



THE SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE

The Sixth Form experience at New Hall is about expanding your horizons, both in your specialist areas of study and, more generally, in terms of your personal development. You will be encouraged to develop interests, to meet challenges, to assume responsibilities and to gain qualifications, whilst aspiring to excellence. We aim to prepare you not just for university, or its alternatives, but also for adult life.



Life in the Sixth Form will be demanding. The privileges and opportunities for independent learning that you will enjoy carry with them certain duties and responsibilities. Expectations regarding behaviour are based on respect for all and you will be required to show high levels of maturity, motivation and a full involvement in school life, as a leader and role model for the student community.

*“I could never have guessed just how much
I would learn, grow and develop.
I now feel ready to face the world.”*

YEAR 13 STUDENT





ACADEMIC SUCCESS

We have a strong tradition of academic success at A Level and in the Extended Project Qualification. This is achieved through a combination of inspirational and engaging teaching, superb facilities and outstanding pastoral care. Our state-of-the-art Thomas More Sixth Form Centre provides the perfect learning environment.

Highly qualified academic staff offer expert insight and advice, not just in their areas of specialist expertise but also in promoting the New Hall Scholarly Habits and the study and research skills that are valued by universities. Many have direct experience of working for the public examination boards, giving them particular insight into how best to prepare the students for A Levels.



A wide range of A Level subjects is offered, so that you can pursue your strengths and interests, with the freedom to choose the particular combination of courses that best suits you.

There are opportunities to gain important skills in giving presentations, debating, team building, critical thinking and philosophical reasoning. On a practical level, there are courses in cookery, including 'practical cookery for university', a varied sporting programme and an active community service.

All students participate in a specialist university and careers programme, including support for competitive courses such as medicine, law and engineering. There is a bespoke scheme for those students intending to apply to highly selective universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge, and interview training is offered to all.

“A strength of the teaching is the excellent interaction and respect between students and teachers.”

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS INSPECTORATE (ISI) REPORT



PASTORAL CARE

You will be afforded the same support and opportunities during your time in the Sixth Form, whether you have been at New Hall for a number of years or you are joining the school for the first time. Your tutor will closely monitor your academic progress, keeping in contact with subject teachers and your parents. In addition to this, your tutor will encourage and monitor your commitment to the broader life of the school.

Sixth Form students tend to be busy individuals, who take leading roles in all aspects of school life. Leadership skills are developed through our extensive co-curricular programme and, in particular, through the award-winning New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS).



Sixth Form students also act as important role models for younger students. Senior Prefects, Subject Prefects and Willow members (peer counsellors) are among the valued roles that provide opportunities for Sixth Form students to develop leadership and communication skills.

*“Trust, respect, love and kindness
are at the heart of the New Hall Community
- it is a really happy place.”*

SIXTH FORM SENIOR PREFECT





A LIVING FAITH

Our Catholic foundation and ethos will provide you with an experience of living in a Christian community.

You will find at New Hall a welcoming, caring community that values the unique contribution of each individual. Through activities, courses, retreats and liturgies, we encourage you to explore questions of faith, morality, identity, vocation and, ultimately, how you can best fulfil your potential.

At the heart of our school you will find a peaceful and beautiful place of prayer, our magnificent and historic Chapel, where those of all faiths and none can find stillness and calm. It provides a sanctuary from a busy world.



The school encourages self-discipline and a sense of responsibility; teamwork and a spirit of service to others are therefore at the heart of New Hall. In particular, a sense of community is fostered through the nationally recognised New Hall Voluntary Service (NHVS).

“The school is an outstanding school. It lives up to its mission statement to ‘enable students to meet confidently the challenges of the wider world’.”

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN INSPECTION REPORT



BROADENING YOUR HORIZONS

The Horizons programme in the Sixth Form runs over two years in conjunction with the termly Human and Spiritual Development days. You will be encouraged to think about yourselves and your future in the context of the wider community and through the experiences of others.

You will cover a variety of topics, through both lectures and tutorial sessions, such as:

- Justice and peace
- Politics, current affairs and the media
- Environmental issues
- Conflict resolution
- Personal safety
- Personal relationships
- Healthy lifestyle and stress management

“The Horizons programme is a core part of the curriculum in the Sixth Form, designed to inform and guide students with regards to choices they will face in life. It also aims to broaden their perspective of issues and to contribute to their all-round development.”

HEAD OF SIXTH FORM



AN ENRICHING EDUCATION

An integral aspect of the New Hall Sixth Form experience is our outstanding co-curricular provision.

Sport and the Performing Arts play a vital role in the Sixth Form experience, whether or not you have chosen to study the related subjects at A Level. There are plenty of opportunities to join or support one of our sporting, creative or academic societies, such as those for medics, legal debaters and, for budding politicians, Model United Nations.



At New Hall, it is not only what you learn, but also the experiences you gain that will form the secure basis on which the next chapter of your life can begin.

“The impact that an active involvement in the co-curricular life of the school can have on academic attainment should not be underestimated.”

VICE PRINCIPAL (CO-CURRICULUM)



A RITE OF PASSAGE

Nearly all students in Year 13 choose to apply to universities, both abroad and within the UK. Whichever is your first choice of university, we will work with you to maximise your academic potential, as well as to develop the necessary social and intellectual skills sought by admissions tutors at leading universities.

Whatever your next step, you will have made this decision from an informed perspective and tailored support will be offered to you in your chosen pathway, whether university, apprenticeship, training or directly to employment.



You will join a formidable list of talented alumni who have achieved success in fields including: science, academia, business, sport, medicine, the media and work with charities. New Hallians are typically confident individuals, capable of intellectual and independent thought, with the leadership skills that can enable them to make their mark in their chosen profession.

“My experience here has been everything I had hoped for and more. My teachers have encouraged me to learn and to think and have stimulated my curiosity. I have no idea what my future holds, but I know I have had the very best start in life.”

NEW HALLIAN



Painting by Liam Merrigan (New Hall student 2008-2013) completed in 2012, the year of the 370th anniversary celebrations of the school's foundation in 1642.



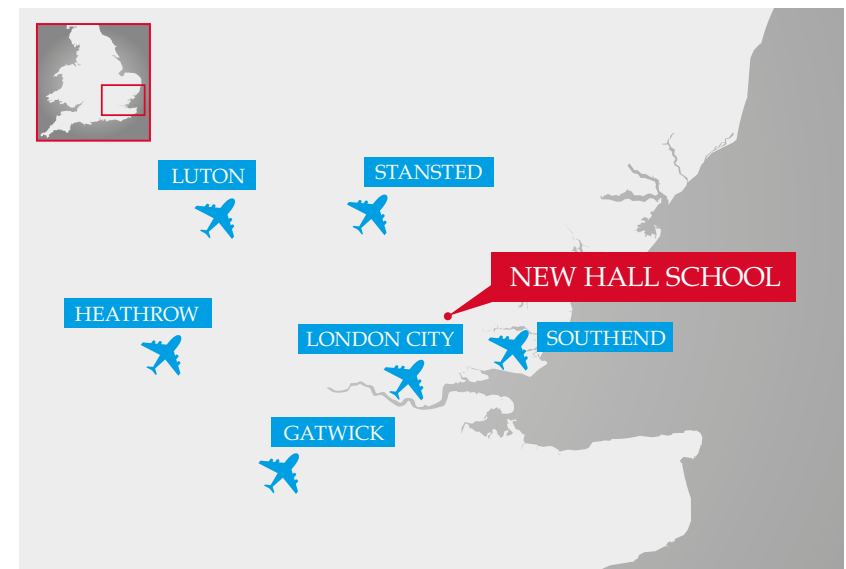
CONTACT NEW HALL

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](tel:01245236098) or registrar@newhallschool.co.uk.

To contact the Senior School directly call [01245 467 588](tel:01245467588) or email admin@newhallschool.co.uk.

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