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New Hall School

The Best Start in Life



Appointment of **Groom**

Application closing date: midday, Wednesday 21 October
Applications considered on a rolling basis
Start date: as soon as possible

Welcome from Mrs Jeffrey, Principal



"Thank you for your interest in this opportunity at New Hall School. I joined the New Hall School community 24 years ago and, now that I am both the longest serving Head of a school in HMC and the longest serving Head in New Hall's history, I am often asked what has kept me here. It started with that first visit, in 2001, which blew me away. I remember meeting confident, characterful, good-humoured students, who made a lasting impression on me with their kindness and their evident pride in being part of the New Hall community. They spoke with passion about the work of the New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS) as being central to School life. Their generosity of spirit and commitment to the care of those in need turned out to be a hallmark of a New Hall education. This is a place with a remarkable sense of community. At first, you will be attracted by the stunning

heritage site, but, above all, it is the people who keep you here. I would not want to move anywhere else. As a parent, I could not have asked for a better education than New Hall gave my four children. The staff team here work with remarkable commitment and care to ensure that our children have the 'best start in life'. This is the school that many of us, staff and parents, wish that we had attended. I am looking forward to the next 20-year development plan!

New Hall, from its foundation, has been pioneering and innovative. The School is the UK's oldest Catholic school that has always taken girls; a strong commitment to promote equality, and to address disadvantages in society for girls and women, still prevails. Our outreach and community work led us to be the first independent school to sponsor a state primary school academy. We were the first Catholic diamond model school and the first diamond model school to be created from a former girls' senior school, with senior boys joining from 2006. The School has invested in exceptional outdoor learning, using its 180-acre campuses.

The School is large and diverse: in age, from 1-19; in size, with 1,400 students and over 300 staff; in culture, with students from over 25 countries; in religion, as a Catholic school, welcoming all who support our ethos; in structure, offering the full range of flexible boarding options and a mix of co-education and single-sex teaching; and in educational range, with a broad curriculum and an exceptional co-curricular programme. Every day is full of opportunities to learn and grow, for staff as well as for students. It is impossible to be bored here - no two days are the same!

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of one of the UK's most successful schools, with an ambitious plan for further development. Where many independent schools are retracting and reducing investment, New Hall is bucking the trend and continuing to grow and to strengthen our provision. We are investing in our Sixth Form Centre, expanding our curriculum, growing our Sport provision (most recently, with the addition of riding, football, basketball and padel) and enhancing our co-curriculum. We are open to opportunities to expand the work of our Trust, both in the UK and internationally, through our links with sister schools and Religious Communities. In particular, we are developing a link with the École Christ Ressuscité, Masaka, Rwanda, and with Heilig Graf Secundair, Turnhout, Belgium, which share the ethos of the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre. New Hall also works closely with the other Catholic independent schools in Brentwood Diocese.

I hope that you find the information contained in this pack, and on our website, helpful."



Mrs Jeffrey and Mr Fardell receive their long service awards, having given 68 years of service between them, to Catholic education. The awards were presented by Bishop Alan Williams SM at Brentwood Cathedral. Pictured here with four of the resident Canonesses at New Hall.

Mission & Ethos Statement

New Hall, a Catholic boarding and day school, provides **the best start in life**, enabling students to meet confidently the challenges of the wider world.

Here **academic excellence** is achieved in surroundings where relationships are based on **care, trust and respect**.

We **welcome** students from many traditions, building a Christian **community**

Our Most Valuable Resource – Our Staff Team

New Hall benefits from a stable and committed staff body, with retention and length of service significantly exceeding sector averages for UK independent boarding schools. Across the independent sector, annual staff turnover is typically in the region of 16-18%, and average tenure is around three to four years. By contrast, New Hall reported an annual turnover of 3% in the last 12 months, and an average staff tenure of five years.

At New Hall, 25% of employees have more than 10 years' service, reflecting the strength of our collegiate culture, clear sense of mission, and commitment to professional development. Currently, two members of staff (one teacher, one support staff) have served for over 40 years, and nine staff have served for over 20 years.

Staff are supported and encouraged in their career development, including through generous funding for courses, and flexible working/sabbaticals for study and training. Over the last two academic years, 30% of staff progressed, internally or externally, into new roles, promotional opportunities, or additional responsibilities. Since 2020, New Hall has trained 26 staff as teachers, through the school-based PGCE and ECT courses. The School welcomes apprentices and graduate entry applicants for a range of roles, to have a diverse workforce, combining experienced staff and new talent.



Staff celebrating working at New Hall for over 10 years in 2024

Scan the QR code to listen to staff views on working at New Hall



Role Profile – Groom

New Hall School is seeking to appoint a Groom. This role is central to the School's care and wellbeing of its horses and delivery of its equestrian provision at both our Learn-to-Ride Centre, situated at the main campus, and at New Hall Park Farm, our livery yard in nearby Little Baddow.

Key responsibilities

1. Yard Operations & General Duties

- 1.1 to support the effective day-to-day running of the yard
- 1.2 to maintain a clean, safe and organised working environment across the yard, riding centre lodges and storage areas, in line with health and safety regulations
- 1.3 to assist with general yard maintenance
- 1.4 to assist with the ordering and stock control of hay, feed and bedding
- 1.5 to provide cover for other equestrian staff, as required

2. Health, Safety and Safeguarding

- 2.1 to prioritise and promote health, safety and safeguarding at all times
- 2.2 to carry out routine checks of water supplies, fencing and fields, including identifying potential hazards such as poisonous plants
- 2.3 to respond appropriately to incidents and to support veterinary emergencies, when required
- 2.4 to administer first aid, including bandaging and changing dressings, within level of competence

3. Horse Care and Welfare

- 3.1 to ensure that the health, welfare and care of horses are maintained to the highest standards, promoting wellbeing, safety and performance
- 3.2 to conduct daily health checks and to report any concerns promptly
- 3.3 to muck out stables and to maintain clean field environments
- 3.4 to groom, clip, wash and trim horses, as required
- 3.5 to turn horses out to pasture and to bring them in safely
- 3.6 to put on and remove rugs, as appropriate
- 3.7 to tack up and to untack horses correctly
- 3.8 to provide aftercare following exercise or lunging
- 3.9 to clean, maintain and store tack and equipment to a high standard
- 3.10 to assist with handling horses for veterinary, farriery or other professional care
- 3.11 to ensure that routine care, including vaccinations, worming, farriery and dentistry, is completed and that records are kept accurate and up to date

4. Riding and Teaching Support

- 4.1 to assist with riding activities and lessons
- 4.2 to support lead rein and other lessons, as required
- 4.3 to lunge or exercise horses, where appropriately trained and authorised
- 4.4 to be an instructor for riding lessons, where appropriately trained and authorised

5. Events and Visitor Engagement

- 5.1 to assist with the delivery of School events, such as Open Days, Taster Days and holiday camps
- 5.2 to welcome visitors to the Centre in a professional and approachable manner

6. Coordination and Administration

- 6.1 to assist with organising veterinary and farriery visits
- 6.2 to maintain accurate and up-to-date records relating to horse care and treatments

Person Specification (essential in normal font; desirable in *italics*)

1. Catholic Ethos

- 1.1 to have a clear understanding of and a commitment to Catholic education
- 1.2 to care about the School's charitable work and public benefit and to help nurture the spirit of service to others
- 1.3 *to be a practising Catholic, able to give active and effective witness to the faith*
- 1.4 *to be able to give leadership in the spiritual and prayer life of the School, and in moral and faith development*

2. Education & Training

- 2.1 to have a BHS Stable Management qualification (or equivalent experience, with a willingness to work towards the qualification)
- 2.2 to have a full UK driving licence
- 2.3 *to have GCSE Grade 4 (C) or above in English and Mathematics (training/resit can be provided)*
- 2.4 *to have coaching qualifications (BHS, UKCC, or equivalent)*
- 2.5 *to have First Aid at Work certification (training can be provided)*
- 2.6 *to have a trailer driving licence*

3. Experience

- 3.1 to have experience of working on a yard
- 3.2 to have experience of working with young people

4. Skills and Aptitudes

- 4.1 to have excellent communication, organisational, and interpersonal skills
- 4.2 to demonstrate a high level of accuracy, discretion, and attention to detail
- 4.3 to have knowledge across the range of stable management practices
- 4.4 to have the ability to administer first aid to horses
- 4.5 to have excellent communication skills
- 4.6 to have basic IT skills to support administrative tasks
- 4.7 to promote and maintain high standards of horse welfare and care
- 4.8 to have strong organisational skills and to prioritise workloads effectively

5. Personal Attributes

- 5.1 to demonstrate the ability to build positive and professional relationships with students, parents and staff
- 5.2 to have an understanding of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children
- 5.3 to demonstrate integrity and to support values of care, trust and respect
- 5.4 to be able to work alone and to assist effectively as part of a team
- 5.5 to be a self-starter, motivated, proactive and willing to learn
- 5.6 to be approachable, confident and able to empathise
- 5.7 to act with discretion and sensitivity, including maintaining confidentiality
- 5.8 to demonstrate a patient, calm and positive approach

Culture, Values and Professional Conduct

What We Expect from All Staff

1 Catholic Life

- 1.1 to support and to contribute to the Catholic ethos of the School, as outlined in the Mission & Ethos Statement and Aims of the School
- 1.2 to be aware of and contribute to the School Development Plan and to promote the strategic aims of the School

2 Staff

- 2.1 to foster good working relationships based on care, trust and respect
- 2.2 to work as an effective member of the wider team, demonstrating flexibility to assist with general workload at times of peak volume

3 Safeguarding

- 3.1 all staff are responsible for promoting and safeguarding the welfare of students at New Hall School by ensuring compliance with the School's Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and Procedures at all times. It is a requirement of all staff to report any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of students to the Designated Safeguarding Lead
- 3.2 to promote and safeguard the welfare of pupils by ensuring compliance with the Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy at all times
- 3.3 to report any actual or potential risks to the safety or welfare of pupils to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

4 Pastoral and Health & Safety

- 4.1 to work co-operatively to create a safe, purposeful and positive working environment for pupils and staff
- 4.2 to comply with the Health & Safety policies and Medical & First Aid policies and procedures and to co-operate with colleagues to achieve high standards of health & safety

5 Community Outreach

- 5.1 to support our sponsored primary school, Messing Primary School, and Catholic independent schools in Brentwood Diocese, by sharing joint INSET
- 5.2 sharing good practice and resources
- 5.3 to support New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS) and other charitable work of the School
- 5.4 to support New Hall Parent Association (NHPA) events
- 5.5 to strengthen the School's reputation and profile as a leading School of its type

6 Finance & Sustainability

- 6.1 to seek to ensure value for money
- 6.2 to consider sustainability and to minimise waste
- 6.3 to contribute ideas for cost saving initiatives

The Sport Department

Sport is a key part of life at New Hall. We are dedicated to providing first-class coaching and teaching across the age ranges and providing opportunities for all students to develop and to showcase their skills. We combine an inclusive 'sport for all' ethos, with an elite training programme. Together, these enable our students to excel at the highest level.

We offer a rich variety of sports across the week. The sports at New Hall include; Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Equestrian, Football, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Padel, Rugby, Skiing, Swimming and Tennis. Each of the sports has a dedicated Head of Sport who is responsible for leading our coaching programme and arranging competitive fixtures for their individual sport. Through our co-curricular clubs and boarding activity programme, we also offer a wide selection of sports. There is a separate, large and thriving Dance Department.

The Physical Education & Sport Department is based within the pavilion overlooking the newly resurfaced tennis and netball courts. The School enjoys excellent facilities, many of which are floodlit: Learn-to-ride centre which includes 2 horse simulators and a menage, 8 netball courts, 2 all-weather hockey pitches, 2 outdoor basketball court, 5 rugby pitches and a 3G rugby/football training pitch, 7 football pitches, an athletics track, 4 cricket wickets and indoor & outdoor cricket nets, 25m 6-lane indoor pool, 10 tennis courts, sports hall and fitness suite. For golf we make use of Little Channels, which has a driving range and a 9 hole course. As well as first class facilities, the Department has a stellar team of sport coaches. This includes professional and international sportsmen and women: England Women's Masters Hockey International, Karen Cooper; England Cricket International, Ravi Bopara; Kenrick Liburd U23 GB basketball head coach

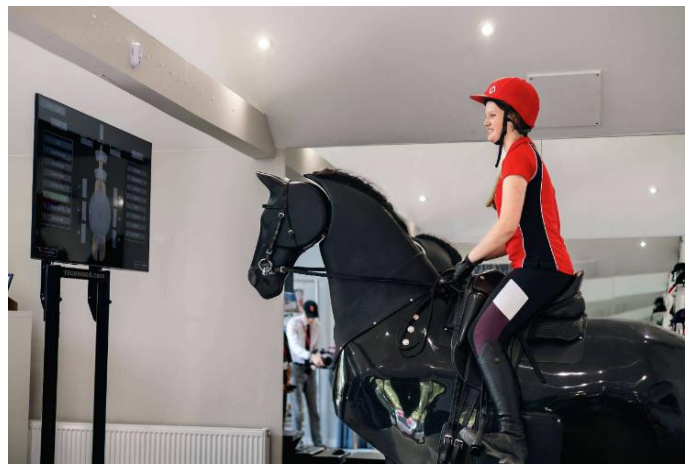


Equestrian at New Hall School

In May 2025, New Hall School launched its Learn-to-Ride Centre, featuring two state-of-the-art Equestrian Simulators. These enable elite riders to refine their skills while also providing beginners and pupils with disabilities the opportunity to experience riding in a safe environment.

The centre provides a unique learning environment and forms part of New Hall School's wider commitment to outdoor learning and personal development. Through equestrian activities, students develop responsibility and horsemanship, while building confidence and resilience as members of a welcoming equestrian community.

We offer a range of riding opportunities, including assessment lessons, private lessons, group riding lessons, and lead rein sessions. These sessions cater for riders of all ages and abilities, supporting the development of technique and equestrian skills.



BHS Approved Centre

As a British Horse Society (BHS) Approved Centre, we are recognised for maintaining high standards of horse welfare, safety, coaching, and facility management. This accreditation provides confidence to riders and parents that lessons and activities are delivered within a professional, well-managed environment that promotes best practice in equestrian education.

Full Livery at New Hall Park Farm

Located in Little Baddow, New Hall Park Farm is a 70-acre equestrian site that offers livery opportunities for students. Full livery is available on both a term-time and year-round basis, with professional daily horse care, access to on-site facilities, and coaching opportunities.

The livery yard enables students to keep their horses close to school while benefiting from expert care and regular training. The centre is being developed specifically to provide a dedicated livery service for New Hall students who wish to bring their horses to school.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

New Hall Park Farm offers a range of exciting co-curricular opportunities for riders of all abilities. As a Pony Club Centre, riders can enjoy the benefits of Pony Club membership whether or not

they own a horse. Through the Pony Club programme, students can work towards achievement badges and tests, develop their riding and horse care knowledge, participate in rallies, camps and educational events, and build valuable teamwork and leadership skills within a structured pathway for progression.

New Hall also has a strong equestrian tradition, with students who own their own horses regularly competing in Show Jumping, Dressage, Eventing and National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) competitions. The equestrian programme supports riders at every level, providing opportunities to progress from recreational riding to competitive equestrian sport.



Salary & Benefits

Salary

New Hall has its own salary scale. The salary scale for this position is £26,833pa-£28,233pa (S1-S3). Access to S3 is dependent on successful achievement of a BHS qualification that enables the Groom to be a riding instructor; the School will fully fund this training.

Pension

Support staff are automatically enrolled in the designated stakeholder pension scheme provided by Standard Life, subject to meeting the qualifying conditions. Pension contribution rates are 5% for employees and New Hall currently matches employee contributions up to 4%.

Hours of Work

The Groom will be required to participate in an on-call rota across the week (including weekends, bank holidays and School closure days) to provide emergency support. In view of the nature of the role, you may be required to work additional hours for the proper performance of your duties, for which no further remuneration will be paid. A generous benefits package has been included to allow for the times when the working hours are increased.

Support staff generally work an average of 40 hours per week over the course of a calendar year. A degree of flexibility is required, taking into account the nature of this role in an independent boarding school. Due to the nature of this role in an educational setting, with its emphasis on community and safeguarding, this role is performed at the School site.

The Groom will be required to work on School Open Days, which usually take place on the last Saturday in September and the Saturday of the first Bank Holiday weekend in May. All staff are required to attend INSET (staff training) days. You will also be required to attend the annual Sports Day on a Saturday in the Trinity Term, and attend Exhibition Day, which is usually on the final Saturday of the academic year.

Holiday Entitlement

The Groom will be entitled to 30 days' holiday per year, including bank holidays. This will increase to 35 days' holiday per year, including bank holidays, after five years' service. All holiday is subject to line manager approval. New Hall closes between Christmas and New Year and for bank holidays; staff must set aside annual holiday entitlement to allow for these closures. The period of time for annual closure is kept under regular review and may vary in future years. However, up to one week of holiday may be granted during term time, depending on the reason and impact on School operations; any exception to this must be approved by your Line Manager. A degree of flexibility will be required during bank holidays and School closures to ensure the consistent care of the horses.

Accommodation

This is a residential post and rent-free School accommodation is provided, in a basic lodge, during your contractual period, since it is a requirement of the role to carry out morning and evening checks of the yard, including care of the animals, general site supervision and security checks. There is a Licence to Occupy. Please note that heating, lighting and the provision of furniture are taxable, subject to the current HMRC rules. Consideration will also be given to candidates who live in the local area and who wish to live off site.

Livery

As a member of Equestrian staff, the Groom is permitted to keep one horse, at a discounted livery rate, at New Hall Park Farm. Any care or work relating to this horse must be undertaken outside of agreed working hours, and the cost of upkeep is covered by the member of staff.

'Only at New Hall'

The School boasts traditions unique to New Hall, as well as distinctive facilities rarely found in an educational setting. Below are some of our state-of-the-art facilities, as well as annual School events which celebrate our ethos and community spirit.



In addition to the former Tudor Palace of Beaulieu, 2025 marked the acquisition of New Hall's second Grade I listed building, Boreham House. Plans include our Preparatory Divisions moving to Boreham House, one mile from the New Hall campus.



International Business & Languages Centre (IBLC)

Chaplaincy Chambers



Two Racewood Equestrian Simulators

Learn-to-Ride Centre



New Hall Beach

Campion House En-Suite Rooms



Annual Avenue Run down our historic tree-lined drive,
part of our Grade II listed Park and Gardens



Easter at New Hall



Beaulieu Park Singers | Community Choir



Annual Oxbridge Dinner



Foundation Day Singing Competition



Annual Culture Day



New Hall Come Dancing Charity
Competition

Application Process

For further details regarding New Hall School, or an opportunity to discuss the role, please contact Human Resources at hr@newhallschool.co.uk or telephone: 01245 467 588.

Social Media: Instagram: @newhallschool

The process is as follows:

1. Applications should be made electronically via the School's website
<https://www.newhallschool.co.uk/about/job-opportunities/>
2. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis
3. Interviews will take place on a rolling basis

The successful candidate may take up the role as soon as possible, depending on notice and completion of pre-employment checks. Please note: to comply with KCSIE and Safer Recruitment policies, applications via CV are not accepted.

Staff Benefits & Wellbeing

Wellbeing



Health & Wellbeing

At New Hall, staff wellbeing is important to us. Staff have access to a free annual medical check at our Health & Wellbeing Centre, can book convenient on-site appointments with our School Nurses, have access to flu vaccinations at a subsidised cost, and have access to 24/7 counselling support.

School bikes are also available for staff to get around site in a fun and eco-friendly way.



Tea & Coffee Provision

Staff enjoy complimentary tea and coffee throughout the day in dedicated staff rooms.



Subsidised Padel Membership

Benefits of this membership include discounted rates on court bookings and advanced court booking.



Sport Facilities

Staff and their immediate family are able to make use of New Hall's outstanding sport facilities. This includes use of our 25-metre, 6-lane indoor swimming pool, 10 floodlit tennis & netball courts, 2 outdoor basketball courts, the Fitness Suite, which comprises a range of cardiovascular equipment and free weights, and the School's Athletics track.



Freshly Prepared Meals

At New Hall, staff can enjoy a delicious, freshly prepared 3-course meal every day during term time, free of charge. It is a great way to take a break, refuel, and catch up with colleagues, all while enjoying the same high-quality meals that make our dining experience so special. As with all staff benefits, this provision is subject to review.

Family, Community & Faith



Nursery

New Hall runs an on-site Nursery for 90 children aged 1 to 4. Staff children have priority for places, which may be part time or full time. Staff have the option of a term-time only place, which reduces the annual cost.



Activities & Clubs

Staff can enjoy clubs designed just for them, from the staff choir to ballet and language lessons, offering a great chance to learn something new, stay active, and connect with colleagues. And if you have a passion that you want to share, there is always the opportunity to set up your own club, making our community as diverse and dynamic as the people within it.

Family, Community & Faith (continued)



Vocations & Faith Development

Staff have access to our beautiful Chapel and prayer spaces, and vibrant Chaplaincy. Staff may volunteer with the New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS) or support our sister community in Rwanda, with opportunities for voluntary work overseas. Funding is provided for courses (eg the CCRS, A Level RS, organ lessons, an MA in Theology/ministry/Catholic leadership).

Staff may join groups for faith development, training in ministries and liturgical music. There are daily opportunities for collective worship: Adoration, morning and evening prayer and Mass. The Careers & Vocations Department and Chaplaincy support staff in discernment of their vocation.



Staff Socials

Every Friday after work during term time, staff are welcome to unwind in the Denford Bar, a great spot to relax and socialise with colleagues at the end of the week.



Community

Many staff recommend roles at New Hall to friends and family, and several couples have met and married at New Hall!

Recently, three generations of one family worked at New Hall, as support staff. The School employs a high number of Old Fishes (alumni), with typically 8 to 12 on the staff each year. Several former staff have become Governors of the School, Directors of New Hall's Multi Academy Trust or volunteers with the New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS).



Events

From equestrian displays, inspiring art exhibitions and music concerts, to thrilling sporting fixtures, dance performances, and theatrical productions, there is always something for staff to enjoy. Our exceptional facilities provide the perfect setting for these occasions, fostering a strong sense of community spirit and pride.

Staff are warmly encouraged to attend and take part in the many events throughout the year, whether supporting students, collaborating in creative projects, or simply enjoying the lively atmosphere that makes New Hall School such a special place to work.

Career & Development



Leadership Pathways

New Hall's investment in staff is shown by the significant number of internal promotions: 79 current staff (27%) have had at least one internal promotion, with 39 of these staff being promoted more than once and 16 staff being promoted more than twice.

The School has a record number of staff who have gone on to Headship/Deputy Headship (15 in recent years).



Long Service Awards

New Hall has annual long service awards, in 5-yearly intervals from 10 years, for the many staff who reach milestones of 10+ to 40+ years. Currently, 57 members of staff have given service here for 10 years or more.

Career & Development (continued)

Library

Staff can make use of the School's well-stocked libraries to support professional development and personal interests.

Technology

New Hall is committed to promoting the digital literacy of our students. Staff are provided with suitable IT equipment to support their role.

Everyday Benefits

Enhanced Holidays

Enjoy additional days of holiday and the Christmas to New Year School closure, ensuring an extended break to spend quality time with family and friends.

Cycle to Work Scheme

Save on the cost of a bicycle and cycling equipment through our Cycle to Work Scheme, supporting healthier and more sustainable commuting.

Green Car Benefit

Reduce the cost of purchasing an electric vehicle through the Green Car salary sacrifice scheme.

Transport

An electric vehicle fleet is available to staff for business use and staff have complimentary access to the School's bus network.

Parking

Complimentary on-site parking is available for all staff.

Home and Tech Scheme

Staff can spread the cost of home and technology products, interest-free through this salary sacrifice scheme, making everyday purchases more affordable.

Campus & Location

Campus

Staff can explore the School's extensive outdoor learning areas across our 180-acre heritage grounds.

Connectivity

Beaulieu Park railway station is at the entrance to New Hall's Avenue: 30 minutes to Stratford and 38 minutes to London Liverpool Street. The Elizabeth Line at Shenfield (13 minutes by train) terminates at Heathrow airport. There are nearby airports: London Stansted, London Southend and London City.

Location

Enjoy the best of both worlds: countryside and city. New Hall has a London commuter station (Beaulieu Park) at its front gate, and benefits from the vibrant and growing facilities of the Cathedral city of Chelmsford. Facilities abound in the city centre and nearby: sports centre and ice rink; farmers markets; shopping centres and retail parks; museum; bars and restaurants; park with weekly Park Run; activity/recreational facilities for parties and socials; centres for equestrian, canoeing and paddleboarding. Within a 25-minute drive is a dry ski centre. A short drive takes you to the extensive Essex coast and Mersea Island.

About New Hall School

New Hall School is a thriving co-educational boarding and day school for 1,400 students aged 1-19. Founded in 1642, it is one of the oldest Catholic schools and the largest Catholic boarding & day school in the UK. The School's ethos continues to be inspired by its founding Religious Community, the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

*"True community is where people listen to each other;
where the marginalised and excluded are included".*
(Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, 2023)

The charism of our founding Religious Community is service and hospitality; this is lived out in the actions of the volunteers that take part in this thriving and popular programme. Founded in 1978, the New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS) has been providing help and support to vulnerable members of our local community for over 45 years. Volunteering for NHVS promotes an enduring community spirit, nurtures responsible citizenship and encourages student-led charitable endeavour throughout the local area.

New Hall is a warm, welcoming, and supportive community, with a staff of around 300. Staff enjoy an exceptional working environment. The main campus occupies the stunning Grade I listed former Tudor palace of Beaulieu, and is surrounded by 75 acres of beautiful parkland and heritage gardens. The School's conference and events venue is at the Grade I listed Boreham House, with 35 acres of grounds, one mile away. The School also owns New Hall Park Farm, a 70-acre site with an equestrian centre, 3-miles from New Hall.

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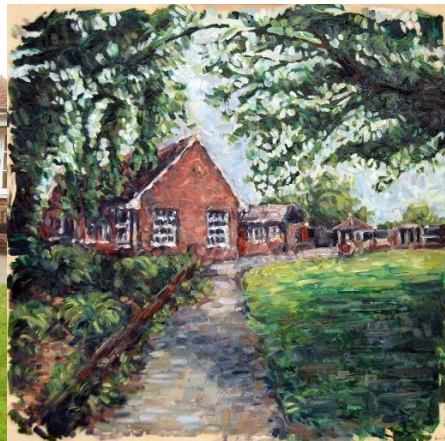
Chelmsford is a dynamic and welcoming city, with a population of around 190,000. Recognised as the *Sunday Times*' 'Best Place to Live in the East' in 2025 and 2018, and listed among the top ten best places in the East of England in 2019, it offers an exceptional quality of life. The city's rich history, vibrant cultural scene, and strong sense of community make it an attractive place to live and work.

An extraordinary school with a distinctive character and close-knit community, New Hall is popular with local, national and international families. The School is oversubscribed at key entry points. An early adopter of the diamond model, it offers a vibrant education for girls and boys, with single-sex teaching in the Senior Divisions for Years 7 to 11, and co-education in the early years, Preparatory Divisions and Sixth Form.

New Hall prides itself on the quality of teaching and learning. Seeking the highest possible levels of academic attainment is a priority. The School is equally proud to offer a rounded education, focused on developing the whole child. There is a strong emphasis on co-curricular enrichment – as recognised in its recent ISI Inspection reports. The School excels in sport, having recently been awarded Outstanding Sport in a Large School by the Independent Schools Association (ISA). Alongside traditional sports, it is home to the largest independent school ski team, benefits from a professional cricket coach, and is proud to include elite national golfers within its student body. With a well-established on-site farm, woodland school, and equestrian centre, the School makes the most of its unrivalled space to embed the many benefits of outdoor education into the curriculum for all age groups.

The School has made extensive capital investments across its estate over the past 20 years. Recent developments include: a purpose-built Nursery, a Sixth Form International Business & Languages Centre, a canopied outdoor performance space, a Chaplaincy suite, outdoor basketball courts, and a second Cookery room.

In 2012, the School established the New Hall Multi Academy Trust (NHMAT) and became sponsor of nearby Messing Primary School – an Ofsted-rated ‘Good’ school. It is now looking ahead to new ventures and exciting opportunities to further grow its partnership work.



Painted by New Hall Alumni, Liam Merrigan

Inspection outcomes and accolades for New Hall School and its staff:

2026	Independent School of the Year Awards	Student Wellbeing	Finalist
2026	Independent School Association Awards (ISA)	Outstanding Sport (Large School)	Finalist
2026	Independent School Association Awards (ISA)	Senior School of the Year	Highly Commended
2026	UK Dance Awards	Innovation in Dance Education	Winner
2026	The Boarding Schools' Association (BSA)	Best Community Work	Finalist
2026	The Boarding Schools' Association (BSA)	Best Junior Artwork Project	Finalist
2026	Education Choices Awards	Working with Local Charities	Special Mention
2026	Education Today Schools & Suppliers Awards	Independent School of the Year	Finalist
2025	Diocese of Brentwood	Catholic Schools Inspectorate	Outstanding
2025	Independent School Association Awards (ISA)	ISA Senior School of the Year Awards	Finalist
2025	Muddy's Best Schools Awards	Championing Sustainability	Highly Commended
2025	Muddy's Best Schools Awards	Passionate About Sport (Prep)	Highly Commended
2024	Independent School Association Awards (ISA)	Outstanding Engagement in the Community	Finalist
2024	Independent Schools of the Year Awards	International student experience	Finalist
2024	Muddy Stilettos	Best Schools Awards for Best Experiential Learning (Modern Languages learning through Cookery)	Winner
2024	Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)	School Inspection	All standards met and NHVS a 'Significant Strength'
2024	The Boarding Schools' Association (BSA)	Best Community Work	Finalist
2024	England Netball	Netball Teacher of the Year Award	Finalist
2023	Independent School Association Awards (ISA)	Outstanding Sport in a large school	Highly Commended
2019	Brentwood Diocese	Citizenship Award	Awarded

2023	Starz UK	Most Outstanding Dance School	Winner
2023	Trinity	Champion Centre	
2023	Independent Schools of the Year Awards	Independent Prep School of the Year	Finalist
2022	The School Games Mark	School Games Mark Award	Platinum
2022	Independent Schools of the Year Awards	Innovation Award for an Outstanding new initiative	Finalist
2020	Lawn Tennis Association	Education Venue of the Year award for Essex	Finalist
2019	Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)	Regulatory Compliance Inspection	All standards met
2019	Ofsted	EYFS Inspection	All standards met
2019	Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)	Material Change Inspection (increase of student roll to 1,500 and inclusion of age range 1-3 years)	All standards met
2019	National Westminster Bank	Project Respond competition – National Award	Winner
2019	Investing in Volunteers Award		Awarded
2019	Brentwood Diocese	Citizenship Award	Awarded
2018	Essex Digital Awards	School, Education or Charity Website	Finalist
2018	Essex Digital Awards	Overall Website of the Year	Silver
2018	Diocese of Brentwood	Denominational Inspection	Outstanding
2017	Volunteer Essex	Voluntary Community Service Award in the 'Who Will Care? Awards 2017	Commendation
2017	Nationwide	Award for Voluntary Endeavour	Winner
2016	TES Independent School Awards	Independent School of the Year	Winner
2016	TES Independent School Awards	Governing Body of the Year	Finalist
2016	TES Independent School Awards	Senior Leadership Team of the Year	Finalist
2016	TES Independent School Awards	Financial/Commercial Initiative of the Year	Winner
2016	Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)	Educational Quality Inspection	Excellent (highest category)
2016	Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)	Focused Compliance Inspection for schools with residential provision	All standards met
2015	TES School Awards	Headteacher of the Year	Finalist

2015	Institute of Groundsmen	Groundsman of the Year	Finalist
2014	Essex Digital Awards	School, Education or Charity Website	Gold
2014	Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI)	Boarding inspection	Outstanding
2013	Essex Business Awards	Best Growing Business - Large Company	Winner
2013	Essex Business Awards	Excellence in Marketing - Large Company	Winner
2013	Essex Business Awards	Essex Business of the Year	Winner



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