

# Newman News

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Dear Friends of Cardinal Newman

Welcome to this edition of Newman News, the final edition in this, our 50th year.

It has been quite a year! In celebrating our 50th year we have gathered many times to mark this important milestone. It began with the Mass of Welcome for Year 7 where Bishop Peter spoke to students about how fortunate they are to be in a place of love and growth and reminded them that God wants them to be the best person they can be. We gathered for the 50th Anniversary Concert, hosted in partnership with Luton Irish Forum at the Library Theatre. We gathered for our 50th Anniversary reunion, where over 300 past students and staff danced the night away, inspired by a Facebook site that still goes strong to this day. We gathered as a school community on Newman Day to celebrate Mass for each year group and then break bread together in a giant picnic on the field. We gathered for our 50th Anniversary Mass with Bishop Peter on Saturday 6th July, where he reminded us of Newman's influence on Catholic education and the great privilege it is to have a school that carries his name. Perfect really that having celebrated his 50th Anniversary, Bishop Peter has been so prominent in our celebrations too. Finally, in this last week of term, we have celebrated the faith at the heart of our school with our school production of Godspell, making good use of the rich talents of students and staff through music, drama and art and proclaiming the Good News to all who came to see it.

Within the pages of Newman News you will find celebrations of great personal achievements alongside team and school successes. Although I really do marvel at what our students achieve, I am also reminded that

nothing we achieve is really achieved 'on our own'. The golf champion needs the dedicated parents to take them to competitions and fund hours of practice; the violinist needs the patience of a parent who can bear the 'learning years', sure in the knowledge that a beautiful sound is possible from an instrument that at first offers little hope to those who dare to pick up a bow; the competition winner will have needed endless pep talks from a caring member of the family in order to overcome the anxiety and nerves that may act as an initial barrier to success.



There is a lovely African proverb that says, 'it takes a village to raise a child'. So it is with the students in our school, they achieve so much more than we can dream or imagine when they are supported by the love of family, friends and staff – the village that is Cardinal Newman School.

Our school has been inspired by Cardinal Newman's teachings and example for the last 50 years. On 13th October 2019 Cardinal Newman will be made a Saint. A perfect start to the next 50 years!

**Joe Richardson**  
**Headteacher**



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass

Saturday 6th July saw a gathering of 300 current and former staff, students, families, clergy and governors to celebrate Mass for the 50th anniversary of the school with Bishop Peter.

Mass took up the theme of light from Newman's writings and the school motto 'Ex umbris in veritatem', with readings from the prophet Baruch and the prologue to John's Gospel. The music was led by current students from the choir and orchestra, using once again the setting of 'Lead, Kindly Light' by Blessed John Henry Newman to the melody of the Londonderry Air, which had been

arranged by Mr Carter for the Luton Library Theatre concert. Our two cantors for the Mass were Bethany Ridout and Ruby Corrigan from Year 10, both of whom contribute so much to our liturgies in school through music and drama.

In his homily, Bishop Peter referred to the recent announcement of the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman to take place in Rome on 13 October. It was a wonderful coincidence that this had been announced just a few days earlier.



The readers represented each decade from the school's history and we were sent out with the Act of Commitment based on Newman's most famous piece of writing, which had been adapted for the Big Assembly at Twickenham with Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.

At the end of Mass, Bishop Peter blessed our new building, Maryvale House, before returning to the hall for speeches. Following this, all adjourned to the Dining Room where there was an opportunity

to share memories and stories over tea and cake. Many then took the opportunity to wander round the school seeing what has changed before the afternoon drew to a close.

It was a wonderful celebration – thank you to all who came to join us!

**Jane Porter**  
**Chaplain**





## Celebrations of Mass



## Year 8 Retreats

On Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June, we had retreats in school for the whole of Year 8. Students explored the theme of Micah 6:8 through a carousel of workshops led by their tutors reflecting on relationships with ourselves and others, global justice and climate change and images of God through art and meditation.

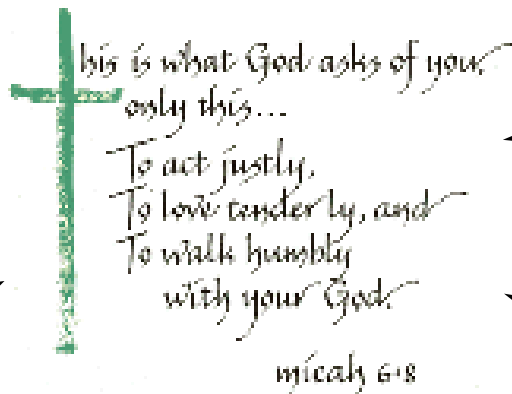


I learned that God made everyone to be a perfect image of him in their own individual ways.

I enjoyed the peaceful atmosphere during the workshops and that we got to express our creativity.

I learned that God is always there for me and I can strengthen my relationship with him.

I enjoyed meditation in the Chapel.



I learned that even if we're young we can do something to change the world.

I learned that I am a unique and special child of God.

I learned that worth is only something people put on you but in fact I am special in my own way.

I learned that God is always there for us, our shepherd, the light of the world.

I learned about climate change and the importance of NetZero.

I enjoyed the chance to explore what God is like e.g. a roaring lion (Hosea 11:10), powerful and able to protect us.



## Year 9 Retreats





## Year 10 Youthscape Postcard Project



As part of the retreat provision for Year 10 students this year, we have been participating in the Postcard Project facilitated by Youthscape and their schools' Christian ministry team. Students were invited to come up with a question they would like to ask God and the best five questions from the year group were chosen. Ryan Ichangai, Damien Johnson, Megan O'Driscoll, Darcy Owens and Sara Wojtyna joined with a group from Chalk Hills Academy to travel to Lambeth Palace in

May, where they had a tour, attended Anglican Eucharist in the crypt chapel and put their questions to Canon Chris Russell, the Archbishop of Canterbury's advisor for young people.

**Jane Porter**  
Chaplain



## Masterpiece of the Month

Congratulations to Orest Ohal in Year 10 for making Masterpiece of the Month due to his wonderful experimentation with mark making and tones.



## 50th Anniversary Badge

Congratulations to Amy Kasembe in Year 9 on winning the Graphics competition to design a badge for the 50th anniversary of Cardinal Newman. Badges were presented to all students and staff and to those who came to celebrate the anniversary Mass.





## Year 12 Law Trip

On Wednesday 10th July our Year 12 law class went on a trip to London to see the Middle Temple, where students train to become a barrister, and the Old Bailey. At the Middle Temple Law students were given a tour of the building and learned of its rich history, with important documents such as the Declaration of Independence framed on a wall. They were then given a talk about how a person is able to train to be a lawyer, the costs of such a vocation and were later given the opportunity to enjoy a meal at their Dining Hall.

At the Old Bailey students were able to sit as members of the public watching over presiding trials. One group of students had seen a case concerning a gross negligence manslaughter, a topic studied in the course as part of criminal law. The day was a useful insight into the life of a barrister and provided students with a chance to see the real life applications of the content learned in class.

**Shannon Nuttall**  
**Year 12**



## Macbeth Performance for Year 7





## History Battlefields Trip

We have just returned from the annual World War I Battlefields trip with 40 students from Years 8, 9 and 10. Students learnt about the nature of warfare during WWI and considered its impact on the development of medicine, linking to our GCSE course. They also had time to reflect on the sacrifice these men (and women) made for Britain and Europe. We would like to thank and commend the students for their excellent behaviour and interest shown, they were respectful, polite and were great ambassadors for our school and town.

Full article to follow in the next Newman News.

Have a lovely summer.

**History Department**



## UKMT Maths Challenge

### Junior and Senior Mathematical Challenge

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) organises the UK's biggest national mathematics competition. It is a fantastic opportunity for More Able mathematicians from schools across the UK to test their ability with their peers nationally. The UKMT is generally focused on testing pupils' core ability to identify patterns and use logic and as such does not require much prior knowledge. The challenge involves answering 25 multiple choice questions in one hour and is sat in school under normal exam conditions. Truly gifted individuals are then invited for further Olympiads.

Congratulations and well done to the following students who achieved excellent results and will get a certificate from the UKMT Trust for their performance in this year's challenge.

### Hegarty Maths

We have yet again had some fantastic engagement with HegartyMaths this term and we are seeing some amazing scores in end of year exams for those who have been doing extra at home. Congratulations to all students listed below!

### Over 60 hours of learning at home

Hannah KAMARA, Tiffany OSADINIZU, Francesca COAKLEY, Wendy MULUMBA, Daniel RUHANA, Shanah LASAM, Gloria FERNANDES, Chi COWIE, Temi ADEYEMI, Christina PAUL, Sean JOSE, Rowena BARRON.

### Over 50 hours of learning at home

Sandra SOBY, Jeryll MACLEAN, Marcel ZELAZNY, Emmanuel DAPAAH NIMAKO, Mateusz GUZY, Chiara KIDMAN, Matthew KAMAU, Jessica DAPAAH NIMAKO, Natalie MAIN, Raphaela OGUNSEITAN,

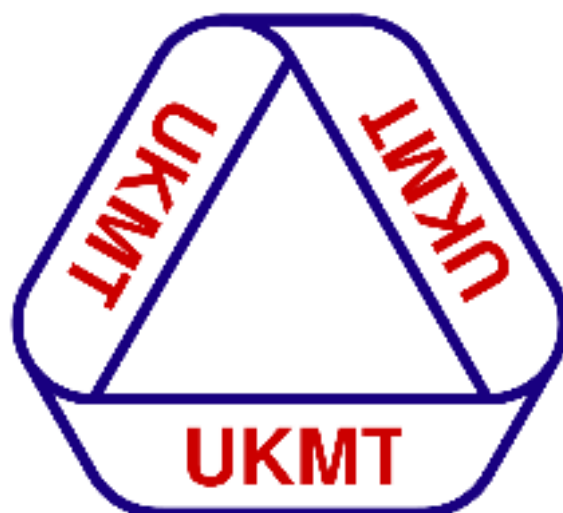
Sereena SOBY, Gideon DAPAAH NIMAKO, Agrata PALATY, Patrick BECKWITH, Rhianna WEBB, Caitlin CAHILL, Jane SINAH, Leyton BRODERICK, Andrew KAZUNGU.

### Over 40 Hours of learning at home

Chelsea KOLEOSHO, Ketsia MASASA, Michael WYSOCKI, Hazmin ANDRES, Natalia JANUSZEWSKA, Maisie MCDONAGH, Treasa LIJO, Kaitlyn BUTTERLY, Faith ALDRIDGE, Rhene WARREN, Wictoria MICUN, Lily BLACKWELL, Steven SONY, Larissa AMOAH, Beatrice WELLS, Jonathan MONCY, David CLAPASSON, Ubaidah HUSSAIN, Grace MILLER, Cornelia DOAK-DUNELLY, Pricilla KURIA, Callum AUSTERBERRY, Nicola KOZLOWSKA, Ellisia MASON, Leah SULLIVAN, Leah THOMPSON, Klaudia ZYSKOWSKA, Vivian UMEJIEGO, Fergal SAM, Vizaal BASTIAMPILLAI, Sean DAVIS, Olivia KARBOWNICZEK, Dawid ZUCHOWSKI, Cian JACKMAN.

### Miss Streater

### Maths Department





## Harry Potter Studio Tour



As we left the bus an ecstasy of excitement rushed through us, we received our tickets and we headed for the huge building. Inside we were met by a massive dragon hanging above our heads. First of all we all walked into the cinema area where we received an introduction of the area by talking pictures and two actors, Fred and George. After the short film we ventured into the Great Hall where we saw all the decorations up close. Then we were introduced to the costume and small prop area, where we saw things like the goblet of fire, the sorting hat and the classroom of potion making; we also got to experience what flying on a broom felt like. Other rooms that we saw were Dumbledore's office and the Gryffindor's dormitory. After that we got spooked by the forbidden forest and we were thrilled by the Hogwarts express. After we walked through the train we had the opportunity to buy butterscotch beer and enjoy our lunch. At the lunch area we experienced the Privet Drive house, the Knight Bus and the bridge to Hogwarts.

**Kamil Borej**

**Year 9**

After lunch, we ventured to different prop rooms where pieces of set used in the real film were displayed, such as masks, skeletons and clothes worn by the actors during filming. After that, we visited a life-sized remake of Gringotts bank which had only been opened to the public recently. As we left the previous room we stumbled upon a destroyed Gringotts bank inhabited by a fiery dragon which is seen in Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2. Then we walked through a dark alleyway that opened up to the iconic Diagon Alley which the characters are seen walking through multiple times throughout the Harry Potter franchise. Afterwards we ambled through hallways that displayed artwork and miniature designs for buildings in the films. Finally, we walked around the well-known minimised school of Hogwarts which the whole franchise is based around. Being a huge Harry Potter fan, I think my visit to the Studios was very interesting and I thought it was cool to be standing where the actors would have stood.

**Mia Sweeney**

**Year 9**



## Trip to Paris

During the Paris trip, I enjoyed the hotel and the food because the food there was different from here. I also loved roaming around and going to different locations. I mostly enjoyed meeting the French students in the French High school.

**-Shareen**

What I enjoyed the most in Paris was breakfast in the hotel.

**-Robert**

In Paris I enjoyed going to the Eiffel tower, however I hated going up the stairs because it took forever and my legs were in pain. In Paris I also enjoyed the breakfast and the Friday meal in the evening. I enjoyed going to Versailles (the king's palace), the first floor of the Eiffel tower and the hotel was ok **but** there were no adaptors so it was hard to charge our phones and electronic devices.

**-Sandra D**



I liked the coach and the food and I liked looking at the Eiffel tower but I did not like walking up the tower because it hurt my legs.

**-Kyla**



I liked the croissants. I liked the shop. I liked the ferry and the Eiffel tower. I also liked the coach ride. I liked to go to buildings, the museum was good.

**-Om**

I liked the Eiffel tower most.

**-Sean**







## DRAMA NEWS

### Luton Arts Carnival 2019

This year Cardinal Newman Drama Department were asked to take part in the Luton Carnival on Sunday 26th May. Celebrating the Irish community in Luton, Mrs Wigley and Mrs Cleary accompanied several Year 10 students (and several giant green costumes!) and were all immensely proud to be part of the Luton Carnival Parade.



It was a lovely hot and sunny day and despite the route taking several hours to complete, the students were a credit to our school, winning second place in the 'newcomers' category!

The students involved were:

**Finley Burke, Elliot Mullane, Freya Burke, Evie Paterson, Keira Gray, Mary Carolan, Ruby**

**Corrigan, Evelyn Flynn, Bethany Ridout.**



### Year 12 Escape Room

On Thursday 27th June, the Year 12 A Level Drama students took part in an 'Escape Room' Challenge in Milton Keynes. The visit was suggested by the students themselves in order to provide them with stimulus material from which their Component 2 Devising exam will be created in the autumn term. The group was divided into two groups of 6 (including three quite nervous teachers!) and given some basic information about their task.

One group's escape room was titled 'Hostage', the other, 'Cabin in the Woods'. Each group entered their respective rooms and began their quest to escape, following a sequence of problem solving activities and quizzes with a few shocks thrown in along the way!

The students were amazing, working collaboratively and intelligently to outsmart their captor/predator before the sixty minutes were up. Both teams were triumphant, the 'Hostage' team escaping in forty eight minutes and 'Cabin in the Woods' in fifty five minutes!

It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip for all and back in lessons the students were buzzing with ideas in which to explore their experience.

### Drama Department





## GODSPELL



Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th July 2019

The final two weeks of term have been very busy for the Performing Arts Department staging the musical spectacular Godspell. The enthusiasm of the Company using their God-given talents to re-tell the Gospel of Matthew has been a wonderful way to finish a fantastic year of performance by the students.

## Cast:

Faith Aldridge

Jude Barry

Niamh Barry

Lily Blackwell

Finley Burke

Chloe Carroll

Emmanuella Chede

Xanthia Christodoulou

Francesca Coakley

Ruby Corrigan

Aoife Cullen

Asha Cunningham

Karolina Dabrowska

Leah Dooley

Cheyenne Downer

Zara Fallon

Darcey Griffith

Pierce Harris

Maggie Henry

Sean Hewison

Maisie Howard

Sean Jose

Eve Kelly

Grace Kelly

Jack Kelly-Baron

Jenna Kirkby

Leilani Kyei-Adebiyi

Julia Lapicz-Biedz

Alessandro Lempriere

Timmy Lonergan

Chloe Mackenzie

Olivia Mascibroda

Joseph Masterson

Elise Mullooly

Freya O'Donoghue

Michaela O'Neill

Naomi Onyemekwuru

Wiktoria Paslawska

Izzy Rand

Joshua Renforth

Bethany Ridout

Ivris Sesay

Emily Sheehan-Corrigan

Ella Stead

Marta Talaga

Caeleigh Timoney

Freya Wallace

Declan Ward

Beatrice Wells

Izabela Zawislak

Vanessa Zoltak





## Choir

Nikola Czeropska  
 Oliwia Handzlik  
 Shayly Khemraz  
 Megan King  
 Michalina Kisiel  
 Nicola Kozłowska  
 Tracey Mahboob  
 Paul Masterson  
 Rebecca Obasuyi  
 Kristen Oboh  
 Agrata Palaty  
 Lily Wareham

## Stage Crew

Finley Burke  
 Kiera Grey  
 Evie Patterson  
 Oliver Kelly  
 Liam Doyle  
 George Tebbutt  
 Evelyn Flynn



***CNS Performing Arts Department***



## Orchestra:

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Kaitlyn Butterly     | Matthew Manalastas  |
| Mrs Chappell         | David Ohuabunwa     |
| Chi Cowie            | Jane Porter         |
| Tom Duffy            | Javin Ramkissoo     |
| Samuel Funge         | William Rand        |
| Abel John            | Amelie Rocha-Parker |
| Joash Koudougou      | Poppy Smith         |
| Leilani Kyei-Adebiyi | Tyra Tasie          |
| Benedict Lewis       | Rhenee Warren       |
| Catherine Lewis      | Ron Willmott        |





## Sports Day 2019

Sports day saw an array of phenomenal talents being displayed in Athletics, Handball, Rounders, Tennis and Traditional. All tutees completed for points for their tutor group. Fun, laughter and excellent sportsmanship were in abundance throughout the day.

### The Results

| Year 7          |         |         | Year 8          |         |         | Year 9          |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Heenan  | 165 pts | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Bourn   | 147 pts | 1 <sup>st</sup> | Manning | 181 pts |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Wiseman | 155 pts | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Hinsley | 141 pts | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Acton   | 159 pts |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Hinsley | 140 pts | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Hume    | 136 pts | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Wiseman | 138 pts |

### Star Awards

The following student achieved star awards in their events for a combination of skilfulness, good sportsmanship, excellent leadership, brilliant motivation and work rate.

|                    | Year 7            | Year 8           | Year 9                 |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Rounders</b>    | Mateusz Karpinski | Dominik Prawdzik | Genifer Poustin Daklas |
| <b>Handball</b>    | Jamila Lubay      | Ruby Aldrich     | Aaron Cusdin           |
| <b>Tennis</b>      | Leon Mlodnicki    | Bennett Mathew   | Abel John              |
| <b>Traditional</b> | Piotr Szymanski   | Denzel Munge     | William Rand           |

This sports award is presented to a male and a female athlete who shows sporting excellence and who is a role model for other PE students to look up to. Not only will they demonstrate their commitment to PE & sport in school, they have also been successful in their particular area in sport.

| Victor Ludorum | Victrix Ludorum |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Kelly Emenogu  | Ike Chede       |

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**Sports  
Day  
2019**







## Rounders (Summer Term 2019)

Rounders has been fantastic this term with students from Years 7, 8 and 9 consistently attending practices on Tuesdays after school.

Unfortunately the weather was not on our side so we had to cancel and re-arrange practices and games. We had a whole week of rain in June which halted both practices and fixtures as the grass becomes too slippery to play on safely. When the exams are in full swing the indoor spaces are not in use either. One year 9 game after the exams had finished was played outside for the first innings then brought indoors to the sports hall for the second innings due to the rain! This actually made for a very exciting and fast paced game which was great fun to umpire.

The Year 9 team played only 2 matches in the league as one school cancelled and then failed to re-arrange the fixture so we claimed the points for this game. Of the 2 matches that were played we lost to a very well organised and tactically astute Lealands team and won convincingly against Icknield. The year 9 team are strong contenders with great leadership from Sophie Egbaran and fantastic batting skills from our National squash player Lily Main.

The Year 7 and 8 teams were lucky enough to play 4 fixtures with only one of the 5 games failing to be re-arranged. We were pleased to be able to play a triangular tournament with our final 2 teams at Icknield High School last week. The Year 7 team played well despite taking a bit of time to get the bowling accurate!

They lost the first game against Challney but learning from their mistakes they played much better against Icknield, winning that game.

The Year 8 team had a convincing win in their first game against Challney and looked set to beat Icknield too in the first innings but unfortunately some indecisiveness led to Icknield scoring many half rounders leading to a high scoring 14 ½ all draw. Notable performances from Natalie Main - using her squash skills she managed to smash the ball far outfield every time she came to bat, each time scoring a full rounder. Also some very consistent and sensible fielding by Megan Earnshaw in second deep field. The Year 8 Team have got through to the County Finals on Thursday 11th July at Bedford International Athletics Stadium.

Overall Miss Dewry and I have very much enjoyed coaching the rounders teams and have our fingers crossed for possibly making it through to the Counties with at least one of our teams. Well done girls for your commitment to training and a great summer term of rounders.

**Miss Gazeley**

**PE Department**



## John West Féile Peile na nÓg

Congratulations to Conor Fennelly, Kevin Foy & Tiernan Kelly who represented Hertfordshire U14 County Gaelic team in Ireland on 29th & 30th June. The team won the shield competition in a very difficult and closely fought tournament. Well done to the boys!

Well done to Amy Sarsfield, Emily Sheehan-Corrigan and Caeleigh Timoney for also representing Hertfordshire at the same competition.

**Mrs Large**

**PE Department**





## Legends Media Call England Netball World Cup – July 2019

Mrs Slawinski from our PE Department recently took part in a media event with Sky Sport and England Netball to promote the forthcoming World Netball Championships which take place in Liverpool between July 12th and 21st. She represented England for 15 years, captained for 6 years, collecting 128 playing caps. She was inducted into the England Netball Hall of Fame and was given an OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours in 1995. On her retirement from playing she went into coaching and has coached England at U16, U19, U21 and was assistant coach at Senior Level. She is also an Honorary Life Member of England Netball. Doing all this whilst working full time at CNS!

In the run up to the World Cup in Liverpool, there has been a lot of interest in previous World Cups

(originally called World Tournament then World Championships). England has staged 2 previous events - the first held in Eastbourne in 1963, and the second in Birmingham in 1995 where Mrs Slawinski was captain. The Media Call that Mrs Slawinski went to involved many Legends of the Game - past Captains, Coaches, Umpires and Managers. Sky TV interviewed several of those in attendance and the footage will be used at the Liverpool World Cup in July 2019, as well as reminiscences captured by England Netball and GMSW (Give Me Sport Women).

It is an exciting time for women's sport in this country and especially for Netball as the team won Commonwealth Games Gold last year and are favourite to reach the final!

### PE Department



## Athletics

The athletics season has been a very busy one with lots of success so far. Thank you to everyone who has competed and trained on a Wednesday afternoon.

### Junior Cup (Year 8 & 9) Competition 16th May 2019

The team put in a great effort and won 1st place by 9 points. There were first place results by Kelly Emenogu (300m), Rowena Barron (discus), Ike Chede (200m) and Francesco Calabrese (80m hurdles). These student automatically qualifies for the county competition.

There were lots of second places too from Davina Aygemang (100m), Antonella Obasuyi (300m), Sophie Egbaron (800m), Kristen Oboh (shot putt) and Jan Wojtowicz (javelin).

### Lower Junior (Year 7) Cup Competition 16th May 2019

Another great success with an overall first place. Well done to the following athletes for coming in the top three places in their event:

Anna Simpson (2nd -200m)

Casey Fontenelle (1st – 800m)

Maisie McDonagh (3rd – 800m)

Ola Wilczsewska (3rd – Javelin)

Courtney Kibe (2nd- long jump)

M Anikiel (1st – 75m hurdles)

C Gallagher (3rd – 75m hurdles)

Zac Howell (2nd – 100m, 1st – long jump)

Daniel Emenogu (2nd – 800m)

Harry Bermingham (3rd – 1500m)

M Resuello (3rd – shot)

O Esakalenga (1st – discus)

## County Athletics

We had a number of students from Year 8-11 representing Luton at the county athletics competition. This is a great evening of athletics, but a tough competition, particularly when it rains all evening. The athletes were a credit to the team. Well done to Jubril Adeniji (Year 11, 400m hurdles) and Jordan Ackuaku (Year 10, shot putt) who are county champions in their events.

They have now been selected to compete at the English Schools Athletics Competition on 12th-13th July. This is an excellent personal achievement for them both and we wish them luck. Their results will follow in the next edition of Newman News.

## Netball

Temi Adeyemi (Wasps) and Sophie Egbaran (Mavericks) have been selected to train with the youth section of the two named Superleague teams. Well done to both players and we wish you the best with your training.





## Thanksgiving and blessing from RE

It has been another busy year in RE. Our annual Rome trip was very successful; students came back with memories of a life-time having visited many famous and historical landmarks, as well as having an opportunity to see the Pope. Thanks to Mrs Kidman, Miss McGirr, Dr Businge and Mr Le Coguin for taking the students to Rome. Plans for the next one are well underway.

The RE department have also been very busy with our charitable activities. Once again our students have been extremely supportive and we have been able to help out various charitable causes. Our Lent soup sale helped to raise just over £128; all proceeds being sent to the victims of the cyclone in Mozambique. The Advent charity proceeds went to Noah's for the homeless. £1000 from the sponsored walk went to Chebunyiini school in Kenya.

Thank you to all who have supported us in one way or another and best wishes to all those moving on from Newman.

We are very blessed to have a wonderful and very talented team of RE teachers; three of whom are heads of years and one is assistant SENCO. As their 'captain', leading such a team is such a privilege for me. For all these plus all the learning that has gone on we leave you with a prayer reflection .

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom: For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced; For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that healed; For the respect and care that has been given. We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles, for the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days and for the love that has kept us going. We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord to bless our students: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness. Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish. Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Mr Makokha on behalf of the RE team**



## Belgium Space Trip

Early on Friday morning, we left for Belgium - through the Eurotunnel into France and then to the National Space Centre in Libin, Belgium. When we arrived, we found our rooms and, shortly after, met for our briefing. We then had some free time before it was time for bed.

On Saturday morning, we had an early start as this was our first day on the astronaut training day. At 9am we all met in the training hall to have a session on the parts of a space shuttle and watched some real astronaut take-offs and landings. After a tour of a real-size space shuttle, we went off in our groups to take part in astronaut training. We were part of the orange team, which meant we were the first to take part in the spinning chair. We looked at how an astronaut's inner ear and brain reacted when they were spinning and tried different positions whilst on the spinning chair which had different reactions when we stopped. For example how putting your head to your chest while spinning would result in you being so disorientated you'd fall on your left side.

After lunch, an opportunity to visit the gift shop and some free-time, we met again in the training hall for

After this we headed on the coach to the Bouillon Castle for a night tour of this medieval castle. We used fire-lit torches to guide us through, where we learned how the castle was used during the medieval era. We then got back on the coach to our rooms and went to bed.

There was another early start on Sunday to complete our second day of astronaut training - also our last day in the space centre. Having packed our bags and eaten breakfast, we met in the training room at 9am. Our group were taken to one of the rocket-building rooms where we created our own rocket which we would launch later. We used a fuse which would be lit and then fixed a parachute onto it before cutting out 3 identical-sized fins to attach to it. Afterwards we designed the rocket and gave it a name. We then went outside to the launch area where we placed the rocket onto a metal wire connected



After lunch we had a multimedia exhibition, where we walked from room to room and learned about the history of space exploration. Next was our astronaut mission. I was SSO, Space Systems Operator and FD, Flight Director in the control room. The other members of my group had other roles in the control room, and two members were in the space



...shuttle data from the screens in front of us and could communicate with the pilot in the shuttle using our headset. We started the mission, preparing for launch, and keeping in contact with the pilot and commander. We were able to successfully launch and land in space and complete an experiment. After this, we were presented with certificates and headed to the coach, where we journeyed to our accommodation in the SleepWell Hostel in Brussels. After unloading our suitcases, we walked to the Hard Rock Cafe, where we had dinner. Following this, we walked back to our accommodation for a bit of free time before bed.

The next day, Monday, we headed to breakfast and then took our suitcases down to reception. It was the last day of our trip. We headed to the atomium, which was a building shaped like an atom, with artefacts inside each 'pod'. After this, we ate packed lunches and we left for a shopping trip in Brugge. We bought souvenirs and lots of Belgian chocolate to take back. After this, we headed back to Calais in France to get the ferry back to Dover. I enjoyed the trip and learnt a lot about astronauts and space.

**Neil Mukoro**



## Institute of Physics Inter-school Competition

On Friday 5th July I had the pleasure of taking 4 students from Year 9 to an Eastern Region inter-school competition at Uppingham Community College. For the competition they had to carry out 6 physics-based experiments then use their knowledge and understanding to answer questions based on each of the experiments. Timing was not a particular skill the team had - they found it hard to complete all 6 experiments in the time given, so had to split to complete all the experiments but they did well and scored well on all but the last experiment.

This was followed by a poster writing section where the students had to produce a poster on any topic covered and then present to members of staff. Overall we did quite well finishing 10th, with only 8.5 points between 10th and 1st. Well done Julia Vladimirova from 9M who said

The investigations were challenging but exciting. It really tested our knowledge and how to apply it during the experiments. The poster making was fun as we were able to present a topic that we enjoy and have an interest in. The lecture was also very enjoyable, especially the enticing performances.

The other team members were William Rand 9B, Gabriel Williams 9H and Joshua Kanyere 9M.

**Miss McKetty**

**Science Department**





## Jack's Mayor's Award

On Friday 5th April Jack was invited to the Town Hall where he was awarded a Mayor's Award in recognition of all his charity work and fundraising.

Jack was also asked to sign the official visitors book that has been signed by people such as The Queen, Prince Phillip, The Beatles etc.

**Mrs Deveney**



## 70th

## Birthday Celebrations

Happy Birthday to Cathy Aizlewood who will be celebrating her 70th birthday on 9th August. Here is Cathy pictured with Noel Hogan who has been working at Cardinal Newman since July 1991!



## The Wadham Project

On Thursday 16th May Miss Jenkins and Mrs Chappell took 15 Year 10 students to Wadham College, Oxford, to learn more about higher education and university life. The students were given a tour of Wadham College, experienced 2 academic taster sessions and had the opportunity to talk to current students about their experiences.

Emily Brown from 10 Heenan had the following to say:

“I really enjoyed our trip to Wadham College. I now have a greater insight into university life from being able to meet some students ourselves and experience two different types of lectures. The visit taught me the advantages of going to university and furthering my education. They definitely encouraged me to study the subjects I enjoy and learn what they can offer me.”

### Miss Jenkins





## Post 18 Information Evening

On Wednesday 12th June, various speakers came to our school to provide an insight on post 18 options, such as university and apprenticeships. It was a very important evening for both parents and students as the decision they make will dictate the next three years of their lives. This was the first time we had held an event like this as we want parents and students to know that we are fully supportive of whichever route they wish to go down. Additionally for those who are unsure of where they would like to go, the event can help students weigh up their options and see what feels most suitable for them.

A guest speaker from Nottingham Trent University put many peoples' minds at ease when talking about the more daunting parts of applying to university. For example, all students are eligible for a loan of up to £9,250 which only has to be paid back once you are on a stable income, therefore the idea of student debt shouldn't hold you back from going to university. Secondly, if on results day you do not receive the results that your chosen university is looking for, you are put through a system called 'clearing', where you must contact your safe options to see if they have a space available for you. Ex-Newman 6th students, Vincent Masterson and Anastasia Christodoulou spoke about their experience of applying to university, which was really helpful for students as it taught them what to expect if they choose to go to university.

Following on from the university talks were the guest speakers for apprenticeships. A speaker from Bedford College Apprenticeships began with an outline of what to expect from an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are recognised nationally and involve working 4 days a week with

1 day of studying. The average pay is just under £4 an hour, which may not sound like much, however it is more than you'd earn going to university. Apprenticeships are very beneficial for those looking to go into a practical field as by the end of your course, you will have a degree as well as the experience that employers will be looking for. Ian was the next speaker, representing Skills Rocket. The company have developed a free app which makes it easier to look for/be notified of any apprenticeship opportunities around. Christina Smith represented Engie, which is an energy and service company that hire apprentices in varying fields. Different schemes can last from 12-48 months and can be helpful for those looking to work in the industry as you are working with experts. Finally Megan Cole, another ex-Newman Sixth student, spoke about her experience as she was originally looking into universities but decided she wanted to do an apprenticeship instead. Keep in mind that applying for an apprenticeship is more difficult than applying to university as you must approach the companies that you are applying for directly and attend interview within a day's notice on some occasions.

All in all there was a positive reaction from both parents and students and many stayed until after the event to ask further questions.

### Miss Blackbird



## Year 11 Induction Day

On Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June Year 11s from Newman and surrounding schools were given the chance to see all that Newman has to offer. Taster sessions ran throughout the day for each subject, offering students an insight into subjects they may never have experienced before as part of their GCSE studies such as Law or Psychology. Students were also treated to drinks, pizza and cake as part of the induction day.



## Alternative Sports Day Year 12

On Monday 1st July, all of Year 12 and the Sixth Form Team celebrated their own 'alternative' sports day with wacky and bizarre races, inflatable games, pizza and a DJ. The highlights were the whipped cream and wosit throwing competition and the fancy dress run. We also had a Sixth Form team compete and come second against the teachers in the 100m relay race; we will beat the PE teachers next year!

**Miss Blackbird**



## UCAS Convention 2019

The Year 12s all attended the annual Bedfordshire UCAS convention at the Bedfordshire University (Bedford Campus) on Friday 21st June. It was a successful day as many prospective students were able to talk to a great quantity of universities, go to seminars about their desired subjects, talk to ambassadors about their plans post-18 and also enjoy a nice sunny day out with a great selection of entertainment such as live music, dancing performances and an ice cream van!

