



New Hall School

New Hallian Josh Hallett signs contract with Saracens

New Hallian Josh Hallett has signed his first Academy contract with Saracens rugby club. One of six young talents to sign with the club, the inside centre was selected by Saracens to play in the Academy League for their Under-18 team when he was 16 years old. Josh has also represented England, showcasing his skills playing against Wales for the England U16s and in the England starting XV for the Aon U18 International Series in South Africa in 2018.

Josh will be graduating from the Sixth Form at New Hall in July. Owen Cobbe, Director of Boys' Sport, said: "The whole of the New Hall community is immensely proud of Josh, we have no doubt that he will be an extremely successful Premiership player, and we wish him the best of luck in his Saracens career."

Alongside a successful academic programme, New Hall School is part of the Saracens Academy partner schools programme and provides excellent facilities and training for budding sports stars and a fantastic music and performing arts provision. The Catholic boarding and day school for students aged 1-18 has a distinctive 'diamond model structure' and a strong ethos of pastoral care, which supports students in their endeavours, allowing them to achieve success in a wide variety of fields.

High-res photographs are attached.



Photo: Josh Hallett playing for England U18s



Photo: Josh Hallett outside New Hall School



Photo: New Hall School First XV (Josh Hallett first row, fourth from left)

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1. New Hall School is a top performing independent boarding and day school for girls and boys aged 1-18.
2. In their last inspection New Hall was rated 'Excellent' by the Independent School Inspectorate, the highest accolade an independent school can receive, and 'Outstanding' by Ofsted for its boarding provision.
3. New Hall School is the oldest Catholic school in England that has always taken girls. Following the establishment of its new charitable status as New Hall School Trust in 2005, in a pioneering move the former convent school opened its doors to senior boys.
4. New Hall enjoys a stunning campus in the countryside surrounding the city of Chelmsford, just 30 minutes by train from London, which is dominated by the magnificent former Tudor palace of Beaulieu. Approached from a mile-long tree-lined avenue, the main building is Grade I listed and the grounds and avenue of trees are also a listed historic park and garden. New Hall is ranked by English Heritage in the top 2% of heritage buildings in the country. The estate was formally owned by Sir Thomas Boleyn, father of Anne Boleyn; King Henry VIII acquired it in 1517 and built the first of his great palaces, Beaulieu, on which Hampton Court was modelled.
5. New Hall was awarded the prestigious accolade, TES Independent School of the Year, in 2016.