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New Hall School

The Best Start in Life



Appointment of

Resident Priest and Chaplain to the Daughters of the Resurrection at New Hall

Application closing date:
rolling programme, with a deadline of Monday 18 January 2027

Post available from 2027 (start date negotiable)

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. 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.



New Hall's six resident Canonesses, with Prioress, S Marie Rose, visiting from Rwanda

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

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 often 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 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 PCGE 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 – Resident Priest

Catholic life is central to New Hall School, shaping its identity, mission and daily practice. The introduction of the Resident Priest role reflects the School's commitment to deepening its spiritual life and strengthening its Chaplaincy provision.

Due to the expansion of New Hall, and the fast-growing population around the city of Chelmsford, we are seeking two individuals to fill the Resident Priest roles at New Hall, working alongside the School's part-time School Chaplain. These priests will support the faith life of the School community, serving as Chaplain to the Resident Daughters of the Resurrection, and foster links with the School's sister community in Rwanda. Living within the School community, they will provide pastoral and spiritual guidance to the Sisters who live in the Mission House at New Hall.

This part-time year-round role is particularly suited to priests seeking to move from parish ministry into a school-based pastoral setting. It may also suit priests who are considering undertaking a sabbatical, or who are retired from parish ministry. The School has accessibility provision, and can provide ground floor accommodation if necessary. There is a Health & Wellbeing Centre on campus, with residents having access to a GP and nursing staff.

Key responsibilities:

1. Catholic Ethos

1.1 to serve as Chaplain to the Resident Daughters of the Resurrection
1.2 to participate in daily Adoration, Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer with the Sisters and others in attendance
1.3 to support the preparation and celebration of School liturgies
1.4 to be available to say Mass for some of the retreat programme groups
1.5 to work collaboratively with the Chaplaincy Team, Diocese and local clergy
1.6 during term time, to celebrate daily Mass 2-3 weekdays (typically Wednesday – Friday); and Saturday evening/ Sunday morning (subject to diocesan approval)
1.7 outside term time, to celebrate Mass each weekday, and, subject to diocesan approval, on Saturday evening/ Sunday morning, on a rota with the second Resident Priest sharing this role
1.8 to cover for the School Chaplain celebrating Mass on the other weekdays during term time, should he be absent/ offsite
1.9 to support New Hall's sacramental preparation programme, or Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

2. Wider Community Engagement

2.1 to develop links between the School and Brentwood Diocese, local parishes and the wider community
2.2 to contribute to the development of a Sunday worshipping community at New Hall
2.3 to learn about the Religious Community of Canonesses who founded New Hall, and to develop links with their houses in Chelmsford and Colchester
2.4 to learn about, and to support the School, in developing links with the international Holy Sepulchre communities

3. General Duties

3.1 to uphold safeguarding responsibilities and promote the welfare of all children
3.2 to maintain confidentiality and adhere to relevant legislation and School policies

These appointments will enable daily Mass at New Hall, and a Saturday evening/ Sunday morning Mass, to recommence in New Hall's Chapel.

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

1. Catholic Ethos

1.1 to be an ordained Roman Catholic priest
1.2 to have a strong commitment to Catholic education and the Mission & Ethos of the School
1.3 to engage young people in theological, moral and spiritual discussion

2. Education & Training

2.1 to have education to A Level standard or equivalent
2.2 to hold a degree in Theology and/or Philosophy

3. Experience

3.1 to have experience of working with, or supporting, young people
3.2 to have experience in school or university chaplaincy, youth ministry or relevant training
3.3 to have an understanding of boarding school environments
3.4 to have experience within the voluntary sector

4. Skills and Aptitudes

4.1 to have excellent communication skills
4.2 to work effectively as part of a team
4.3 to be organised and reliable
to speak French

5. Personal Attributes

5.1 to have a strong understanding of safeguarding and child welfare
5.2 to have an enthusiastic and engaging approach to communicating the Catholic faith
5.3 to have the ability to relate well to students from diverse backgrounds
5.4 to have a kind, calm and approachable manner
5.5 to demonstrate integrity and model values of care, trust and respect
5.6 to have cultural sensitivity, particularly in supporting the Resident Daughters of the Resurrection
5.7 to be willing to undertake further training (e.g. Fire Safety)

Current Chaplaincy Team



Mrs Katherine Jeffrey
Principal



Fr Andrew Robinson
School Chaplain



Mr Regan Schreiber
Head of Chaplaincy



Mrs Gail Schreiber
Director of Catholic Life & Personal Development and Preparatory Class Teacher



S Cansilde
Chaplaincy Assistant



S Anuarite
Chaplaincy Assistant



S Immaculée
Chaplaincy Assistant



S Marie Josée
Chaplaincy Assistant



S Seraphine
Chaplaincy Assistant



S Valentine
Chaplaincy Assistant



Mr Nathanael Alford
Chaplaincy Assistant



Miss Bethany Ridout
Chaplaincy & Performing Arts Assistant



Mr Rory Wylie Carrick
Chaplaincy Assistant

Resident Priest (vacant)

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Mr Andrew Fardell
Deputy Principal



Mrs Katherine Reading
Vice Principal



Mr Matthew Gray
Deputy Head of Operations and Health & Safety Officer



Mrs Benedicte Robinson*
SENDCo (Prep) and Assistant Lay Chaplain (Prep)



Mrs Maria Webster*
Head of Theology

***denotes non-residential staff member**

New Hall Chaplaincy

New Hall is the UK's largest Catholic boarding & day school. Around one third of the students are Catholic and the majority of students are Christian. There is a strong ecumenical tradition. For example, the Confirmation programme is largely run jointly with the local Anglican parish in Boreham. A Chaplaincy group attends the monthly youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral, and the annual carol service usually takes place there. There are students in the School from different world faiths, as well as students with no religious background. Everyone is expected to support the Catholic ethos and to uphold the values of care, trust and respect.



The School also has a Mission House on site, with six Daughters of the Resurrection, who are part of the international Association of Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

The School was assessed as 'Outstanding' by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate in 2025, 2018 and 2013. The School has a flourishing, successful Theology Department of nine teachers, together with a strong Music Department and choral tradition.

The Chaplaincy Team comprises a committed group of staff, Canonesses and students, who run an exciting programme of activities and retreats. An annual national conference on themes relating to Catholic life takes place at New Hall Boreham House, in partnership with *The Tablet*; there were 175 attendees in 2026. New Hall also has links with St Mary's University, Twickenham, with the choir tour being based there in August, and all Year 12 attending St Mary's for a university visit. The School Chaplain also has a part time teaching post at St Mary's. New Hall was the base for the Holy Sepulchre Community Festival in 2026, at which we welcomed students and staff from our sister school Heilig Graf, in Belgium; a follow-up event is planned for 2027. New Hall has annual groups attending Flame, and going on pilgrimage to Lourdes.

"The School's approach to nurturing students' spiritual growth alongside their academic progress is truly commendable and reflects the values we hold dear." *(Current Parent)*



Chaplaincy Facilities

The Chaplaincy Team benefits from dedicated facilities that provide a welcoming hub for pastoral support, faith exploration, celebration and Chaplaincy lessons. At the heart of this is the new suite of Chaplaincy rooms, the Chaplaincy Chambers, which was opened in 2025. This includes: a film room; a sitting room; a classroom; a shop; an office; and a kitchenette.


Chaplaincy Chambers


Holy Sepulchre Prayer Space

There is also a dedicated Pastoral Centre, The Barn, in one of the most historic parts of the campus. The Barn is the base for the New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS). This facility consists of a main hall; kitchen; an Oratory; an office; beautiful gardens; and the New Hall Farm & Outdoor Centre for the Natural Sciences.

New Hall has a two bedroomed guest house, *The Outquarters,* which may be booked for visitors.


The Barn




The New Hall pond


New Hall Farm

Central in the School is the beautiful and historic Chapel, where Mass has been celebrated for over 225 years.



The St Francis Chapel, for the Preparatory Divisions' children, is nestled in the St Francis' Woodland, by their playground.

Members of our Chaplaincy Team live in purpose-built lodges located beside the Barn and Chaplaincy Gardens.

Liturgical Music





Liturgical music occupies a central place in the Catholic life of New Hall School. Our Chapel Choir sings regularly for School Masses, liturgies and major celebrations throughout the year, helping to lead worship and enrich the spiritual life of the School community. In addition, the School offers a programme of Chorister Awards (Years 3-8) and Choral Awards (Years 9-13), with up to four awards available each year to recognise musical excellence and commitment to the School's liturgical life.

New Hall has established a strong reputation for the training and development of young organists, being the first Catholic school to become an accredited institution of the Royal College of Organists. At any one time, the School typically supports around 6-10 student organists, ranging from beginners to Grade 8 standard. Students are encouraged to play regularly for Masses and liturgies. Student have had success in being awarded Oxbridge Organ Scholarships. Developing the next generation of church musicians remains a key priority of the Music Department. In recent years, there has been a focus on training student conductors, especially female conductors, given the gender imbalance nationally.

The Chapel benefits from a fine Norman & Beard organ that has been completely rebuilt, and on which Dame Gillian Weir gave the opening recital. The original organ was built in 1910, and between 2007 and 2008 underwent significant restoration and expansion. A 1906 Norman & Beard organ from St Mary's Church, Lawford, Essex was added. The Lawford Swell division formed the basis of the new Choir division whilst the Great division (including casework) formed a new Nave division on the north side of Chapel, with a new draw-stop console being provided in the south gallery. In 2025, New Hall became an accredited member of the Royal College of Organists, with musicians learning on three organs at New Hall. In additional to the Chapel organ, there is a second, practice pipe organ in The Barn, and an electronic organ in the St Francis Chapel, both of which were legacy donations to New Hall.

New Hall is proud to be a member of the Choir Schools' Association, reflecting its commitment to excellence in sacred and choral music. Students benefit from a rich programme of musical opportunities, including participation in the Gabrieli ROAR initiative with the Gabrieli Consort & Players, enabling young singers to work alongside professional musicians in performances of major choral repertoire.

In 2026, the School launched the Beaulieu Park Singers, a community choir bringing together residents in the local and wider community, alongside staff, students, parents, and Old Fishes (alumni). The choir complements the School's established choral provision and has already collaborated with New Hall musicians in major performances, including a sold-out performance of Handel's *Messiah* at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Through its liturgical music programme, New Hall seeks not only to enhance worship but also to develop confident singers, organist and conductors who will contribute to the life of the Church both during their time at School and beyond.



The Chapel Organ

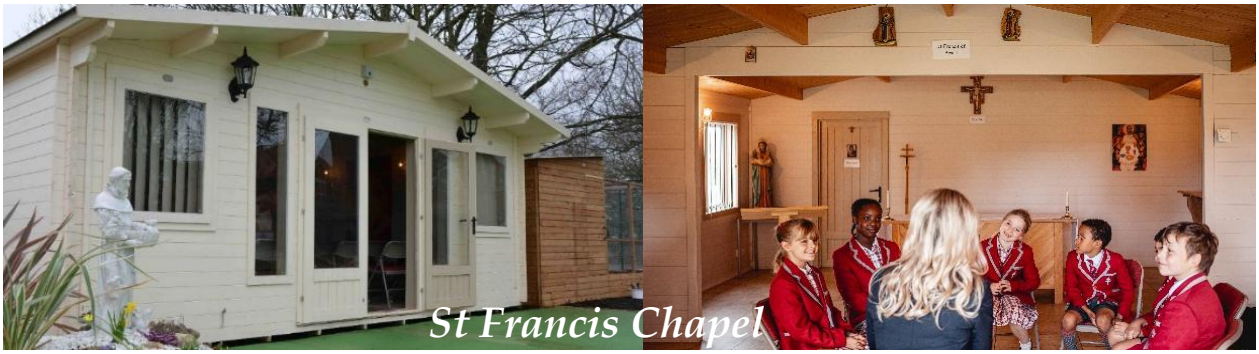
Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation is an important part of the spiritual life of the New Hall community, providing opportunities for both students and adults to deepen their faith and participate more fully in the life of the Church. Adult Baptism preparation supports members of the community who wish to enter the Catholic Church through a period of faith formation, reflection and spiritual accompaniment leading to the Sacrament of Baptism.

The First Holy Communion programme enables students to prepare to receive the Eucharist for the first time, developing their understanding of the Catholic faith and sacramental life. As part of this journey, a joint First Holy Communion Mass is celebrated at New Hall, bringing together New Hall students and children from the three local Catholic parishes who have recently received the sacrament. This shared celebration strengthens links between the School, the deanery, and the wider Catholic community, and provides an opportunity to celebrate faith together.

The Confirmation programme encourages students to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and take a more active role in the life of the Church. In addition, Anglican Confirmation services are held in the New Hall Chapel in partnership with the Parish of St Augustine of Canterbury, Springfield, reflecting the School's commitment to ecumenical collaboration, Christian unity and shared worship.

New Hall Voluntary Service



Our New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS) has been at the heart of New Hall's community since 1978, with its mission of service and hospitality. By welcoming guests and supporting those in need, our volunteers live out Gospel values.

All students at New Hall participate in volunteering initiatives during their time at the School, whether it is through serving guests and socialising with them, performance opportunities, fundraising, or partnering with local charities. Our Chaplaincy Team supports NHVS action groups, events and fundraising.

*"**NHVS is at the heart of the community**" (Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre)*

For further details about the Chaplaincy and facilities, and current news, see the New Hall website.

Salary & Benefits

Salary
This role is supported by a regular stipend of £7,200 pa.

Meals in Term Time
Meals will be provided in term time, without charge, in the School Refectory.

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%.

Access to a car
New Hall has two electric cars, which can be used by booking in advance for work-related trips.

Accommodation
Accommodation is provided in a one bedroom self-contained flat on site, available for the duration of the appointment. This can be provided furnished or unfurnished. We also offer freshly prepared 3-course meals in the School Refectory every day during term time.







This is typical of our accommodation

Hours of Work

The Resident Priest is entitled to 30 days' holiday per year, including bank holidays. Holiday should usually be taken during School holidays, as published in the School calendar, however, some holiday may be taken in term time. Whilst New Hall is closed to staff and students between Christmas and New Year and for bank holidays, the School remains open to the resident community.

The Resident Priest will have at least two weekdays off all year round. The hours during the week are part-time.

New Hall runs a retreat, 'The Easter People', from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. The Resident Priest is invited to be part of this, but it is not essential since there is usually a visiting priest who is booked for this.

Education, Training and Travel

The Resident Priest is welcome to join in lessons and clubs in areas of interest, for example, to learn/improve French/Spanish. There are an extensive list of clubs available, to learn new skills, or to help with the education of our students, which include: gardening, dance, cookery, art, orchestras, and choirs (School choirs and the community choir, the Beaulieu Park Singers).

If there is an interest in travel, there may be the opportunity for funded trips to our sister communities in Masaka, near Kigali, Rwanda; in Zaragoza, Spain; and in Turnhout, Belgium. There may also be the opportunity to join the national Catholic conferences that the School attends.

‘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



New Hall Beach



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



Culture Day



Foundation Day Singing Competition

Application Process

For further details regarding New Hall School, or an opportunity to discuss the role, please contact Mrs Katherine Jeffrey, Principal: k.jeffrey@newhallschool.co.uk, or telephone: 01245 467 588.

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@newhallchaplaincy

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 in 2027, 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 diamond model 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
2013	Essex Business Awards	Community Award - Business Sector	Winner
2013	Pearson Teaching Awards	Pearson Teaching Awards (History)	Longlisted

2013	Pearson Teaching Awards	Pearson Teaching Awards (Physics)	Winner - Teacher of the Year
2013	Pearson Teaching Awards	Pearson Teaching Awards (Biology)	Longlisted
2011	TES Independent School Awards	Outstanding Strategic Initiative	Winner
2005	Institute of Directors' Awards	Institute of Directors' East of England Businesswoman of the Year Award	Winner
2000	Chelmsford Borough Council	The Millennium Award for Helping Young People to Fulfil their Potential	Finalist
1996	Whitbread & Make a Difference Volunteering Awards	Outstanding service to the community	Winner



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