



New Hall School

New Hall celebrates glowing inspection report

Staff and students at New Hall School, Boreham, are delighted with the result of their recent Denominational Inspection by the Diocese of Brentwood. The inspectors found the school to be 'outstanding' overall and highlighted aspects of school life that led to this outcome, including the pastoral care, spiritual support, and the provision of religious education at the school.

Regarding the teaching of Religious Education, the report states that: "pupils respond positively to the challenge and grow in self-confidence because of the encouragement and praise from teachers." It was also acknowledged that "although pupils join the school from local, national and international schools, school data shows that pupils make outstanding progress at all key stages. Value added data demonstrates that students make exceptional progress against baseline predictions."

The boarding and day school prides itself on its pastoral care provision. The report found that "strong and supportive pastoral care reflects the school's commitment to educating pupils intellectually, morally and spiritually. The profoundly spiritual and caring ethos pervades all aspects of school life."

The Catholic life of the school was highly praised: "The impact of chaplaincy cannot be overstated. Under the guidance of the resident priest, the chaplaincy team of staff and pupils provide highly effective service to the community through liturgy, organising fundraising activities and their role as mentors to younger pupils."

The report also recognises that "a vocation to serve others is demonstrated by a unique feature of the school: the in-house charity, the New Hall Voluntary Service." All students in the Senior Divisions are involved in the Voluntary Service at New Hall at some point during their school career. Groups are run for elderly people in the community and adults with learning or physical difficulties, as well as in conjunction with a local special needs school and a community allotment.

Alongside a successful academic programme, New Hall School provides outstanding facilities and training for sports, music and performing arts. 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.

A high-res photograph is attached.



Photo: L-R Mrs Jacqué McGlynn (Lay Chaplain, Sacristan, Head of Middle School Girls), Fr Lee Bennett (Chaplain), Mrs Katherine Jeffrey (Principal), Mr Paul Bray (Head of Theology, Director of Teaching and Learning)