



The Newman

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Newman Students Celebrate Results



Many congratulations to our students who received their results this summer.

The picture on the left shows David, Mari, Louis, David and Ahmad, who were among students with the highest grades in the school, boasting average grades across all exams of 8 or above. GCSE and BTEC Level 2 students achieved one grade above their expected progress, which is truly impressive. In our sixth form, students sitting Extended Diplomas achieved a 100% pass rate, with 31% achieving Distinction or Distinction* grade. We are very proud of all of our students, and congratulations to them all.

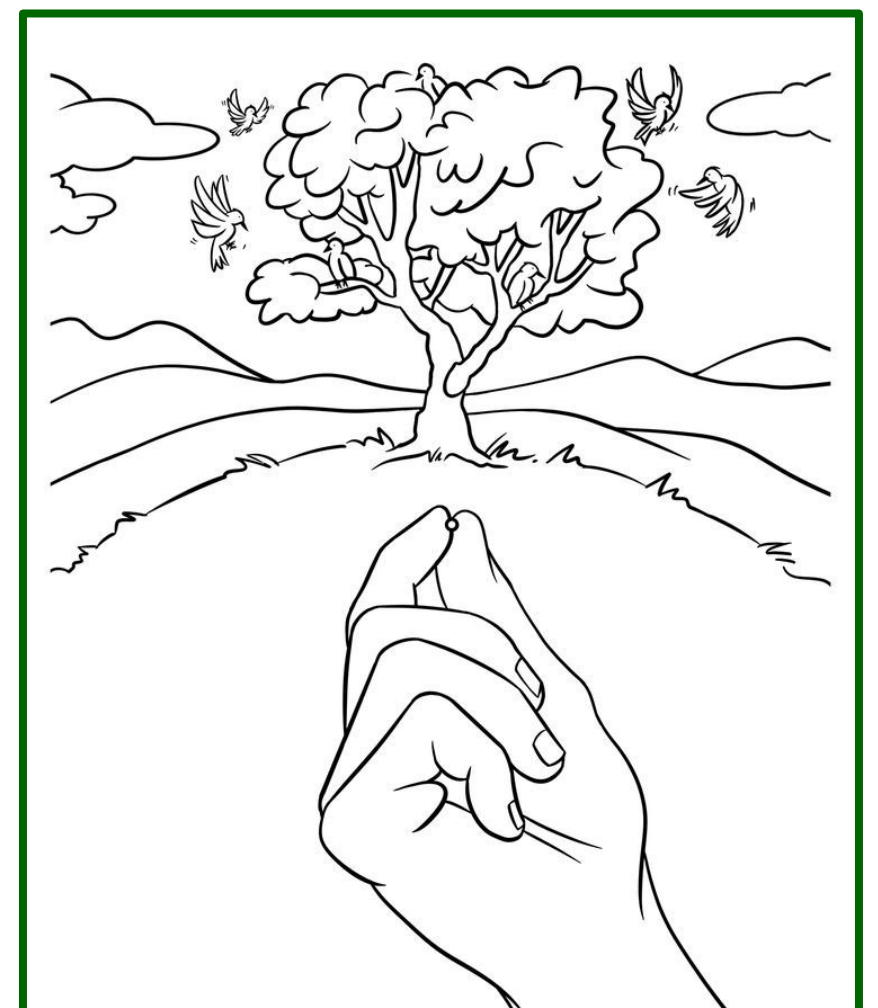
Students in this new term have responded well to our raised expectations of attendance and punctuality, personal organisation and the quality and detail of their work. Good luck to all students this academic year.

Celebration of the word

We have made some changes to the school day this term, with the day now finishing at 3.20. This enables form groups to have some time together in the afternoons. However, a key reason for this is that each year group now has an opportunity to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word each afternoon.

Led by our Chaplain, Mr Roche, these sessions bring the Gospel to life for all students, regardless of their faith. For our Christian students, it deepens their appreciation of the upcoming Sunday Gospel.

For all students, it opens the door to discerning gospel texts, for personal reflection as well as applying this in their Religious Education studies. Mr Roche's Liturgy sessions have so far involved him teaching students on the value of faith versus money, comparing a successful teams' trophy lift with exaltation of the cross, and the parable of the Mustard Seed.



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Headteacher's Message

Welcome to the first edition of the Newman in this new academic year. In this edition, you will see that term has started with a range of experiences such as two performances for Year 10 & Year 11 English literature students. Thank you to all students and staff who put on another great example of Newman Life during Open Evening.

Please be aware that Open Mornings for prospective students continue on Monday 13th October until Thursday 16th October from 9.15am; no appointments necessary.

The new St Carlo Acutis block will be officially opened by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, before the end of term. This space is specifically for students with an identified special educational needs and we cannot wait for handover from the builders!

Please be reminded that Half Term runs from Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October 2025. Happy reading, and God bless.

Mr Dunne.

Foodbank



We continue to run our Foodbank every Friday afternoon, supporting over 80 families in our school community. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of Kensal Green Mutual Aid/Let's Grow Brent for the amazing work they do in our Vegetable Garden. Their volunteers have grown 2746 meals of vegetables for our local community.

Rewards and Successes

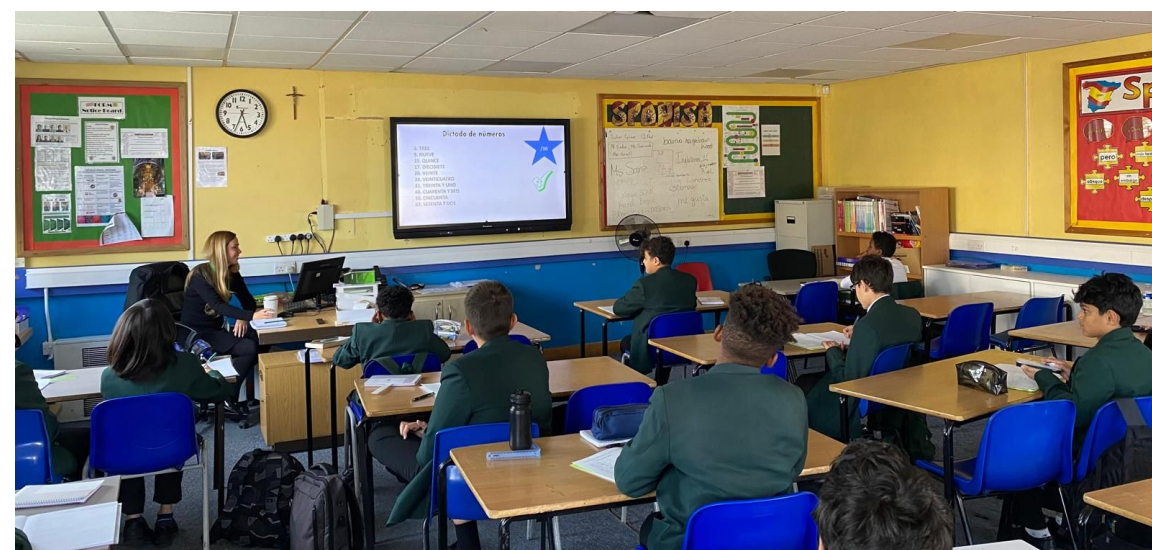


Congratulations to Shawnie in Year 9 who won the Attendance Medal and an early lunch pass. Shawnie was selected for always being punctual to school.

Rewards and Successes



Year 7 Joseph won the attendance belt this month for the highest attendance in Year 7- well done to Mr Wheatle. Year 8 Francis won the attendance belt this month for the highest attendance in Year 8- well done to Mr Azevedo. Congratulations to Blessed Year 8 and Jerone Year 7 for 100% Attendance and Punctuality.



An Inspector Calls/A Christmas Carol & Jack Petchey Speakout



We, as a school, were very lucky to have 'The Globe Players' visit our Key Stage 4 Classes. They put on a performance of 'A Christmas Carol' and 'An Inspector Calls'. The production created some insightful and thought provoking questions about staging, symbols and characterisation.

The cast were very complimentary about the students' engagement and left praising our students. These performances have given Year 11 a new appreciation of both texts and Year 10 an insight into the texts they will be studying this term and next term.

Shirin and Harry came in from Jack Petchey Speakout to work with sixty of our students on Speaking and Listening. The Jack Petchey Speak Out is a London and Essex National Speaking Competition with the Brent Final on the 22nd January 2026. On the day, the boys immersed themselves in a range of tasks taking each one and trying to really engage.

By the end of the day, we had a list of six boys who will now craft their individual speeches with one going through to the Brent Final and representing Newman Catholic College. Both Shirin and Harry praised the students' commitment, effort and engagement stating, 'they were a credit to the school'. The boys did an amazing job. It was a delight to see them use the workshop to support their preparing for their GCSE Speaking and Listening Exam.

Ms Gallagher, Head of English.

Apollo, Our School Dog

Apollo has started his certified therapy dog training this term. This means he is slowly being introduced to the wider school community and can be seen patrolling the corridor of the Hinsley block some lunchtimes.

Students still come and see him every break and lunchtime and he is being timetabled for time with individual students as well. He has also started to go to the library a little bit more in preparation for his role as a reading buddy.

If you feel your child would benefit from a little bit of time with Apollo please contact your child's Head of Year who will arrange this.



COMING SOON...

Reading with our
Therapy Dog
Apollo



Chickenshed Theatre









The Drama department are delighted to work with the famous Chickenshed Theatre this term.

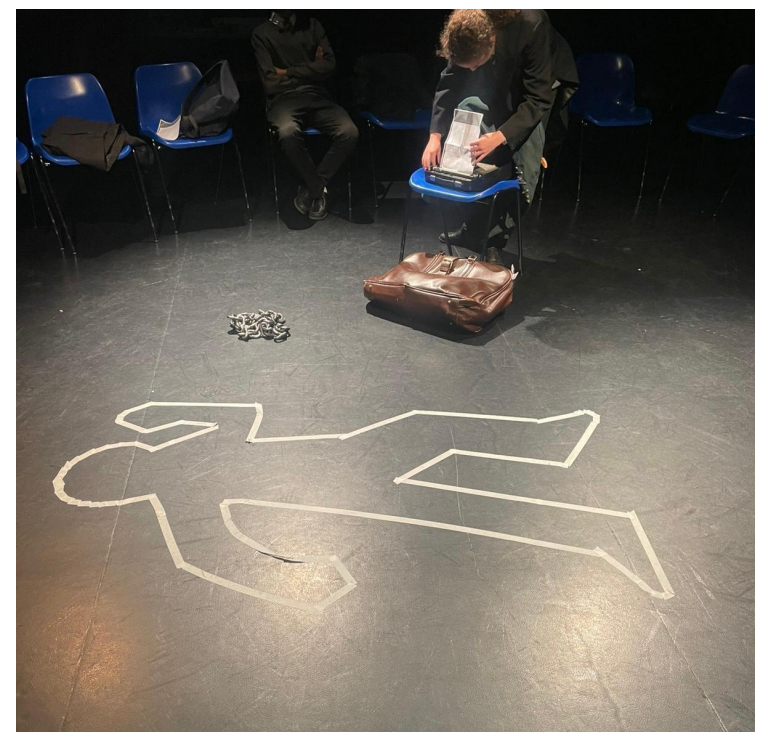
Our Yr 12 Extended Diploma students are working on a 'Theatre in Education' project with St Robert Southwell primary school, Kingsbury, devising theatre, on issues that concern younger children.

This is a collaboration and will be performed in the Drama studio at Newman Catholic College after the half term.

Extended School Activities 2025-2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| <p>Lunch Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT- Homework & Coursework Club Library open (Year 7 Book Club) Chess Club F32 Music Liturgy Band M46 Homework Club All Years M47  | <p>Lunch Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT- Homework & Coursework Club Library open Chess Club F32 Chapel open Music Liturgy Band M46  | <p>Lunch Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT- Homework & Coursework Club Library open Chess Club F32 Music Rock Band M46 Model United Nations H15 (1.20-1.40pm) Maths Circle Year 7 M40 Maths Circle Year 8 M41 UKMT Maths Challenge Club Year 9/10 M44 Maths Revision & Homework Drop in Year 10, 11, 12, 13 M43 Chapel open  | <p>Lunch Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Council M39 DT- Homework & Coursework Club Library open Chess Club F32 Chapel open Music Rock Band M46  | <p>Lunch Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DT- Homework & Coursework Club Library open Chess Club F32 Chapel open Music Afro Cuban Band M46  |
| <p>After School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library- Open 3.30pm-4pm for homework, study, research, reading Debate Club M37 3.30pm-4.30pm My Tutor (Maths and English) Sixth Form Football Science Club More Able Club | <p>After School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library- Open 3.30pm-4pm for homework, study, research, reading My Tutor (Maths and English) Comic Book Club Library 3.20 - 4.15. Year 7/8 Football | <p>After School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library- Open 3.30pm-4pm for homework, study, research, reading RE Homework Club (Green Week) & Philosophy Club (Red Week) My Tutor (Maths and English) Maths Homework M47 Year 9/10 Football Drama Club | <p>After School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sport and Thought Foot Basketball with Coach Mike My Tutor (Maths and English)  | <p>After School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open 3.30pm-4pm for homework, study, research, reading Friday Foodbank 3.30-4.30pm Drama Club 3.15pm-5.00pm My Tutor (Maths and English) |

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