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Headteacher's Message

Mr Joe Richardson

Dear parents, carers and friends of Cardinal Newman School, Welcome to our Advent term edition of Newman News through which we aim to celebrate the excellence visible in our students, staff and wider community.

Many have seen our messages on Twitter, and Facebook that we lost two former Deputy Headteachers very recently. Maureen Borbone and Ian Gordon died within weeks of each other and the tributes that followed each passing were a credit to their work as leaders of our school and beyond. In their own way it is clear that both brought light to our community and to others as they worked to spread Christ's message, not just in words and lessons, but through the very act of living.

As we head towards Christmas we begin to focus on the Star of Bethlehem, the light that guides. This light should remind us of our own school motto EX UMBRIS IN VERITATEM, where we emerge out of the darkness into the light of truth. All teachers, support staff, parents, carers, extended family and friends play a vital role in sharing that light with the next generation of students in our school. John Henry Newman's prayer talks of us being "a link in a chain" and so we are.

We provide the chain of memory from the very first members of the Christian community over 2000 years ago to the children who are present with us in our school community today. Maureen and Ian provided that link alongside hundreds of other staff who have served this school over the last 50 years, and now it is our turn to be that link, it is our turn to be that light.

As we turn our attention to Christmas we should remember that for too many young people across Luton, the holidays are not a time of peace and rest. Please pray for these children and their families and, if possible, find a way to invite them to be part of your plans over the Christmas break.

Finally, I ask that you pray for our mission as we move into the new calendar year. Our mission is that we journey *"Together towards Our Lord, through learning, love and faith."* Please pray for us and please pray for our mission.

Wishing you every blessing this Christmas.

Joe Richardson



Carol Service



Throughout our 50th year, we are exploring the theme of 'blessings' in all our liturgies. At the heart of the Christmas story is the blessing of a new-born baby who brings hope, not only to those who eagerly awaited his arrival 2000 years ago but also to a world in need of hope today. Our Carol Service was one of thanksgiving for the blessing that is our faith in Jesus Christ which has sustained this community over the last 50 years and prayer that we may be people who share that blessing with others.

We had a wonderful evening of carols, readings and dance led by students and staff. Thank you to the Friends of Newman for their continuing support with a raffle, the sale of Christmas wishes and refreshments. We were pleased to raise £137.91 for CAFOD which will go to support numerous emergencies around the world: Yemen, where 20 million people are in urgent need of food and water, the Indonesian tsunami, which affected 2 million people, and refugees from Myanmar (the Rohingya people) and Venezuela.

Jane Porter

Chaplain



Year 7 Retreats



'I enjoyed getting to know more about the children in my tutor group.'

'I learnt that Jesus loves us no matter what.'

'God created me to be myself, not to fit in, but to stand out.'

'It helped me move closer to God.'

'It helped me find new friends.'

'It helped me to make sure that I'm more kind.'



Year 7 Welcome Mass

The first major event celebrating the 50th anniversary of Cardinal Newman Catholic School, Luton took place on Wednesday 10th October when Bishop Peter joined us to celebrate his 14th consecutive Year 7 Welcome Mass. During this year we are giving thanks for the blessings received over these 50 years and students had reflected on the blessings in their own lives which were displayed behind the altar. The Year 7 students participated in Mass with great reverence and their singing was exceptional.

Headteacher Joe Richardson said, "It has been a pleasure to spend time in recent weeks celebrating the distinctive nature of our school and the service we have provided to the Catholic community of Luton over the last 50 years. Bishop Peter's message to our community that 'God wants them to be the best person they can be' was perfect! It is the message we have tried to share for the last 50 years and will continue to share for the next 50 years too!"



Our new Year 7s were excited to see their former Headteachers and Year 6 teachers from across the St Alban Catholic Schools' Partnership, who in turn were reassured to discover how well their children had settled into their new community in such a short period of time. We were delighted to be joined by priests and deacons from the Luton parishes too and all enjoyed a celebration lunch together after Mass.

Jane Porter
Chaplain



Year 12 Reflection Days



Music

On Friday 14th December, the orchestra and choir took part in what has now become an annual tradition of performing at Luton Airport to spread some festive cheer to weary travellers. The event was part of the Luton Airport Chaplaincy Team's Christmas Entertainment programme to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Research. Under the superb Musical Direction of Mr Carter, the students represented not only the school but the nation to new arrivals superbly with their beautiful musical renditions of classic and modern Christmas Carols.



The orchestra and choir have had a very busy schedule in recent weeks as part of the Drama Club's production of A Christmas Carol, the school Carol Service and now visiting the airport. Well done and thank you to all the students for sharing their God-given talents with our community and cheering up people's day. To quote one passenger, "Oh isn't this lovely?!" Yes, it truly was!

Mrs Deveney

A big thank you from Kenya!

Communities of Chebunyinyi Primary and St Kizito Girls' Secondary (a brand new Catholic school) have sent their warmest gratitude to Cardinal Newman School community for their generosity towards school projects and general student well-being. Over the last few years Cardinal Newman School has donated at least £500 annually from the sponsored walk to Chebunyinyi primary school. This money has been channelled towards the building of an administration block whose progress is shown in the pictures below. The headteacher, Mr Joseph Muhanda, said, 'This building is all due to your kindness and support to our school and we intend to name it CNS Luton in appreciation of what you have done for us.'

The pictures below show the preparation of the books for either delivery or shipping. The other pictures show girls of St Kizito receiving their books in Kenya.



Due to your generosity the St Kizito girls have a brighter future. We shall also hopefully continue to support Chebunyinyi Primary School until their administration block is complete. Thank you and God bless you abundantly.

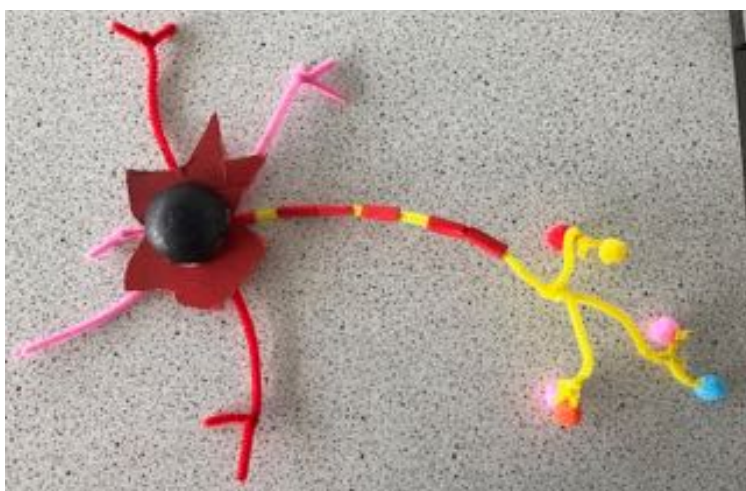
Mr L. Makokha
Interim Head of RE
Cardinal Newman Catholic School

The RE department, through its Advent, Lent and Summer charity events, have in the last two years managed to send textbooks and PE kits to St Kizito Girls' Secondary School. The majority of the books however have been kindly delivered by Mr Fahy to 'Tools with a Mission', an organisation that offers support and training to disadvantaged children across the world. Part of the collection in Lent is normally donated to Noah Enterprise.



Science

There have been some fantastic models made by year 7 and 9 in science over this half term, really demonstrating their knowledge and understanding in the topics they have been studying.



Nerve Cell - Ava-Marie Murphy (Year 7)



Red Animal Cell Model - Arioeh Shahzad (year 7)



DNA Cake - Noah John-Eric (Year 9)



DNA model - Oliwier Szczerbinski (Year 9)



Blue and Grey Animal Cell Model - Harri Barlow Fisher (Year 7)

Christmas Party



Christmas Party for Children with Disabilities and Special Needs

On Tuesday 4th December, we were delighted to welcome 36 children from four local special schools: Lady Zia Wernher, Richmond Hill, The Chiltern School and Woodlands.

The Year 13 Health and Social Care group, under the guidance of Mrs Burns and Mrs Richards, prepared the food and bought and wrapped the presents, whilst the Year 11 prefects looked after the children and organised party games, face-painting, music and dancing.

Each year we ask the advice of the visiting schools on how we might make the party a better experience for the children and staff who are our guests. Last year Lady Zia Wernher school suggested that our students would benefit from knowing some Makaton signs as these are widely used with the children in special schools. Thus, on Monday 3rd December, Mrs Kavanagh, Mrs Warren and Mr McPherson from the SEND Department taught some Makaton signs to all of the Year 11 prefects. We saw the benefits at the party as our students felt much more confident in communicating, especially with children who use Makaton as their primary means of communication. Even Santa seemed to have learned some Makaton which was very exciting for the children! Thank you to everyone who supported the Non-Uniform Day in November which made the party possible.

Jane Porter
Chaplain

'I would like to say a massive thank you for having us, on behalf of our children; I know the children had a really good time.'

Staff of Richmond Hill

'Thank you so much for entertaining us at the Christmas party on Tuesday. It was amazing. The young people were so attentive to my pupils and staff, it was an absolute delight. Your young people had obviously put in a lot of time and effort decorating the hall, the tables and also dressing up to make it an all-round special occasion.'

Staff of Lady Zia Wernher School

'It was a pause from all the stress of Year 11 in order to make the children happy.'

Sadiyya Khan – Year 11



'It was a new experience, which was beneficial to all of us – children and Year 11s; we learned how to take care of others.'

Jayden Ayeh, Leah Domingo, Ethan Belony – Year 11



'I was worried at first, because I thought it would be hard to look after the children with their different needs, but as we got to know them, it wasn't difficult.'

Jodie Churcher – Year 11



Drama

In preparing for this edition of Newman News the opportunity to reflect on the past term gives us the chance to realise what a busy and exciting term it has been for the Drama Department. The term started celebrating the GCSE and A-Level result success of all Drama students in the summer and our current students are continuing to work very hard towards their qualifications.

Mrs Deveney & Mrs Wigley

Curriculum Leaders of Performing Arts

GCSE and A-Level Practical Exams

November saw all Year 11 and Year 13 Drama students perform their practical Component 2 Devise performances. The exam days were a great success and a reflection on the hard work and dedication that the students have given rehearsing for those performances.

Trips

The Drama Department has offered a number of theatre trip opportunities for students this term including the National Theatre's production of 'War Horse' at the Theatre MK and 'The Corner Boys' at Luton Library Theatre, a funded opportunity offered by the Luton Irish Forum to our A-Level Drama students followed by a performance workshop. It goes without saying what a value to learning experiencing live theatre has for Drama students and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Finance Department, Site Team and organising teachers for taking (many hours of) time in planning for these events and making these opportunities available to our students, particularly when very late nights of staff's own time is involved. Thanks also goes to parents and carers for allowing students to go on these trips and ensuring they are safely collected, sometimes very late at night.

Splendid Productions: The Oresteia

On Wednesday 17th October Splendid Productions visited the school to perform their latest production, 'The Oresteia' to all GCSE and A-Level Drama students. This performance was followed by a workshop for all Year 11, 12 and 13 students with the actors.

'Splendid productions is a drama production company that create interpreted versions of a variety of tales, like Oresteia. From the moment we walked in, it was like we were submerged into the story, I found it rather eye opening how naturally they incorporated stylistic Brechtian techniques into their performance. Oresteia is an ancient, epic, murderous tale of family, history, honour and vengeance. They summarised a 12 hour Greek myth in an hour in which the audience was held at the edge of their seats and although there were only three actors in the whole performance, they conveyed perfectly the meaning of the story. The tale was about a family born into power - King Agamemnon, his wife Clytemnestra and their three children who later go on to rip their family to pieces in search of revenge which ultimately leads to the birth of the three furies. The actors often interacted with the audience by breaking the fourth wall and speaking with natural dialogue. The performance included songs, anecdotes and break-outs of emotional scenes with cheers demanded from the audience as if they were in a parade, waving flags in order to honour the furies. All in all it was a splendid performance.

The workshop was in fact no different; we were encouraged by the actors to give 100% during this learning experience. We were taught how to impersonate numerous characters that appeared during the story, also using new standing formations and transitions we had learnt. I learnt that a differentiation in posture and accent were what was needed for the audience to make two characters distinguishable from one another.

I really enjoyed the workshop and honestly think it's one of those experiences you keep with you for a lifetime.'

Emmanuella Chede, Year 11



Year 11 Drama students will be using 'The Oresteia' as part of their Component 1 written exam which involves students writing about live theatre they have seen. This experience of watching as an audience member and then participating with the actors as a performer is invaluable preparation for the exam.

Frantic Assembly Workshop

On Thursday 11th October Frantic Assembly visited the school to deliver a physical theatre workshop on devising to all A-Level Drama students and a number of Year 11 GCSE students. Ruby Flaherty from Year 12 reflects on the day:

'In order to benefit our skills and spark ideas for when we are creating our devised performances, as a class the Year 12s and 13s all took part in a gruelling yet very fun workshop, where Michelle from Frantic Assembly came into the Newman Drama Studio and taught us elements of the unique and effective physical theatre that features in the amazing productions that come from Frantic Assembly.'

Between the sweat, laughter and almost tears, we worked together to explore and experiment with the taught techniques, that included Squeeze-touch duets, pocket lifts and synchronised choral patterns, which tested our control and physical strength as actors in a performance and as actors in a team. The physical lifts allowed us to gain strength and agility, but also allowed us to see how we could take a normal acted scene in our performance and change it into a stylised and seamless piece with the same meaning but interpreted in a more moving and effective way. We left the workshop feeling overwhelmed with new ideas and inspiration that will help us grow as a devising group and creative actors.'



Ruby also reflects on seeing 'War Horse' on Thursday 4th October: 'Another highlight in the A-level Drama students' calendar was when we all travelled to Milton Keynes Theatre to watch the astonishing modern-day masterpiece that is War Horse. Everything from the set design, puppeteers and vocal skills of the actors onstage gave us a great insight into how a naturalistic performance can still feature stylised elements such as a large puppet, in order to give a convincing and moving performance to the audience. The physical movements that were so distinctive to each character in the show displayed to each of us that physicality in the characters that we play makes a large difference in ensuring our performance is convincing and effective, which is crucial in our A-Level devised performance exam and in our performed extract exam. Not only acting, but the show of War Horse also helped to inspire us for our set design as the simplistic props onstage still played a large part in effectively setting scenes that were happening. As students, we found this beneficial as we too won't be able to have elaborate props in our performance, but it displayed how we can still make simple props and set designs work and still portray effective messages in our A-Level performances. Overall, these experiences as A-level students were extremely beneficial for our inspiration and ideas in our devised and extract performances as actors.'

Drama Club: A Christmas Carol

As Newman News goes to press the cast of A Christmas Carol are preparing for this evening's performance. The Drama Club have been working incredibly hard on preparing for this evening's performance and judging from rehearsals the performance will certainly be a success. A huge thanks to Mrs McHugh for giving her time to run the Drama Club and direct the show and to Mr

Mulholland for assisting with the smooth running of rehearsals.

Future Trips

Monday 21st January: The Unreturning by Frantic Assembly, Theatre Royal, Stratford East

Thursday 24th January 2019: Hadestown, The National Theatre, London

Keystage 3 Theatre Trip: Watch this space for details

A Christmas Carol

On Friday 7th December 2018, a brilliant production of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens was performed by Newman Drama Club. It was a wonderful evening that was watched by a full house. The whole cast and orchestra did extremely well. The show couldn't have happened without a few mentions:- firstly the wonderful students in Drama Club, secondly the amazing Mr Carter and the orchestra. Thanks also go to the fantastic Year 12s (especially Lily Steadman, Ruby Flaherty and Jennifer Cerasale who helped every week with Drama Club), the Year 10s who helped, the Finance Office for selling tickets and organising refreshments and the parents for their continued support! It is always appreciated! It was a fantastic team effort from everyone and this was evident on the night from the reception of the audience. Drama club will begin again on Wednesday 16th January 2019.

Drama and Music Departments



Business

Students turn Traders

Newman Sixth students have been keeping a closer eye on the FTSE100 than usual lately as they take on the role as share traders through the Student Investor Challenge. Run by the Business Department through the London Institute of Banking and Finance, the challenge enables the students to invest £100,000 into two virtual portfolios, one active for day trading and the other long term for strategic trading. Students aim to buy low and sell high and make a profit. The challenge allows students to follow and act on the impact of world events such as the impact of the deal/no deal Brexit speculation.

Several teams of four students have been fighting for the top spot in a national league table of almost 6,000 teams to find the one who can reap the highest return.

Cardinal Newman teams have been competitively placed, most notably, The AAEL, Aran Flynn-McColgan, Alissia Blake, Ethan Hutton and LJ Gaddi, who have been consistently in the top 3% with a highest ranking position of 45. They must now be making plans for their place in the semi-finals and the big prize of a trip to New York.

Mrs Peters



Sponsored Walk

All staff and students took part in the whole school sponsored walk the afternoon before the October half term. It was a pleasant walk in the lovely local countryside! We have raised over £7,4000 so far.

Our fundraising will benefit enhancing the school reward system and we will continue our links with schools / charities in Africa, donate to our 50th Anniversary and provide donations to two local children's charities.

Finally our students' main charity choice for the year will be Cancer Research UK.



A big thank you to all students, parents/carers & staff who have contributed. We really appreciate your donations and support.

Grateful thanks,
Kendra Slawinski

Student Council

Student Voice and Student Council 2018-2019

We were overwhelmed this year with the amount of students who nominated themselves or received nominations from their peers to represent the student body on our Student Voice and School Council. As a result we had over 90 students at our first School parliament meeting just after half term.

Here the students made decisions about what committee groups we needed in school and they voted for the Chairs/Vice-chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries. It was all very democratic and was overseen by the Sixth Form Executive who came to help for the morning.



Each year group will have 2 representatives who will meet weekly with the tutor group reps to discuss issues and concerns or fundraising ideas and then feedback to Mrs Fay who can then represent the students' views at Senior Leadership Team meetings. Students will also be invited to these meetings too if they want to question the SLT team or run a new initiative by the senior teachers in the school.

The student committees decided upon were as follows:

- Fundraising & Entertainment events
- Public relations



- Politics
- Well-being
- Improvement & environment
- Faith Ambassadors

The students were an absolute pleasure to work with and were full of fantastic ideas. It was lovely to see students in Year 11 working alongside those in Year 7 and also to have our Sixth Form students guiding and supporting the students in lower year groups.

The students have already sorted out their own rotas for weekly meetings and are busy sending me minutes and organising times in lunchtime and after school to meet as committees.

I was very impressed with them all and am very much looking forward to working with them this year - I think they will have a lot of jobs for me to do!

The next update in Newman News will be from our public relations committee so watch this space.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New year,

Mrs Fay

(Senior teacher & link to Student Voice)



Physical Education

Interform Cross Country

Over the exam period, the PE department lost their teaching areas but not their enthusiasm.

Years 7 to 10 took part in the school's annual Cross Country competition. In very wet and cold conditions, the students showed great commitment in running to score points for their tutor group or to try to make the school Cross Country team.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Top runners included:

Girls champions:

Year 7 – Erin Webb
Year 8 – Ella Vizard
Year 9 - Sophie Egbaran
Year 10 – Anna Fallon

Boys champions:

Year 7 – Elliot Perry
Year 8 – Michee Kweme
Year 9 – Michael Sungu
Year 10 – Ronan Maher

Winning tutor groups:

Girls

Year 7 – 7W
Year 8 – 8G
Year 9 – 9A
Year 10 – 10Hu

Boys

Year 7 – 7H
Year 8 – 8Hu
Year 9 – 9M
Year 10 – 10V

Well done and congratulations to all!

Ms Murphy

Football Tournament

Over the last few weeks, I have taken students from Years 7-10 to play in the Attitude Counts Cup at Beds FA. Following on from the games at Beds FA the boys were offered the opportunity to play in a mini tournament at Samuel Whitbread. Score lines were as follows: won 7-1 & lost 1-0.

The second game either team could have won. It was a truly entertaining game of football by both teams. The boys should be praised for their efforts and their behaviour - they were a real credit to the school.

Mr McPherson
SEN Department

Yr 7 and 8 Basketball League

Congratulations to all players in the Year 7 and 8 teams who have been keen and motivated to attend training every week on Mondays and commit to playing in the league this year.

We had some good performances considering the level of competition we faced from other schools. The pace and physicality of the games took a bit of getting used to.

Some notable performances by the following individuals:

Leilani Year 7 - scoring 2 points from the free throw line to win us a game.

Mary Year 7 and Tiffany Year 8 - some great defensive work/

Ellie and Erin Year 8 - some extremely accurate shooting skills.

Well done to all who played and trained this year.

Yr 7 and 8 Sports Hall Athletics

A lovely morning out at Inspire for this event where our students were great role models for the school in terms of behaviour and performances. Some excellent team work and individual performances in various events.

Overall placings:-

Year 7 3rd

Year 8 5th

'Night at the Movies' Gym, Dance and Live Music Show 2019

Next year's show rehearsals begin on Monday 3rd December till 5pm and will continue on Mondays and Tuesdays after Christmas.

Students from all year groups including Sixth Form are welcome to be involved with the show whether it be as a singer, musician, dancer or gymnast. We are looking forward to another fantastic show.

Tickets will be available in February for the performances on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th March.

Students should see Miss Gazeley if they are interested in taking part. Auditions to be held on Monday 14th January.

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

CNS Gymnastics, Dance and Live Music Show 2019



U16 Netball Team

It has been a pleasure working with the Year 10 & 11 girls this netball season. They have worked brilliantly together as a team and have shown dedication and commitment to each other. They recently attended the Bedfordshire County Tournament and were a respectable 6th in the county.

Throughout the season, they have won all but one of their matches in the Luton Schools League. Unfortunately, they lost to Lealands in an extra-time final. Well done to the whole squad.

I would like to thank all the squad members and I hope the Year 11s continue with netball after leaving school.

The squad includes:

Maddie Mitchell
Milan Wacey-Stapleton
Eunice Ige
Hazel Masuka
Whitney Dube
Ariana Williams
Cheyenne Downer
Teyzha Lucien
Ciara Barron
Darcey Owens
Nicole Hogan

Year 9 Netball

The Year 9s have been committed to training and have been a very dedicated squad, with some new additions to the team. They started the season slowly, but were winners of the league! Well done for all your hard work and determination. Can't wait for next season! The squad is:

Kristen Oboh
Shania Brown
Sophie Egbaran
Niamh Flaherty
Anetta Chibangula
Octavia Downer

Year 8 Netball

The Year 8s have also had some new additions to the team and have been very dedicated to training and attending matches. They have been unbeaten all season and are Luton Schools Champions! Congratulations to all the players. We now train hard for the county tournament in March! The squad includes:

Tiffany Osadinizu
Temi Adeyemi
Ella Vizard
Ellisia Mason
Makhaela Karanja
Alison Cawley
Rowena Barron
Molly Maguire

Year 7 Netball

Well done to the Year 7 team on their first season of 7-a-side netball. They are runners up in the Luton School league and have just started to gel together. They have played some lovely netball and I'm looking forward to building on the year ahead! The squad includes:

Vivian Umejiego
Hannah Marks
Hope Campbell
Abigail Osei
Scarlett O'Shea
Marie Ngonga
Ava Thompson
Maisie McDonagh
Eleona Agyemang

Bedfordshire County Netball

Four of our students have been selected to represent and train with Bedfordshire County netball. This is a super achievement and requires them going to trials and training on a weekly basis. Well done and keep up the training. The athletes are:

Temi Adeyemi
 Shania Brown
 Sophie Egbaran
 Kristen Oboh



History

Remembrance Day Parade

My name is Subhani and I attended the remembrance parade on Sunday 11th November 2018. We started the parade at Park West Street and marched up to the war memorial in St George Street. Luton's ex-service personnel and the relatives of those who fought in the war attended. There were a few speeches and The Last Post was played. There was the minute's silence where we all showed respect to those who died in war. We then marched back and ended the parade. It was a great opportunity and I enjoyed taking part.

Subhani Malalage – Year 10



Black History Month Competition

Well done to all of our Year 8 students who took part in the Black History Month competition.

The standard of work was very high and creative so choosing a winner was made particularly difficult – which is why we chose 2!

Well done to our joint winners:

Ellisia Mason 8H

Abbie Mooney 8M

Highly commended:

Niamh Barry 8M

Thomas Martin 8m

Amy Almeida 8m

Leanne Manguiat 8M

Christine Teraza 8M

Justin Garchitorea 8M

Lola Marshall 8H

Dominik Prowdzik 8H

Caeleigh Timoney 8H

Katie Brown 8A

Christina Paul 8Hu

Megan Earnshaw 8Hu

Amy Manson – 8gr

Roweena Baron 8He

Shanah Lasam 8Gr

Kaitlyn Butterly 8gr

Hannah Kamara 8Gr

Marlena Diadia 8gr

Laurence Olivacce 8W

Marcel Zelanzy 8 GR

The History Department



Law

On Saturday 10th November four Year 12 Law students were invited to attend Bedford Magistrate's Court for a Family Mock Trial. As part of the day they were given an exclusive perspective on Family Court trials when they sat with the judges and magistrates to deliberate the decisions being reached in a variety of family cases.

Here the students tell you for themselves how much this day meant to them;

My experience at the Bedford Family Court was inspirational, as it provided an opportunity for me to meet and speak to highly-qualified people who had taken up a career in law. As well as being allowed to view numerous areas of the court e.g. cells, courts, retiring rooms, we took part in a handful of mock trials, which were undoubtedly eye-opening, as they gave insight into the ways in which family courts work. A couple of the trials were held in the court where James Hanratty, one of the last men to be hung in the UK, was sentenced. Regardless of the fact the trials were not genuine, they were treated as though they were. This enabled me to imagine what an occupation in this field would truly be like. There was one case, in particular, concerning whether a child should attend a school in Luton or Bedford, which illustrated how a family law case can have contrasting outcomes depending on how the situation is communicated to the Judge by a Lawyer. Overall the entire day was extremely interesting and gave me confidence in the choices for my future.

Josie Redican – Year 12

The Sir Gavyn Arthur Mock Family Court Experience was amazing and eye-opening. It gave me a chance to explore the roles in court and widen my knowledge of how the family justice system works to protect children. The most exciting part of the day for me was when my partner, Josie and I had our first case as 'wingers' which allowed us to see a school represent their case for the applicant and we had the role of helping Judge Perusko with the final verdict. This was very exciting as I had a real insight into the judicial decision-making process. One thing that amazed me was when I sat in two court cases with the same scenario but with two different verdicts. It showed me how each case can have a different verdict depending on how well each side persuaded the court. Overall this was an inspiring opportunity for me and it has made me excited for the different opportunities available in Law for the future.

Crystal Lai - Year 12

As always, the students were excellent representatives of the school and made themselves, their parents, and me very proud.

Miss McLean



Diocesan Schools' Mass

Newman Sixth students were delighted to be asked to make a presentation to Bishop Peter at the Diocesan Schools' Mass this term. Anthony Moran, Shannon Nuttall and Derline Sebastian presented Bishop Peter with a book of prayers composed by students and staff across the Diocese and a gift from all the schools to celebrate his 50th anniversary of ordination as a priest.



Business



On the 30th of November, three Newman6th students; Aoife McMorrow, Frank Dube and Ethan Hutton attended the University of Bedfordshire's business and leadership event and thoroughly enjoyed the day. The students had to take part in a range of activities which included designing and pitching a product and they won!

We congratulate them for achieving such an accomplishment which will hopefully enable them to perhaps enter the business world following Sixth form.

'They gave us lots of advice with our future in business and individual feedback. For example I was told that my ideas were amazing and I needed to stop letting people more confident than me stop me from pursuing my ideas'

Geography

On Monday 1st October, all A level geography students went to the village of Betws-y-Coed in order to complete their NEA or coursework worth 20% of their overall grade. Activities included going to the local seaside town, Llandudno to investigate the *changing places* element of the course. They also visited the local fields and forests to investigate topics such as the water cycle. While being very tiring, all students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Newman 6th Christmas Bazaar



Art



PGL

On Friday 12th October, 50 Year 7s set off on a journey to one of the best weekends of the year. It may have been a tough coach ride for some but it was worth it in the end.

As we arrived we were welcomed by our two group leaders, Joe and Josh. They showed us to our dorms, took us on a tour of the whole centre and then took us to dinner. After dinner we played a fun game called 'Passport to the World' where we were allowed to go off on our own to explore in the dark. After this we went to bed but I don't think anyone fell asleep before midnight!

We woke up the next morning to breakfast and then lots of fun and activitie. On Saturday night we had Mass and then we played a game of Cluedo where we had to find lots of people dressed up in costumes around the whole centre.

On Sunday we didn't have ideal weather with a big storm but luckily none of us were in the lake on Sunday and we still had lots of fun, making sure that we ate lots of warm food for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Vivian – Year 7

I had a lot of fun at Caythorpe Court and thoroughly enjoyed it. The beds were comfy, but even so I had a bit less sleep than usual!

My favourite activity was the giant swing. I liked it because of the feeling you get in your stomach, a bit like a roller-coaster ride. I went right to the top both times and pulled the string to release us.

I also enjoyed raft building, buggy building, trapeze, zip wire, logic activities, aeroball and archery. We did all of these activities as well as two evening activities where we did!



we explored the whole centre and had to find the flags of different countries and then people dressed as animals!

The breakfast, lunch and dinners were all delicious and very filling. We had bacon, spaghetti, hash browns, macaroni cheese, angel delight, ice cream and much more!

Overall I am very glad I went to PGL.

Sean – Year 7

Last weekend, 50 of Year 7 were lucky enough to go to Caythorpe Court PGL. This trip was set up to bring students and teachers together and for all of the students to make new friends. As well as this we were aiming to have fun and lots and lots of laughs – which we did!

I especially enjoyed this trip; it helped me face my fear of heights and lots of activities that I never thought I could have or would have imagined doing! Some of the activities I liked best were the big swing, water rafting, trapeze and the zip wire. As you can imagine, after all these activities we were absolutely shattered but we still had some energy to eat sweets in our rooms once we had got into bed! My complete favourite activity was Cluedo. This involved instructors dressed as a chicken, a minion, a crocodile, a gorilla, a pirate and a cowboy. We had to find them around the centre in the dark and complete trials that they told us to do to get clues! This would have to be my favourite school trip ever and probably always will be.

Jude – Year 7



A couple of days ago we went to a place called PGL. It was really fun. On the first day it was a bit nerve-racking because I did not know what to expect but when we got there and found out our door numbers I was ok.

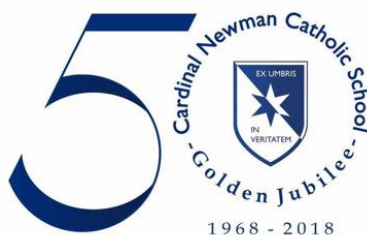
Our group instructors were really nice and their names were Josh and Joe. They were really cool and played games and football with us. We made them a card to say thank you for a good time.

The activities we did were raft building, buddy building, Cluedo, assault course, finding lots of different flags, zip lining, trapeze, giant swing, archery and more. The food was good, we had fish and chips and a roast dinner and lots more.

Thank you to our teachers for organising it and giving up their weekend and helping us to have lots of fun.

Kyla – Year 7

SAVE THE DATE:
NEWS FROM CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL
IN OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR



We are pleased to announce three key events to celebrate our opening.

A concert is being arranged in conjunction with the Irish Forum to take place on

WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH 2019

at the Library Theatre in Luton

Tickets available from their website

A social gathering of music, food and dancing at the school on the evening of

SATURDAY 4th MAY 2019

Tickets will be on sale through the school reception.

We are very pleased to announce a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Peter on the afternoon of

SATURDAY 6th JULY 2019

We hope to welcome lots of our past students and to give them the opportunity to wander round the school to see how it has changed since their time here and to share memories. The afternoon will conclude with some speeches from past staff and friends of the school.

Light refreshments will be served. This event is free, but you will require a ticket that will be available through the school reception from 1st November 2018.

Our organising committee would welcome additional members, so if you would like to offer support, please contact Cathy Aizlewood who is known to a huge number of past students and their parents! All help will be very much appreciated.

If you are interested in attending either of the events taking place in school, please email Cathy your requirements so you can go on 'her' system.

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Are you willing to support Catholic education in Luton and surrounding areas?

The Diocese is seeking to appoint additional Governors to the St Alban Catholic Academies Trust.

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A Message from the Editors:

We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From,

Megan, Oliwia and Gabriella

