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New Hall School

The Best Start in Life



Highlights from the

Diocese of Brentwood Section 48 Inspection Report for New Hall Preparatory School

Inspection Date: 27 November 2013

Main Findings

The inspection was carried out under Section 48 of the Education (Schools) Act 2005 by two inspectors appointed by the Diocesan Bishop. The focus of the inspection was:

- The quality of teaching and learning in Religious Education
- The Catholic life of the School through:
 1. Collective worship
 2. Links with the Catholic and wider community
 3. Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development

The 'main findings' of the Preparatory School report are set out below. All the quotations shown are taken directly from the full report.



Overall Judgment

New Hall Preparatory School is an outstanding school with a Catholic ethos which permeates all areas. Prayer and worship are central to the life of the school and opportunities for pupils' spiritual and moral development are excellent.

The senior leadership team have put in place a number of new initiatives linked to the Catholic life of the school as well as teaching, learning, assessment and monitoring. Pastoral care is very good and shared by all members of the school community.

Relationships within the school are very good and pupils feel well cared for and supported in their learning.

Parents welcome the Catholicity of the school, appreciate the good communication with staff and the way the school keeps them informed. Pupils' standards of attainment often exceed diocesan expectations.

Catholic Life of the School

Provision for prayer and worship at New Hall is outstanding. Pupils respond positively to opportunities to develop their faith journey. They are involved in preparation for assemblies, liturgies and masses and participate well. Liturgy prefects prepare a weekly prayer group held before the school day which is well attended by other pupils.

The traditional prayers of the Church are well known and pupils are given time for reflection and meditation. They are able to apply aspects of Jesus' life and teaching to their own lives. They understand the importance of worship and are given opportunities to create their own prayers and liturgies, examples of which were seen during the inspection.

Pastoral care is very good and given a high priority by staff and governors who work closely together to promote the spiritual development of pupils and the Catholic life of the community.

Religious Education

The quality of teaching and learning in religious education is excellent. Progress in religious education is outstanding. Pupils work with application and interest. They enjoy their religious education lessons and work very well together. They are eager to participate in activities and keen to do well. They have a good knowledge of the Catholic faith appropriate to their age and abilities. Workbooks are very well presented, show coverage of the curriculum and indicate a varied range of tasks. Standards of attainment often exceed diocesan expectations.

The quality of the religious education curriculum is outstanding. The new religious education programme 'Come and See' has been in place for a year and is currently being embedded. The headteacher gives religious education a central place in the life of the school and this is demonstrated by the budget devoted to it and the current review of resources. Religious education displays around the school emphasise the centrality of faith to the work of the community. The curriculum enables pupils to become aware of their responsibility for each other and their environment. It contributes very well to their spiritual and moral development. The excellent range of extra-curricular activities enables pupils to develop their gifts and talents. There is every indication that current high standards are likely to be maintained or improved.



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Our Pupils

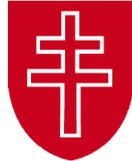
Pupils make an outstanding contribution to the Catholic life of the school. They respond very well to opportunities to understand the needs of others in school and the wider community. Members of the School Council and prefects play a major part in school life and older pupils help and support younger ones. Several local, national and international charities are supported throughout the year and pupils support a school in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Pupils show respect for adults and each other. Behaviour is excellent and pupils value the sense of community created within the school.



A beautiful chapel is at the heart of the school and is available for classes and groups.



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A Catholic ethos and foundation, welcoming all