



The Newman

Your College Newsletter

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“Newman Remembers”

Remembrance Service Held on 11th November at 11am.

On the 11th of November, Newman Catholic College held a service of remembrance to mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This is the traditional point at which the country pauses to remember the war dead not just from World War I and II but also from recent conflicts. Many of our families have been affected by war and we marked this event to recognise all of those affected by loss, displaced or touched in any way by conflict. The event was a whole school service led by our chaplain, John Roche. Students read poetry and readings before the two minute silence was impeccably respected.



Headteacher's Report

As we enter the season of Advent, students have been encouraged to bring in items identified on the Advent giving calendar. This is one small part of the charitable work we will be undertaking in the coming weeks. We have chosen The Passage (www.thepassage.org) as our Christmas charity. This is a local homeless charity-based at Westminster Cathedral offering support homeless people with accommodation, education and careers advice to get them off the streets.

We will be holding bake sales, and non-uniform Christmas Jumper day on the 17th of December and writing messages of Hope to London's homeless. On the 16th December, Year 7 will visit the Cathedral and The Passage. We hope that students and staff will be able to pass on that advent message of Hope and we thank all our families for supporting our students fundraising endeavours.

Wishing you a blessed Advent, Mr Dunne.

Poetry billboard campaign for NCC pupil

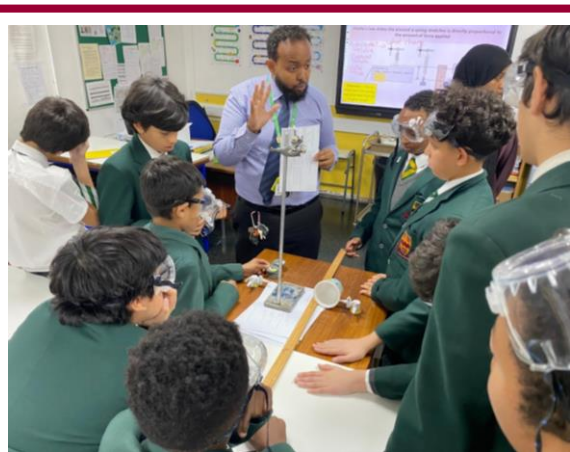
Year 10 student Aboubaker's poem has been chosen for a national billboard campaign. The poem was part of a National Literacy Trust (NLT) initiative, Young City Poets, in partnership with Pilot Pens. Aboubaker's poem, London Rhyme is being displayed on billboards across the UK.



<https://literacytrust.org.uk/programmes/young-writers/young-city-poets/billboards/>

Anti Bullying Week

Year 10 students led assemblies on the theme 'Power for Good'. We want to empower our students to use their Power for Good to do something positive, speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins. We want NCC to be a safe environment for every student to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.



Science

Year 8 Physics Students learning about Hooke's Law through experimentation

Fundraising for Jamaica



We have raised the total of £1058.73 to support the relief campaign for Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa. This will be sent to UNICEF Jamaica and the Jamaican Government. We also worked with Crest Academy to collect clothes, tinned food, batteries, hygiene products shoes and school clothes. Thank you to Miss Baiza for coordinating,

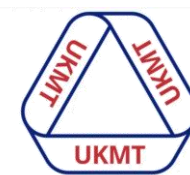


Maths Circles

Maths Circles for students in Year 7 and 8: Join a maths circle to grapple with intriguing questions, discover and explore exciting ideas and learn to think like a mathematician. Maths Circles develop mathematical thinking and curiosity. Sessions include a mixture of group and independent work and follow a carefully sequenced and structured curriculum, so it is important to attend every week.

Year 7 Circle: Wednesday lunchtime M40 with Ms Latkowska

Year 8 Circle: Wednesday lunchtime M41 with Mr O'Donnell




United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

UKMT Maths Challenge for students in Year 9 and 10: Prepare for the upcoming Intermediate Maths Challenge, a national competition involving around 250 000 students, by strengthening problem-solving and reasoning skills. It's a great opportunity to develop mathematical thinking and enjoy working on interesting, challenging problems with others who share the same enthusiasm for maths. It will also be of benefit to those aiming for the highest grades at GCSE as the skills developed here are vital for achieving this. Wednesday lunchtime M44 with Mr De Khems



Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December. All money raised will go to The Passage Homeless Charity. Students need to pay £1.

The Passage 

Everyone deserves a place to call home

Debate Club

The Debate Club at NCC has been running since early 2024, thanks to student initiative. Throughout this journey, students have developed their public-speaking skills, critical thinking, and confidence in knowing that they can make a difference using their voice. From the beginning, students shared a common objective: to compete against another school in the spirit of sharing ideas with other young people who also want to make a difference in the local area. On November 10th, students brilliantly achieved this goal, and I could not be prouder. It is fantastic to see young people engaging with the local community and truly making a difference, knowing that their voice matters."

"I had an excellent experience debating against St. Claudine's! Our multitude of ideas colliding within one classroom was a helpful experience to further extend our debating skills. Furthermore, it was a good opportunity to show off our gathered debate skills in a high-pressure situation. I thoroughly enjoyed this collaboration and believe it was a positive experience for all." ~ Max, 10 Benedict



Jason Roberts Foundation Partnership



Our partnership work with the Jason Roberts Foundation continues thanks to our alumni Otis Roberts. Students volunteer part time after school and one former student is now employed full time.

The PE Department had a visit from Jamie Lawrence a football coach and former professional player who spoke about his career and coaching experience.

Year 10 Students went to the Harlesden Library as part of the Empower to Achieve programme to meet Yamile Aldama four time Olympian triple jumper



Wembley Stadium Reward Trip



Our Keystage Three Students with the highest positive points in their year groups had a tour of Wembley Stadium. They had a guided behind-the-scenes look at the stadium, with access to the England dressing room, players' tunnel, and press conference room.

Students were able to go pitch-side, and explore the Crossbar Exhibition. They saw the Walk of Legends exhibition which showcases the stadium's history.

Careers in Information Technology and Business

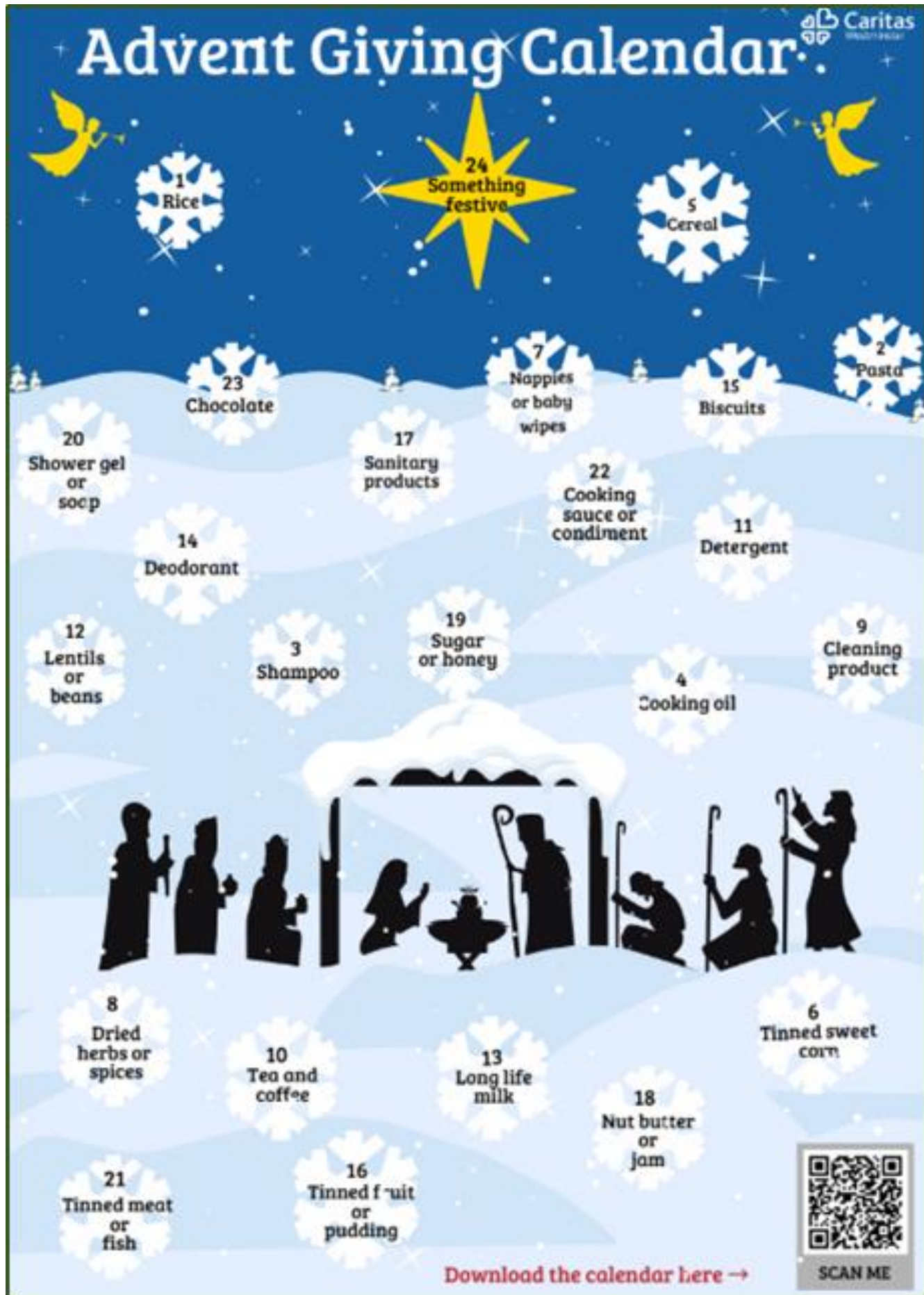
Mr Connors Head of Business has established strong links with The Talent Foundry. Students participated in an online Dell Technologies Forum exploring careers in the Information Technology Industry. Dell's community programmes to help young people, no matter their background or circumstances, to gain insight, skills and access to the world of work.

At the recent London Dell Technologies Forum, Mr Connors was invited to speak and he spoke passionately about the challenges schools and young people face day in day out, and how the Talent Foundry programmes make such a difference to them.



Advent

We are now in the Catholic Church season of Advent. Please encourage your child to bring in donations for our Advent Giving campaign. These donations will support our School Foodbank which supports over 80 families in our school community.



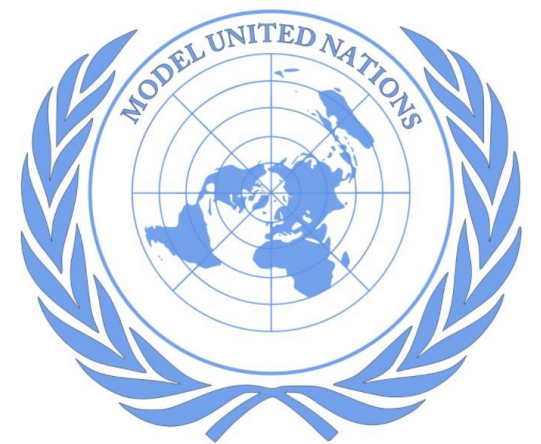
Performing Arts Puppetry

Students in Sixth Form have been studying Puppetry and Mask making. In this module, students created their own puppets and used them in their performance piece. Puppeteers use different techniques like strings, rods, or hands to control puppets, which can be human, animal, or abstract in form, these can be seen in the puppets our students created.

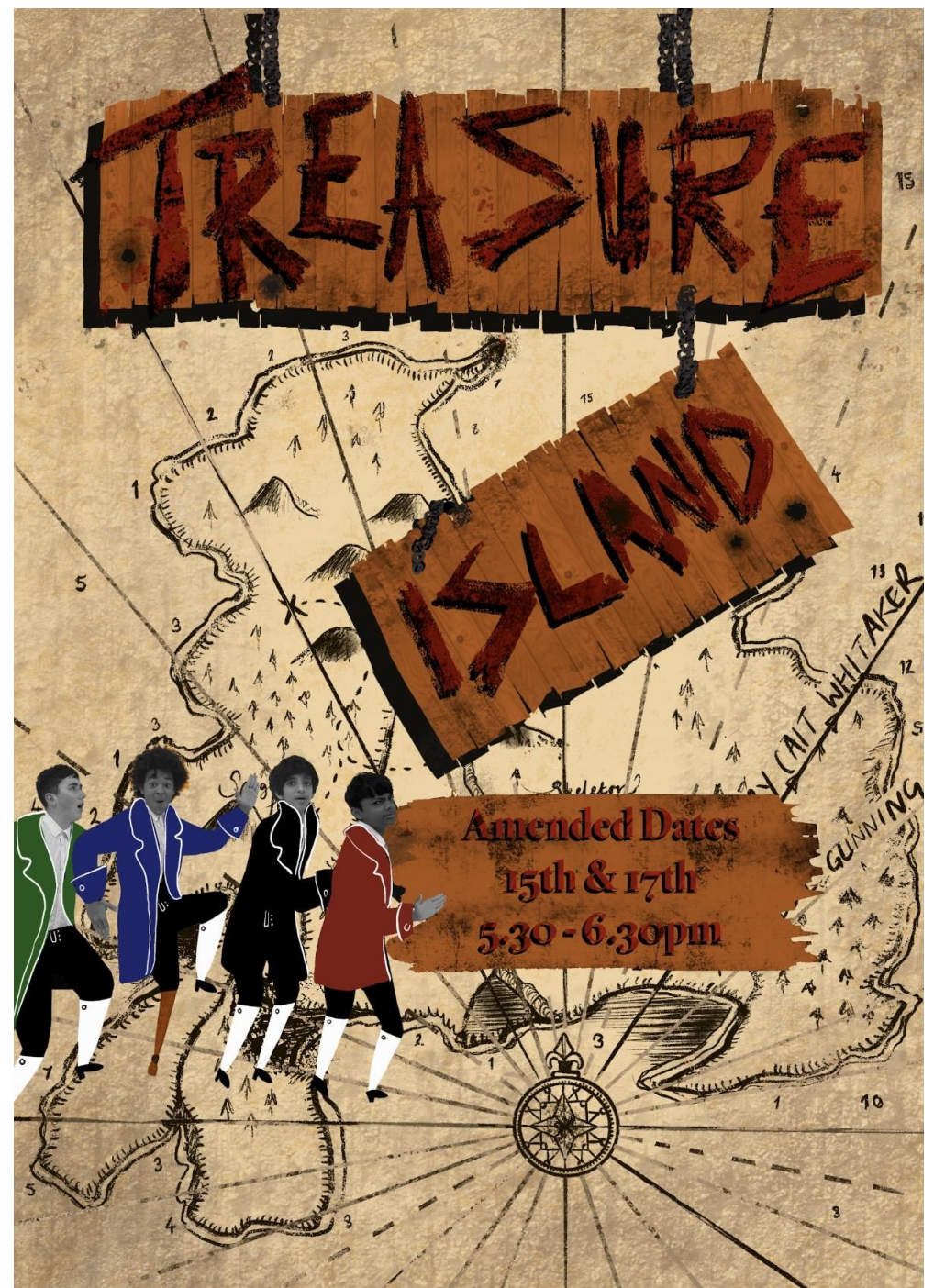


Model United Nations (MUN)

On Saturday 22nd November members of NCCMUN: Zak, Pryce, Kaizer and Tomas represented the school at the MUN Conference at The London Oratory School LOSMUN; they did us proud with their resolutions, commitment and active participation! Well done!



Treasure Island



Please come along to our Christmas Production of Treasure Island on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th of December at 5.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you!