

New Hall School ●●

**THE AVENUE, BOREHAM,
CHELMSFORD CM3 3HS**

WEBSITE newhallschool.co.uk **HEAD**

Katherine Jeffrey, MA, since 2001;
previously deputy head of the
Marist School, Ascot **PUPILS** 823.

Day: 307 boys, 310 girls; **boarding:**
108 boys, 98 girls **FAITH RC AGES**

11–18 TERM FEES **Day:** £6,480;
boarding: £9,949 **OXBRIDGE 3%**

REGISTRATION By October of
year before entry; £80 fee

ADMISSION School's own exam,
interview and previous school's
report **ALUMNI** Anya Hindmarch,
Christiane Amanpour

PREP: HEAD Carole Goodwin **PUPILS**
337 day and boarding; 167 boys,
170 girls **AGES 3–11 TERM FEES** **Day:**
£4,746; **boarding:** £7,011

'If something can be done better,
then New Hall will raise the bar,'
praises our spy, who noted their
forward-thinking approach and
the exceptional value-added. This
is one of the oldest Catholic
schools in the country, housed in
the Tudor Palace of Beaulieu, and
is going from strength to strength
with a new pre-prep building

under construction, the prep
expanding to three-form entry
and a dedicated science centre in
the pipeline for next year. Head
Katherine Jeffrey is an impressive
16 years into her headship; she
looks for 'a spark of individuality'
in her pupils. It's mainly a day
school, but there's a charming
boarding-school feel (around
21 per cent board). Sport is
taken seriously – the U16 rugby
sevens team were runners-up
at the Rosslyn Park Nationals,
and the U15's fought off
tough competition to win the
Eton junior pairs tennis
tournament. There were a
stonking 619 LAMDA exams
taken last year, with 95 per cent
obtaining merit or distinction,
and the school production of *Les
Misérables* had four consecutive
sell-out nights. The school's
diamond model (co-ed in the
prep and sixth form and single sex
from 11–16) works a treat, and
A-level results nudged up to
79 per cent A*–B last year. Oh,
and they scooped *The Times's*
Independent School of the Year
award. All is ticking along nicely.