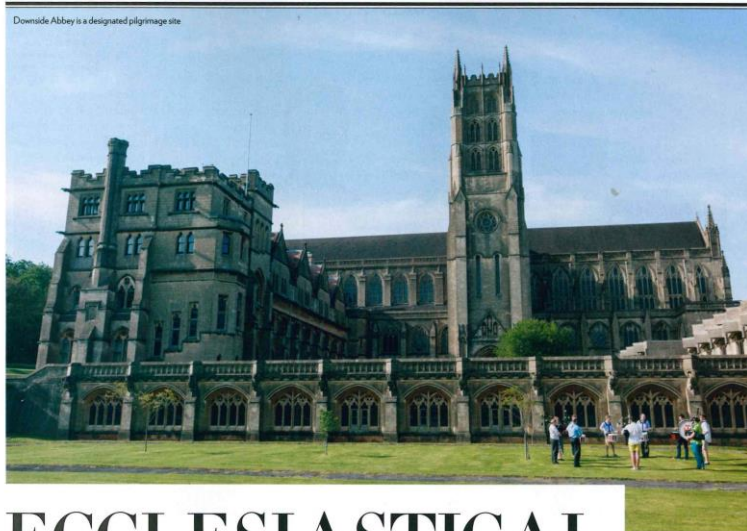


SCHOOL HOUSE



ECCLESIASTICAL PEARLS OF WISDOM

With a history of charitable status, public schools were traditionally founded by religious bodies to provide education for bright poor boys, the consequence being that many have a beautiful abbey or cathedral. **Harriet Hirschler** selects some of the most impressive

SCHOOLS

All are welcome in the New Hall School chapel – even pets

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NEW HALL SCHOOL

One of the oldest Catholic schools in the country, New Hall educates boys and girls aged three to 19 years old and is housed in the old Tudor palace of Beaulieu which belonged to Henry VIII. Exceptionally, given his initiation of the dissolution, the King's arms hang over the main entrance to the school chapel, a room which has been prayed in every day for over 200 years. Cardinal Basil Hume, Princess Anne, Sarah Ferguson, Organist Dame Gillian Weir and The King's Singers have all trod the slabs of this sacred old Great Hall. As part of the school's recent Feast of St Francis of Assisi celebrations, Chaplain Fr. L Bennett joined together with preparatory pupils and their families to have their animals blessed – all creatures great and small.