# The History of Newman University 1978 - 1987





Biology field trip 78-79

### 1978

Newman celebrated it's 10th Anniversary with a mass held by Archbishop of Birmingham, George Patrick Dwyer. By this time more than 2000 students have passed through the door.

### College celebrates anniversary

THE Newman College of Edu-cation, Bartley Green, Birmingham, celebrated its tenth anniver-sary with a Mass at which Arch-bishop Dwyer of Birmingham was the principal celebrant. Concelebrating were Bishop Emery of Portsmouth, chairman

of the Catholic Education Coun-cil, and Bishop McCartie and Bishop Cleary, Auxiliary in Bir-Since the College opened in 1968 more than 2000 students have been admitted for full-time courses leading to teaching qualifications. Former students are now working in most parts of the

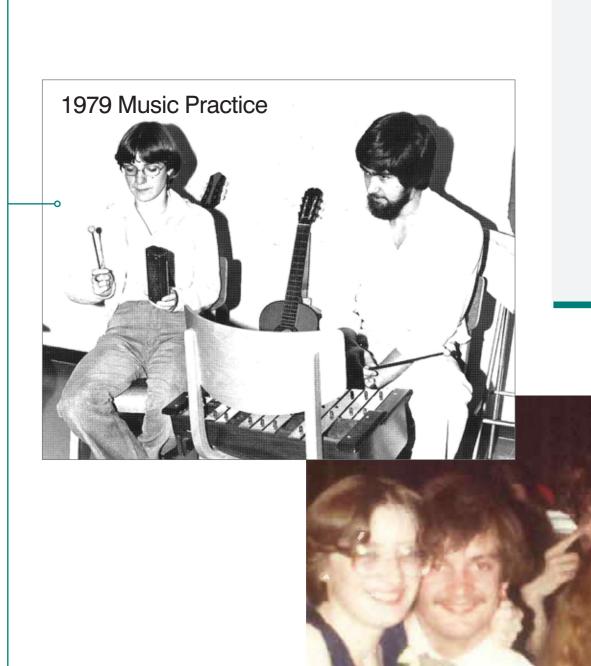
Between 200 and 300 former students work or have worked in Birmingham.

## 1979

Newman now has approximately 550 students and have a distinctive affiliated status with the University of Birmingham.

ENTS' BAVARIAN EVENING 1980

First Post Graduate Certificate in Education students graduate.











Black, Maureen Healey, Theresa Kazoks and Mary Ryan.



### New O-level for Catholics 1/9/81

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### 1981

Graduation was unfortunately hit with severe snow, this did not stop the majority of students who turned up for their graduation ceremony.

Students raised money for charity by dressing as clowns and frolicking in the street.

Westhill and Newman were the only colleges that were still affiliated with Birmingham University. In that same year only six Catholic Colleges` remained in England.

#### The threat of closure...

9th August 1982 – Simon Quinlan was about to have a holiday and he thought he would water the plants. On checking the post he found a letter from the Department for Education and Skills (DES) showing that the College had not been allocated an intake of pre-service students for the following September. Later that day, the Secretary of State for Education, announced the proposal to close Newman College.

#### The fight to keep Newman open

30th September 1982 – A crucial meeting took place at the DES in London. Newman was not closed because of mass local support and petitions from Newman staff and students, which were presented in London. 7,500 signatures in one week were collected from Northfield, Harborne and Bartley Green. There were letters from Catholics who were concerned for Catholic Education, joined by parents and locals with discussion from national and local MPs, securing their support. Otherwise Newman College would have closed in 1986.

8th November 1982 at 3:30pm a courier delivered a letter from the DES to the College with information that Newman had been allocated a recruitment figure and thus survived.

### 1982

30th May - Pope John Paul II visited Britain, and the College was to be involved in singing and dancing at the Mass at Coventry Airport. Former member of staff Dr Francis Burns wrote:

"The weather was kind, the choir sang well, and it was said that the Pope could not stop himself admiring the dancers who added colour and movement to this unique occasion.

The College had only 300 full-time Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) students. A new B.Ed was introduced, balancing teaching and academic subject studies, with three years for an Ordinary Degree and four years for the Honours.



had taken part in a service there. Taking part in the dance shown above are (from left) Rosemary Shea,

Karen Littlechild, Clare Daly, Elizabeth Genner, Mary McLoughlin and Paula Stevenson.

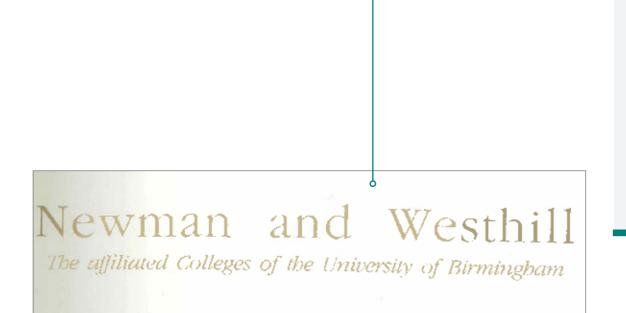


1983 Alton Towers Trip

1984 Newman College staff and students

### 1983

Under threat of closure, Newman College and Westhill College formed a unique partnership as an Academic Association approved by the Secretary of State to share resources and enrich students' experience. This also included many students travelling to Westhill College campus in minibuses, to use their resources.



in 1983. By sharing their training green belt.

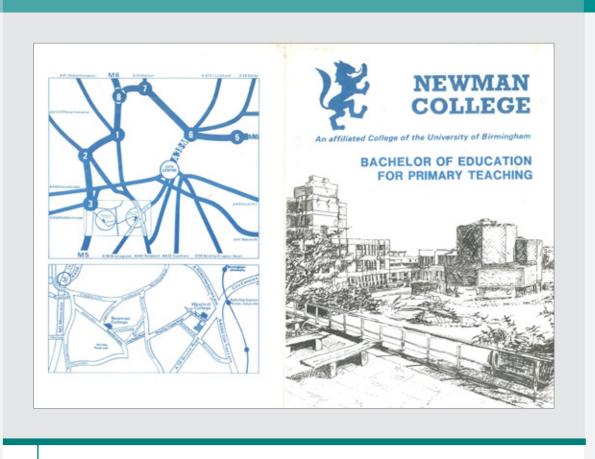
1984

Newman has a new Principal in September, Dr Joan Cuming.



Computers just starting to be used in classrooms in schools.

### 1985





beliday programme introduced Paul's and the Monument above a Japanese looking The King Lud looks the same but it is dwarfed by the HIGHER EDUCATION Train at Newman College NEWMAN and Westhill are spread of courses and teaching primary teachers through a for win colleges. Newman is a than the two colleges were able year Honours Bachelor Roman Catbolic foundation: Westhill was founded by the main Free Churches and is now d ecumenical. Both college to offer separately. Each college retains its own Governing Body but the work of the Colleges is conducted by a the Colleges is conducted by a the Colleges is conducted by a the Colleges is conducted by a

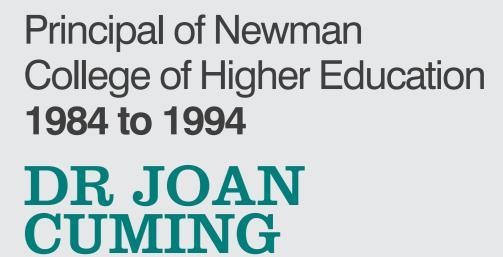
therefore, are joint governors' committee, a and other in-service courses is invision values senior management team and a offered at both secondary and and background but welcome joint academic board. primary levels. Newman and lents of all races and cultures Newman College, founded by Westhill are the af the either share or respect this the Catholic Education Council colleges of the University of the University of the University of Dirmingham which validates in 1968, is one of the most recent. Concepts of Higher Education to award-bearing courses The colleges, siled be built in this country and was The purpose-built campur approximately two miles apart, designed for teacher training. It atranged around a serv have recently entered into a is located in a residential suburb linner quadrangles of lawns unique Academic Association, on rising ground to the south- trees with the attractive or approved by the Secretary of west of Birmingham onal chapel at its centre, F State for Education and Science immediately adjacent to the of residence provide single bedrooms for some 300 sta resources, students at either It is a specialist college now conveniently adjacent to College can now enjoy a richer concentrating on the training of teaching areas and well-stor brary. Newman, as a Cat welcomes sta ents alike of whatever liture, who either shan

> an values which are the ation of our community Students are actively. in the running of the providing representation a Board of Governors, Academic Board committees concerned cotering and residence. T a tradition of joint staff student dramatic, musi sporting and social activities College life is lively and fun bu has a sense of purpose firmly rooted in a shared faith. Students wishing to train for Community and Youth Wor will be based at Weathill fe their course work but may be registered and live at either 4 college. Church Education work a also based at Westhill, feacher Education takes place in both Colleges. Some subjects are taught at both campuses; other subjects are based at one You are welcome to visit the ege before you make ut application. We shall be to show you what life at man is like or give you an ry interview. Whate choice, we offer you our wishes for a happy and

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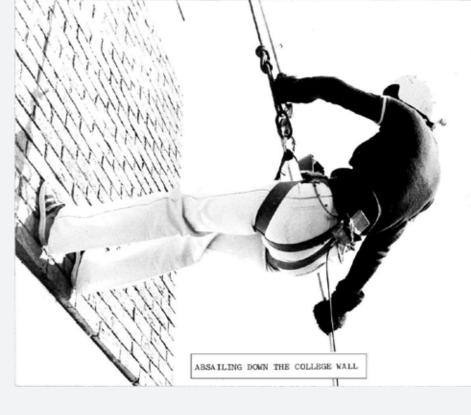
Tuesday, February 28, 1984

Age of the classroom computer









### 1987



by Fr B. O'Sullivan Executive Secretary ONE of the finest compliments the NCP receives is that each year the Staff of the College actually look forward to our coming. We look forward to being there, too not only for the Conference itself but also for the warmth of the welcome and the friendly service we receive from Michael Cosgrove, the Bursar, from Sheila Housekeeper and all the domestic Staff. Nothing is ever too much trouble for them

This year a disastrous fire in the Resources Room two days before the Conference left the chapel and

surrounding areas black with soot. Working frantically, the cleaning Staff restored it all to its usual gleaming state in time for the start of Conference. Their NCP was not going to be spoiled while they had energy left to clear up the mess!

The priests and observers and guests are unanimous in offering our warmest thanks to Sheila, Michael and the staff of Newman College for their kindness and generosity to us over the years.

Crest was approved.



