



The Newman

Your College Newsletter

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Newman make pledges for the Jubilee Year of Hope

On 24th June, students from each of the 200 schools of the Diocese of Westminster were invited to attend a service of celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope. This celebration, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, marks the halfway point in this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, which was inaugurated by the late Pope Francis. The special celebration service at Westminster Cathedral was an outward sign of our commitments of Hope. We presented our pledges of Hope to make God's Kingdom more visible here on earth, raising awareness for our neighbour and the marginalised. Two of the Newman students were flagbearers in the processions. Flying the flag for the school in our Cathedral.

Students had a chance to explore the Cathedral, visit different charity stalls and even located a memorial to St John Henry Newman. Pupils could engage with the Church's social mission and deepen their understanding of faith in action. The procession of Pledges, where all the schools present were able to offer intentions to uphold Catholic life, outlining our commitments inspired by prayerful reflections taken place back in the Chapel.

NCC offered their pledges to Hope:

We at Newman will do this by:

- Respecting each other and not judging others by their looks
- Treating each other correctly
- Challenging racism, homophobia and hatred
- Speaking out against injustice
- Looking after our school gardens and our learning areas
- Stewardship, anti-littering, watering and caring for the environment
- Raising money
- Awareness of the poor and the stranger
- Showing a good example to others

Cardinal Vincent Nichols spoke of being a pilgrim of hope and that we hope for Heaven. And faith in action is how we carry out the will of the Father. "Those who want Heaven most serve the world best." Cardinal Vincent walked among the schools and leading in repeating sentences and phrases. The Gospel reading was Luke 2:41-52 (Teenage Jesus in the Temple) where we hear Jesus say "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" We too are asked to be about the Father's business, being Alter Christus for those we meet. We were lead in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and knelt in silent prayer before our Lord. We finished with benediction and received a blessing before leaving. After the service, students had the opportunity to meet His Eminence and we were very pleased to be able to present him with the Newman Badge of Hope. We also invited his Eminence to visit the school in the Autumn term.

Everyone Counts, Everyone Contributes, Everyone Succeeds.



Taylan, Pryce, Dylan, Asher, Johncel and Tomas with Mr. A Dunne and Mr. J Roche meeting Cardinal Vincent at the Cathedral



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of an amazing summer term, we have the opportunity to reflect on everything that we have achieved in the school. We look forward to results days for KS5 (Thursday August 14th) and GCSE and BTEC (Thursday August 21st).

This term, we have said goodbye to some long serving NCC staff members: We thank Mr Joshi for his 12 years of service as Business Manager; Ms Tetley for her 18 years of service in the Performing Arts department and Ms Finnie for an incredible 43 years of service as a Teacher of Geography and long-standing Head of Year. We especially wish Ms Finnie and Mr Joshi a happy retirement.

This summer edition of The Newman is packed with information about activities week, Drama performances of "Nation", the work of our incredible PE Sports Leaders and much more. Thank you to all of our staff for creating the special Newman Community within which we can grow and learn. Wishing you a safe and happy Summer.
Mr Dunne.

Sports Leaders

Mr Finnie, Curriculum Leader PE has trained many students as Sports Leaders. They gain valuable experience to equip our students with employability skills by improving motivation, self-esteem, communication, organisation, team work and confidence. Our Year 11 students have returned to volunteer their time and put those leadership skills into action. Salusbury Primary said our Sports Leaders were *"wonderful examples of leadership and inspirational to their pupils."*



Sleepover

Every year we hold our annual sleepover. This is the 10th year we have been doing this under the leadership of Mr King and Miss Grace. Students spend the night sleeping on the floor of the school hall to raise awareness of being homeless and the challenges faced. Thanks to our staff who gave up their time, Mr King and Mr Jeeves who cooked our dinner. Our staff alumni Mr Azevedo and Mr Whyte re-living their student sleepover days and Miss Grace.



Refugee Week

We hosted the Brent Refugee Week celebrations. The theme was "Community as a Superpower". This highlights the strength and positive impact of communities working together to support refugees and people seeking sanctuary. It emphasises the power of everyday acts of kindness and generosity in creating a sense of belonging and making a difference. This was a wonderful event bringing people in the Newman and local communities together. There were Drama and Dance performances. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra had an interactive session with the audience engaging in playing a variety of instruments. We were treated to delicious food cooked by charity 'In the Mix' who train young refugees in food preparation and cooking skills. We really appreciate the energy of Cristina from We Restart Art who made all of this possible. We had a visit from The Mayor of Brent, Councillor Ryan Hack, our MP Georgia Gould and our local councillors, Mili Patel and Matt Kelcher.

School of
SANCTUARY AWARD
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary



Supreme Court and House of Lords Visit

Thanks to Kevin McSharry (former Headteacher at St James, Colindale) and Team Global, six NCC6 students were fully funded to take part in their Annual Members Day. Team Global is a non-party political educational foundation dedicated to fostering dialogue between future generations and today's world leaders. Their aim is to empower young people to consider world issues and to take their part in resolving problems and promoting solutions. Our Students visited the Supreme Court, Westminster Cathedral and then had Afternoon Tea in the House of Lords. The guest speaker at the House of Lords tea was Baroness Floella Benjamin.

"The trip was extremely good and enjoyable. We have learnt lots of important information about the history of the Supreme Court. Then we have visited Westminster Cathedral which was filled with the historical information which was so engaging. Finally we have been in the House of Lords, Palace of Westminster for Afternoon tea, it was my favourite part because of the place. The atmosphere everything was perfect and we met students from other schools. We had good experience on the trip and I enjoyed a lot. I will say thank you to Mr. Albert and Ms. Grace to give us this opportunity by picking us to have this beautiful experience and also thank you to Global Team for giving opportunities and good experiences to young Sixth Form students." Mohammed 12 Benedict.



Year 10s theme for activity days was Critical Thinking. They went on a trip to see some of the significant sights in London on one day and on the other they engaged in a debate and a murder mystery. Debate titles were wide ranging and included topics such as "I would always support my country no matter what"; this led to some passionate arguments both for and against the motion. The murder mystery was based around the game of Cluedo with staff members playing the roles of Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum and the like. Students were very engaged in asking questions of all the suspects and trying to work out who the murderer was.

Activity Days

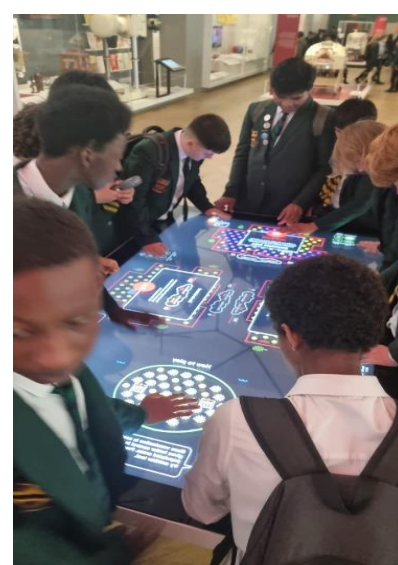


The theme for **Year 7** activity days was exploration. Across the two days they visited the Natural History Museum with the Geography department and took part in, amongst other things, an earthquake simulator. They also visited the British Museum with the History department and got involved with the art, musical instruments and the like from Africa. Students engaged really well and asked some probing questions.



The theme for **Year 9** activity days was discovery. On one day they visited the science museum and on the other day they did decoding with the maths department and were set a forensic science task in science. Students were really well behaved on the trip and asked great questions. In the maths and science tasks they were hugely engaged in solving the problems they faced.

The theme for **Year 8** activity days was challenge: Across the two days they participated in designing a pavilion in the art department; building tall, safe structures (with spaghetti and marshmallows) in the technology department; adopting a country and understanding how it can use its resources in the RE department; and a teambuilding exercise in PE. Students rose to all the challenges and worked really well in small groups to solve the problems they faced.



Students in **Year 11** More explored Greenwich for a day. Their other activities included Catering and Orienteering.



Year 12 focused on their next steps after Sixth Form. Mr Jalil our UNIFROG Champion ran

workshops on this. Ms Grace had Alumni Students visit: Kanchana left us in 2005; David in 2013; Luke in 2016; Samuel, Thierry and Rhuvawn in 2021. We are very grateful to them for giving their time to be with us, sharing their insights about life after school and university and their career path. Mr Albert explored Soft Skills for Success. On day two Mr Jalil explored Collaborative Media, Mr Albert taught students basic cooking skills for university. The CEO of Innovative Opportunities, Anita Whittaker enabled students to Kick Start their careers. There was an online session with Stephen Busette a former alumni student now a Commercial and Operations Director for an international company. This was followed with a face to face discussion and opportunities for questions with two local businessmen and a lawyer. The final session involved online discussions and questions with a businesswoman working in the care home industry and a social worker.



Community Day



On Saturday July 5th, we held our annual Community Day. This was organised by our PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and attended by students, staff, parents and members of the local community. We had a variety of stalls- cakes, Italian Food, Caribbean Food, Henna, Face Painting to name a few, a live DJ and performer. There was also a beat the goalie organised by Daniels Estate Agents. We also appreciate the local businesses who donated to our raffle. All monies raised go to support the school. This was a lovely community celebration in the true spirit of our Newman Family.

Eedi Maths Summer Club



Eedi run a free Maths Summer Club from July 21st to August 29th. It is the perfect way for your child to stay engaged with learning over the summer. By completing a Question of the Day (QOTD) each day, they can earn weekly prize entries, with 3 lucky winners each week! Students should take the Starter Quiz to receive a personalised learning pathway. It'll be available in all new accounts when they log in (log in details will be shared directly with students).

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th July 2025 Term Ends

Staff Training Days:

Monday 21st July 2025 and Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (School Closed to Students)

Staff Training Day

Monday 1 September 2025 (School Closed to Students)

Term Starts for Students

Tuesday 2nd September 2025: Years 7 & 12

Wednesday 3rd September 2025: Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13

Wimbledon



We have been very lucky to have a partnership with Elmwood Tennis Club. As part of Newman Catholic College's enrichment program, coach Will Jenkins has provided tennis coaching to Sixth Form students throughout the academic year. We are also grateful to Mr Jeeves who is our tennis link and instrumental in this partnership. Thank you to Elmwood Tennis Club, who are also providing a Cadet Membership for Guller one of our students who has showed tennis potential.



Nation

Huge congratulations to the entire cast and crew of Nation. We couldn't have imagined in September when we began the audition process how beautifully the production would turn out- this would never have happened without the incredible hard work of our students and the stunning dedication they have shown. We could not be more proud of you all. You created something beyond a school play- you made a GOOD play. Well done. Miss Whitaker



Performing Arts

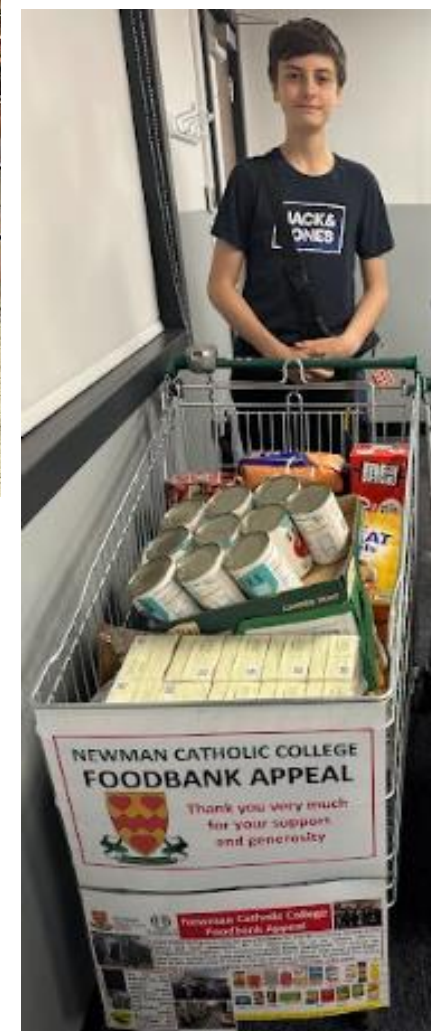
We were delighted to welcome Denisson Carvalho De Jesus back to the Drama department. He has just completed 2 years at the prestigious Brits Drama school and is now a young aspiring actor and filmmaker.



Foodbank



Thankyou to Shelley, Community Champion at Morrisons, Queensbury for championing our Foodbank in a week of action July 7th to 11th. We very much appreciate the support and we know it will make a difference to our Foodbank Community. Non perishable donations are greatly appreciated. Our Foodbank supports over 80 vulnerable families.



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