



# The Newman

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## Lenten Bridges of Hope

On Friday, 20th March, 34 students from Years 8, 9, 10, and 12 took part in a scenic Lenten pilgrimage along the River Thames to raise funds for CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

Led by school chaplain Mr. Roche, the journey began at the historic Tower of London. Throughout the day, students walked along both the northern and southern banks of the river, crossing a total of eight bridges. Along the route, they took in world-famous landmarks, including the Tate Modern, the National Theatre, and the Houses of Parliament. After crossing their final bridge of the day—Westminster Bridge—the group visited Parliament Square for a tour of its historic statues, including that of Winston Churchill.

With a personal target of £20 each, the students' collective efforts raised nearly £1,000 for CAFOD. Charity is a cornerstone of Lenten practice, and our students have truly demonstrated their commitment to supporting those in need through this fantastic achievement.



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome to this Spring Term's edition of The Newman. It is unusual for Spring Term to finish during Holy Week, but this has enabled us to reflect on the Easter story. Students sitting external examinations from May have been encouraged to use this break to revise and prepare for their busy exam schedule. Exam revision lessons will be available in the holidays for Year 11 and 13 students.

All students have recently worked towards assessments, and there is a clear sense of purpose across the school. Please keep encouraging your child to read for at least 30 minutes each day, as we continue to celebrate the importance of building literacy skills, as you will see with our world book day celebrations. This edition also shows school trips to the Olympic Stadium, our Careers fair, Mathematics workshops and much more. Wishing everyone in our community a very Happy Easter. God bless, Mr Dunne.

## Jack Petchey Award Ceremony

Congratulations to our Students and Staff winners ( Mr Hagi and Mr Finnie) who celebrated and were acknowledged for an Achievement Award or Leader Award. This was presented to them by the Mayor of Brent, Councillor Ryan Hack. Jack Petchey Achievement Award and Leader Award winners are students and staff who have gone above and beyond to achieve, making a difference in the Newman Community.



## World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day with a programme of events including author talk screenings and workshops, a book swap and giveaway, a book hunt, breakfast with a book and Year 7 taking part in The National Literacy Trust's Great Big Footy & Booky Quiz.

Years 7 and 8 were invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character, book or author. Staff joined in the dressing up fun too with a guest appearance of not one, not two, but three Sherlock Holmeses amongst a fine array of characters from the literary world!

#readforfun #WorldBookDay #GoAllIn2026 #NationalYearOfReading2026



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## Design Technology

Tom in Year 8 is very proud of the fully functioning clock he has made in Resistant Materials. As part of their Curriculum, students learn the creative, technical & practical expertise needed for our increasingly technological world. Students design their own quality prototypes & products. Tom is very grateful for the support he has received from his teacher Mr Wheatle.



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## Careers Fair

At Newman, we recognise that effective careers guidance contributes to raising aspirations, improving motivation and overcoming barriers to success. Our school has a critical role to play in preparing our students for the next stage of their education or training and beyond. The Gatsby Benchmarks are an evidence-based framework that defines world-class careers guidance for young people. Gatsby Benchmark 5 focuses on providing students with multiple, meaningful encounters with employers and employees to understand work, skills, and careers. These engagements increase motivation, and help link curriculum learning to real-world workplaces. Our whole school Careers Fair means that every student is able to engage face to face with a range of employers. We appreciate the work that the US Charitable Trust undertook to make this possible and we thank those 26 employers who contributed to its success.



## Catholic Social Teaching Preferential Option for the Poor

The Preferential Option for the Poor is a core principle of Catholic Social Teaching that mandates prioritising the needs of the vulnerable, marginalised, and poor in society. Our Newman Food Bank is a practical, tangible application of this principle, representing an immediate, compassionate response to hunger and poverty within our school community.

This would not be possible without the generous support of local businesses, St Mary Magdalen Parish and community volunteers.

We are very grateful for the generous donations of Easter Eggs and other in demand foods provided by staff from Lloyd/Halifax Banks in Wembley.

Our school vegetable garden is maintained by Kensal Green Mutual Aid and Let's Grow Brent. They provide vegetables for the Foodbank and have harvested over 4000 vegetable meals in the past year.



## Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to Kevin, Alex and Kenzo for winning a fiercely contested Battle of the Bands, with superb performances from our musicians across the school, students and staff alike!



## Stratford Olympic Park Visit

Our A Level, GCSE and V Cert Physical Education students visited the Olympic Park Facilities in Stratford home of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Students were exploring the History of the Olympics and the Olympic Movement. They learnt about the Olympic philosophy of life, combining in a balanced whole, the quality of body, will and mind. Blending sport with culture and education, Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles”

The main goals of the Olympic movement are:

- Personal excellence
- Sport as Education
- Cultural exchange
- Mass Participation
- Fair Play
- International understanding

We are very grateful to Miss Englishby for securing Jack Petchey funding to make this trip possible.

Mr Finnie



## Maths Careers Week – Workshop

On 26th March, the Maths Department rounded off Careers Week by welcoming Building A New Generation (BANG) to deliver a workshop from their Make It Stack programme on Financial Mathematics and Money Management for Year 7, 8 and 9 students in the assembly hall.

The session was a lively and interactive 60-minute workshop focused on building financial awareness. Students explored key money management ideas and practised everyday maths through engaging activities. They stayed fully involved throughout, learning important concepts such as assets, liabilities, interest, savings and borrowing. Just as importantly, they were encouraged to focus on their interests and passions, not just money, when thinking about their future. Mr De Khems

