

# HEADLINES

11TH DECEMBER 2020 - FORTNIGHTLY

NEWS AND IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION FROM THE  
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**MATTHEW SHOULTZ**

I would like to start by thanking parents for helping us maintain strict boundaries in school to reduce the chance of positive Covid-19 cases developing in the community. We will have to continue to adhere carefully to regulations, but everything you have done has helped us to manage this term as safely and positively as possible.

It has been a treat starting each day by opening up (electronically) a number of school advent calendars: our musicians' offerings, with a new ensemble every day, the Advent for All offering, featuring girls' reading, poems and other items and our sports department's Twelve Days of Christmas tweets. This highlights not only the imagination of staff and students in ideas they have put together, but also our efforts to encourage girls to speak up and present with confidence.

So it is encouraging to see the record numbers of girls signing up for public speaking competitions, both national debating events and also internal GDST opportunities. Presenting through a screen has its own challenges, and for this reason Sixth Form students have had specific training in this art to help them with university interviews, with extra sessions for our medical applicants so that they can confidently navigate the multiple short interviews they will experience. Some public speaking, however, is and will remain live, and our support for this remains central: Miss Gordon has been putting different year groups through their paces on handling impromptu speaking, and I have been relishing teaching Year 7 and seeing their individual presentations.

I hope that you enjoyed the end of term concert which was broadcast last week. Next Monday, please do tune in for our annual carol service, with a host of beautiful performances. Our Christmas rituals are beginning to emerge (I am typing this wearing a particularly lurid Christmas jumper), and I am very much looking forward to helping girls to celebrate the festive season.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- DEC 12TH** COLLECT PARENTS' GUILD TREES
- DEC 14TH** JUNIOR SCHOOL SANTA WALK
- DEC 14TH** SENIOR SCHOOL CAROLSERVICE (VIRTUAL)
- DEC 17TH** JUNIOR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
- DEC 17TH** CHRISTMAS LUNCH
- DEC 18TH** HALF DAY FOR END OF TERM



## ***HARROW CLUB CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 7 DAY CHALLENGES***

It's been a big week of challenges for our staff and students as they tested their resilience and endurance skills to fundraise for The Harrow Club as part of their Christmas Appeal 2020 over the first seven days of December. Find out how they got on [here](#).

## ***MUSIC ADVENT CALENDAR HITS THE RIGHT NOTES FOR MUSICIANS' CHARITY***

Performing musicians have been heavily affected by the pandemic, so our wonderful Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs) came up with the idea of a Musical Advent Calendar to raise much needed funds for their fellow musicians. Click [here](#) to see the full list of student and VMT performances.



## ***RECORD NUMBERS APPLY TO PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITIONS***

It has been a very busy term for public speaking, with girls involved in a variety of clubs, competitions and initiatives. Find out what our debaters have been up to [here](#).

## ***VIRTUAL MULTI MINI INTERVIEW (MMI) PRACTICE FOR ASPIRING MEDICS***

The interview is an important part of the selection process for applicants for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science courses. This year, these interviews were carried out virtually. Read Dr Sheldon's report [here](#).



## ***POOJA & FRIENDS' LIVE LOUNGE***

With the GCSE mocks looming, Pooja and her Year 11 friends decided to hold a relaxed musical gathering, instead of the usual atrium concert we hold at this time of year. Listen in & find out more [here](#).



## ***THE AUTUMN CONCERT AS SEEN BY OUR MUSICIANS!***

Our Autumn Concert went virtual this term due to the Covid restrictions, but that didn't dampen our musicians' enthusiasm or the audience's appreciation! Read [here](#) what Year 12's Jaya and Year 8's Jasmine had to say about it.

## ***BEING NHEHS GAMES CAPTAIN***

We asked Iris in Year 13 what it's like being our school Games Captain, what she enjoys about her role, her sporting heroines and her views on women's sport. Find out more [here](#).



## ***ZOOM INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS FOR YEAR 13***

Last week the Parents' Guild kindly ran a series of interview workshops over Google Meet for students in Year 13 as part of our 'Competitive Courses' university preparation programme. Read all about it [here](#).

## ***STUDENTS FUND FEBRUARY MEALS FOR MONDAY NIGHTS***

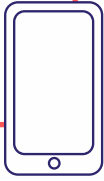
Year 7s Ellie, Maya and Roxy teamed up with eight friends from Fielding Primary School to pick up litter in Lammas, Walpole parks and the surrounding areas as a way to raise money for the Ealing Soup Kitchen. Read about their lovely initiative [here](#).



## ***PARENTS' GUILD AUCTION***

Our Parents' Guild Auction is LIVE until Monday 14th at 5pm! There are a number of experiences & prizes that you can bid on & all proceeds will go to the Parents' Guild & will be available to use in the future for more equipment/enhanced facilities for the girls. See [here](#) for more details on some amazing prizes!

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## ***TWEET OF THE WEEK***



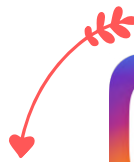
@NHEHS\_SPORT are running 12 Days of Christmas Tweets! Check them all out [here](#).

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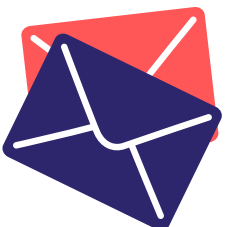


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## ***WE WANT YOUR NEWS!***



We try to cover as much school news as possible here and on our website (there's so much more every week [here](#)!)

However, we also know that NHEHS girls are busy celebrating success outside school, and we would love to share their success here. Please do share your great news with us, with accompanying photo, in an email to [s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net](mailto:s.bennett@nhehs.gdst.net) and we will include as many as we can!