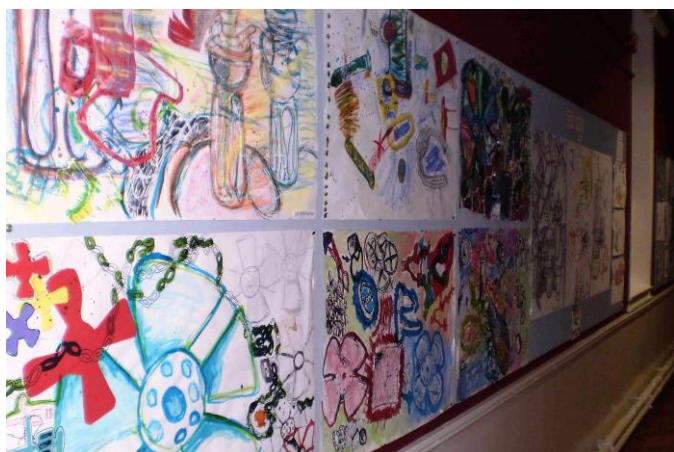
New Hall is guaranteed spaces at the special event on Sunday 1 April and your child may be lucky in the lottery, however there is one more, extra special opportunity. If we are the top fundraising school for Kids Inspire, our students will get the chance to compete in a race on the actual Olympic track. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. We are just a few places behind the lead so if we want to secure a race at the 2012 stadium, we do need to raise more money. Please visit our Virgin Money Giving page now; we only have until the end of February to top the leader board.

The lottery to decide which students will be going to the Olympic Stadium will take place later this term. If we are successful in gaining a place in a race we will also ballot this opportunity at the same time.



## Art

### Year 9 Art Exhibition



A selection of recent Year 9 work went on display in the school last week to coincide with the Year 9 Parents' Evening. The diverse work includes imaginative studies of mechanical objects, *Photoshop* and animal compositions inspired by Franz Marc.

## Careers

David Ritchie, Director of Careers Education and Guidance at HCS Careers Ltd, will be presenting an impartial and independent briefing on apprenticeships in 2012 on Wednesday 7 March at 4.45 - 5.45pm in the Eaton Theatre. David will also address building personal 'careers capital' and marketing oneself effectively to employers. It looks to be an invaluable presentation not to be missed by those thinking about their options after New Hall. Other forthcoming careers talks include:

- The Royal Marines - Wednesday 22 February 4.45 - 5.45pm in the Eaton Theatre.
- Equine studies and careers with animals - Wednesday 29 February 4.45 - 5.45pm in the Eaton Theatre.

## Modern Languages

### Onatti Theatre Company



The Onatti Theatre Company delighted students in Years 10 and 11 with a stunning performance of *Les Garçons* on Tuesday 31 January. The play was about Natalie, who was

babysitting little baby Bruno. Her peaceful evening with the 'télécommande' was shattered by the arrival of her boyfriend, Tristan, giving her another 'garçon' to worry about! Close inspection of Tristan's phone revealed to Natalie that his relationship with Françoise was perhaps rather more than friendship! Jealousy was a thread running throughout the play. Kimbal Bromham (Year 11) had to confront Tristan's jealousy when he went on stage to lend a hand to Natalie. However, Kimbal took a firm and brave stance, defending his innocence and giving a convincing performance in French! *On se reverra l'an prochain!*

## Music

### Guildhall Drum Examination

Congratulations to Thomas Macfarlane on receiving a Merit in his Grade 3 Guildhall drum examination.

## Sport

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

## Golf

### Another win for New Hall Golfers

Congratulations to Frederick Benson (Year 12), Oliver Bickley (Year 11), Oliver Blackman (Year 9), Harry Robins (Year 11) and Louis Brown (Year 10) for winning their fixture against Colchester Sixth Form College in a Stableford Rules format. Good luck to the boys, whose next fixture will be the semi-final of the Independent School's Plate held at Channels Golf Club.

## Netball Results:



Team	Opposition	Score	Player of the Match
U14A	Ramsey School	Won 53-1	
U14B	Ramsey School	Won 33-1	
U14B	Bancroft's School	Lost 4-21	Esme Clarke
1 <sup>st</sup> VII	St Edmund's College	Lost 13-21	Laura Johnson
2 <sup>nd</sup> VII	St Edmund's College	Lost 10-13	Joann Burton
U12A	Bancroft's School	Lost 11-32	Connie Day & Elizabeth Skells
U12B	Bancroft's School	Won 13-10	Grace Carroll
U13A	Bancroft's School	Won 20-19	Alice Aldridge
U13B	Bancroft's School	Won 19-5	Madeleine Gardner

U14A	Chigwell School	Won 25-12	Samantha Howe
U14B	Chigwell School	Won 21-4	Esme Clarke
U14C	Chigwell School	Won 17-0	Ella Banks
U12A	Woodbridge School	Won 17-10	Olivia King
U13A	Woodbridge School	Won 20-4	Chloe Thurgood & Sophie Thomson

### Rugby

#### *Under 14 Team Triumph 54-3 Against Brighton College*

New Hall played their best team performance of the season, out playing the opposition on Saturday 28 January. Joshua Wright (Year 9) was awarded Man of the Match. Joe McQuillan (Year 9) and Ryan Liddell (Year 9) also played exceptionally well.

### Rugby Results:

Team	Opposition	Score	Man of the Match
U14A	Brighton College	Won 54-3	Joshua Wright
U15A	Brighton College	Lost 8-28	Felix Fletcher
U13A	Banardiston Hall	Won 27-5	Nathan Croft

### Swimming

#### *Swimming Gala*

It has been a very successful couple of weeks for the New Hall School swim team. All age groups competed in the MESSA Relay Galas held at William De Ferrers School. The Year 7 boys, Year 9 girls and Year 9 boys were crowned MESSA Champions, beating Brentwood School, Chelmsford County High School and Anglo European School. Overall the New Hall swim team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

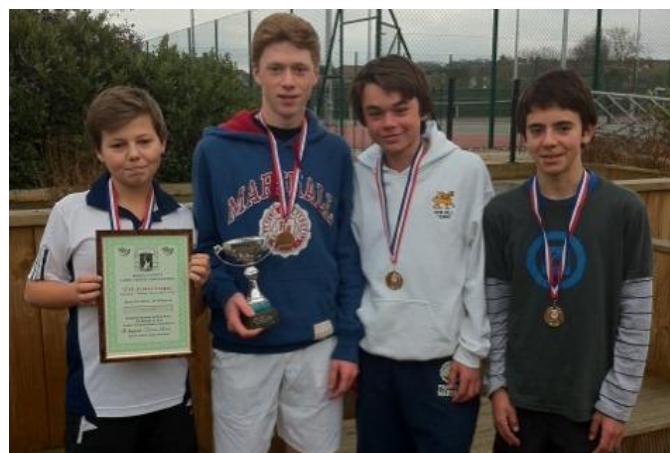
On Tuesday 31 January, the Year 7 - 9 boys and girls swim teams competed against Great Baddow High School with every team winning. The overall result for the girls was 110 - 62 and the overall result for the boys was 119 - 41. These are fantastic final scores; well done to all the teams.

### Tennis

#### *New Hall Closer to Finals of National Senior Tennis Competition*

On Tuesday 31 January, New Hall played in the last 32 of the National Senior Students' Tennis Competition against King Edward VI Grammar School. Congratulations to Thomas Styles (Year 12), Nicholas Carscadden (Year 13), Oliver Dodd (Year 13) and Thomas Loomes (Year 11), who played exceptionally well and won the match 4-2. They are now in the last 16 of the competition and will face Cooper's School this month. If the New Hall players win this match, they will progress to the National Finals which are held in Bolton. This is the furthest the boys have ever progressed in this competition and we hope to see them go onto the finals for the last remaining eight schools.

### *Under 18's Win Essex Division 2*



The Under 18 boys tennis team has come top of the Essex division 2, beating White Hall Tennis Club in the final. Congratulations to the U18 boys who have been promoted to division 1.

### Volunteer with Essex Libraries

Essex Libraries are inviting students to volunteer during the summer holidays to help staff encourage children to take part in the National Summer Reading Challenge. Students could use this opportunity to gain work experience within their community which they can put towards various Youth Awards and Schemes. For more information, please speak to Miss Tait in the Library.

### NHVS Fashion Show

The New Hall Voluntary Service will be holding its annual Fashion Show on Wednesday, 14 March 2012. The event aims to raise money to support the holiday for disadvantaged children that takes place every year during the first week of the summer break. 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 be on sale soon.

### Uniform Shop Website

Our uniform suppliers, Stevensons, have set up a new area on their website where you can now order and pay for uniform online. Please visit [www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk) if you wish to use this service. On your first visit you will need to register, then you can start shopping straight away. Please note this service is not run by New Hall School; if you have any questions please contact The Uniform Shop on: 01727 815203 or email [newhall@stevensons.co.uk](mailto:newhall@stevensons.co.uk).

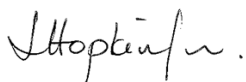
### Uniform Shop Closure

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

## Winter Weather

In the unlikely event of the school needing to close due to adverse weather, parents will be informed by Clarion Call, via the [New Hall School website](#) and also on the New Hall School twitter feed ([@newhallschool](#)). Local radio stations BBC Essex and Heart FM will also be informed. If you do not hear from us via any of these methods, please assume that the school will be open as normal.

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
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 45 Solution

Well done to George Morgan (Year 8) who correctly identified the solution to last week's challenge:

Race 1: Brian, Charlie, Alan, Darren

Race 2: Charlie, Darren, Alan, Brian

### The next challenge is:

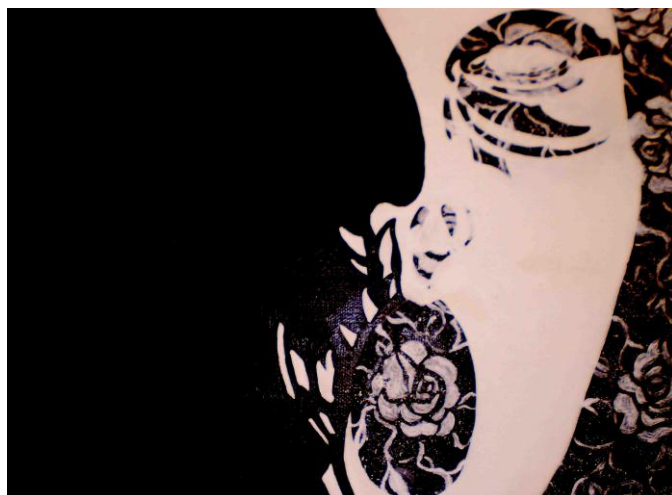
Three matches connected by plasticine form an equilateral triangle like this:



How can you form seven such triangles using only nine matches?

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

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK



This week's picture is by Lovis-Maj Bartholain (Year 12).

# Pool Parties

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