



# New Hall School

GIRLS' DIVISION & BOYS' DIVISION

Years 7-11



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## THE BEST START IN LIFE

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From the moment New Hall students first travel up the mile-long, tree-lined avenue that leads to the grand façade of the former Tudor palace, they will be given individual opportunities to grow, learn, be challenged and develop into intellectual and confident young men and women.

From ages 11 to 16, girls and boys are taught in single-sex lessons while mixing together socially and in co-curricular clubs and societies outside the classroom. All benefit from the outstanding facilities on offer within our stunning 85-acre campus.

We aim to educate the whole person: academically, creatively and socially, in a community which also nurtures the spiritual dimensions of human life.



New Hall is set in an idyllic and convenient location, just 30 minutes by train from London and within easy reach of all major London airports. We offer a distinctive education of real quality that is designed to give students the best start in life.

*“At New Hall every student is loved and cared for. There are opportunities for everyone to excel, in so many different ways.”*

NEW HALL PARENT





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## A DIAMOND EDUCATION

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At New Hall, students are educated in co-educational classes up to age 11 and again at Sixth Form. However, from 11 to 16 they are taught in single-sex lessons.

The main benefits of the 'diamond model' and five years of single-sex teaching derive from the ability to tailor pastoral and academic provision more sensitively and expertly to the needs of young people going through the physical, emotional and social upheaval of adolescence. Young teenagers are liberated from the negative peer pressure of having to perform in mixed classes.



Gender stereotyping of subjects is also removed. Girls and boys follow an identical curriculum and do not learn to perceive subjects as being more suited to either girls or boys.

*“The diamond model was one of the main reasons we chose New Hall School. It really does provide the best of both worlds.”*

NEW HALL PARENT



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## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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The New Hall curriculum is distinctive in its breadth and academic rigour. An imaginatively taught and well-balanced curriculum is appropriately tailored to the needs of the individual. The experienced and dedicated staff endeavour to bring out the best in everyone.

New Hall has its own Gifted & Talented programme, which is proven to add exceptional value at GCSE and A Level. We believe that giftedness can be created and that students' academic skills can be developed at ever higher levels if they are given intellectual challenges. Students have the opportunity, through undertaking an independent research project, to develop their interests and extended essay writing skills.



New Hall Scholarly Habits, which are embedded across all subjects, allow students to deepen their level of thinking. We are proud that our examination results are consistently among the best of any independent school in the area.

*“I never imagined I would enjoy so many subjects. The teachers just seem to make them come alive.”*

YEAR 7 STUDENT





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## HISTORY AND TRADITION

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New Hall School was founded in Liège in 1642, making us one of the oldest Catholic Schools in the UK. The faith which lies at the heart of our foundation remains essential to the character of the school today.

Since 1799 New Hall has occupied the magnificent Tudor Palace of Beaulieu. In 1517, the estate was acquired by King Henry VIII, who greatly enlarged and enhanced the building. The Royal Arms of Henry VIII can now be seen in the school Chapel. After Henry, New Hall was home to Mary Tudor, before it was subsequently granted to the Earl of Sussex by Queen Elizabeth I. Oliver Cromwell later procured the estate for five shillings.



Today, we continue to draw on our rich heritage and maintain a sense of traditional values, but we have evolved to meet the needs of the modern age.

*“It is a privilege for my children  
to learn in such a glorious  
and inspiring environment.”*

NEW HALL PARENT



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## A LIVING ETHOS

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Our Catholic foundation and ethos is central to all that we do, supported by the work of our lively Chaplaincy Team. At New Hall, a special value is placed on love and forgiveness, which encourage relationships based on trust, kindness, self-respect and care for those in need.

Students meet every week in our historic and beautiful Chapel, which has been a place for daily prayer for over 200 years. It is a peaceful place where those of all faiths and none can find stillness and calm. It provides a sanctuary from a busy world.



Students participate in the planning of liturgies and take an active role in various ministries as servers, readers and musicians. The acoustics of the Chapel enhance the fine liturgical music that enriches the worship.

All students participate in our award-winning New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS), where they gain confidence, leadership and team-working skills and a desire to serve others. They develop a sense of charity and community that will remain with them beyond their years at New Hall.

*“The school provides students with an outstanding Catholic education. Its clear ethos, clear Christian values and rich history are a beacon which is highly regarded by the school and its neighbouring community.”*

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## A HOME FROM HOME

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There is a unique community at New Hall. All students, boarding and day, will find that they are part of the New Hall family for the rest of their lives as proud New Hallians.

With outstanding boarding facilities, and single study rooms available to most students, boarding is an increasingly popular option. We have a thriving full boarding community and options for weekly or flexible boarding.

Although each of our boarding houses has its own individuality, a common theme throughout is the exceptional pastoral care and dedication of the residential team. This is a significant strength of our school.

The New Hall boarding experience can be further explored either in the boarding section within the prospectus pack, or on our website.



*“I love having my very own bedroom,  
with my best friend just next door!”*

YEAR 8 FULL BOARDER



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## LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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Our co-curricular programme is designed to add breadth to the New Hall education, which enables us to develop the well-rounded young men and women of whom we can all be proud.

Our educational philosophy is reflected in the extensive array of challenging co-curricular activities. Educational visits to places such as India and China, alongside our societies and clubs, create a stimulating environment for your son or daughter to develop his or her passions, learning and talents.



Through activities such as debating, Model United Nations and political philosophy, students can become independent thinkers with a broad and rich experience of social and academic life.

*“The curriculum is enriched by an excellent range of activities ... The range of national and international trips is excellent.”*

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## THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

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Our dedicated Performing Arts Centre and purpose-built theatre allow students opportunities for group or individual performances, which develop talent and encourage confidence.

Music has a long and fine tradition at New Hall. There is a host of performing groups, including chamber choir, chapel choir, senior orchestra, strings academy and jazz band.



Students can participate in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts (LAMDA) programmes, which develop presentation and public speaking skills.

Drama performances range from Shakespeare to modern plays and musicals. Dance is a particular strength, with the annual dance show attracting a cast of more than 200 girls and boys.

Students take part in regional and national festivals and competitions and groups regularly perform in major venues across Europe.

*“At New Hall, I am free to be me.”*

YEAR 9 STUDENT



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## SPORT FOR ALL

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New Hall students are able to enhance their team spirit and physical development through our rich programme of sporting opportunities.

Under the guidance of expert coaches, including former international sportsmen and women, New Hall balances first-class training for those with particular sporting talents, with an inclusive 'sport for all' approach.



Our elite sportsmen and women compete at county, regional and national levels, at which they have enjoyed individual and team success.

Our facilities set us apart and the rich variety of sports on offer include rugby, hockey, netball, cricket, swimming, athletics, golf, skiing and tennis.

*“I cannot thank the staff at New Hall enough for helping me to realise my dream of playing for England. When I step out on that pitch I will be certain to remember how far I have come.”*

YEAR 12 STUDENT





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## UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

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A life well lived at New Hall will see your son or daughter best prepared for life beyond school.

Our aspiration, for all of our students, is that by the time they leave they will have become confident, articulate and engaging young men and women. They will have intellectual curiosity, a desire to seek truth and a life-long love of learning, with an ingrained sense of community and service to others. It is these qualities which make a New Hallian stand out in the wider world and able to bring about change for good.



*“As I reflect, one year into my studies at Oxford, I am struck by just how much I owe to my teachers and peers from New Hall. They helped me to become who I am.”*

NEW HALLIAN



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## CONTACT NEW HALL

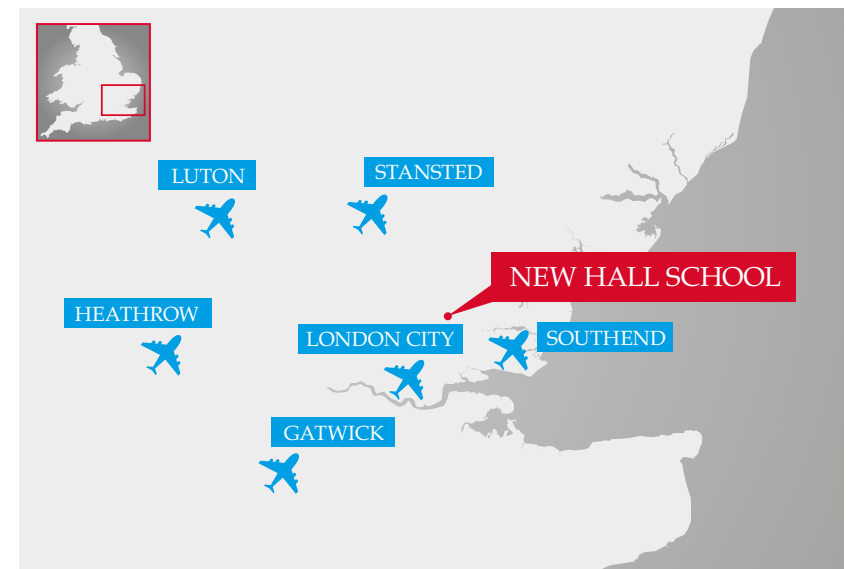
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We know that a school prospectus can only tell you so much. We therefore encourage you to spend time with us, to get to know us and to talk to our students and staff.

Our Admissions Department will guide you through the process of applying for a place at New Hall School. You can contact the department **01245 236 098** or [registrar@newhallschool.co.uk](mailto:registrar@newhallschool.co.uk).

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