



New Hall School

## **New Hall Voluntary Service community Christmas celebrations**

On Wednesday 5 December, the Voluntary Service at New Hall School, Chelmsford (NHVS), hosted its annual Christmas Lunch in the North Gallery for their elderly lunch group guests. The guests enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner, served by NHVS Year 12 student leaders, and were entertained by members of the school's Infant and Senior choirs, who sang beautifully, putting everyone in the Christmas spirit by singing some of the guests' favourite carols. At the end of the lunch, guests were presented with wrapped Christmas hampers, packed by members of the NHVS volunteer team, with donations from the school's Christmas Hamper Appeal.

On Tuesday 6 December, the NHVS Shaftesbury group, a social group for local adults, some with learning or physical difficulties, enjoyed a fantastic Christmas party in the Barn at New Hall. On arrival, guests were greeted by members of the Senior Choir, who sang joyous Christmas carols. They then enjoyed delicious festive food, took turns displaying their musical talents as they sang along to some classic Karaoke songs, danced, and anticipated who would be the lucky winner of the special Christmas raffle. The evening then ended with a special visit from Father Christmas, who presented the excited guests with gifts kindly donated through the NHVS Christmas appeal.

Alongside its successful academic programme, New Hall School encourages students in charitable work and giving, holding a number of fundraising events throughout the year in support of a range of charities and running the successful New Hall Voluntary service, which all students are involved with during their time at the school. New Hall has excellent music and performing arts provision and fantastic sports facilities and training programmes. The boarding and day school for students aged 3-18 has a Catholic foundation and ethos, which welcomes those of all backgrounds. The strong pastoral care structure at the school supports students in their endeavours, allowing them to achieve success in a wide variety of fields.



Photo: The NHVS Christmas Lunch for elderly guests



Photo: NHVS Christmas Lunch served by Sixth Form group leaders



Photo: Members of the school's Senior Choir perform for the lunch guests



Photo: The guests were presented with Christmas hampers



Photo: The NHVS Shaftesbury Group party



Photo: The guests enjoyed karaoke at the Shaftesbury Group Christmas Party