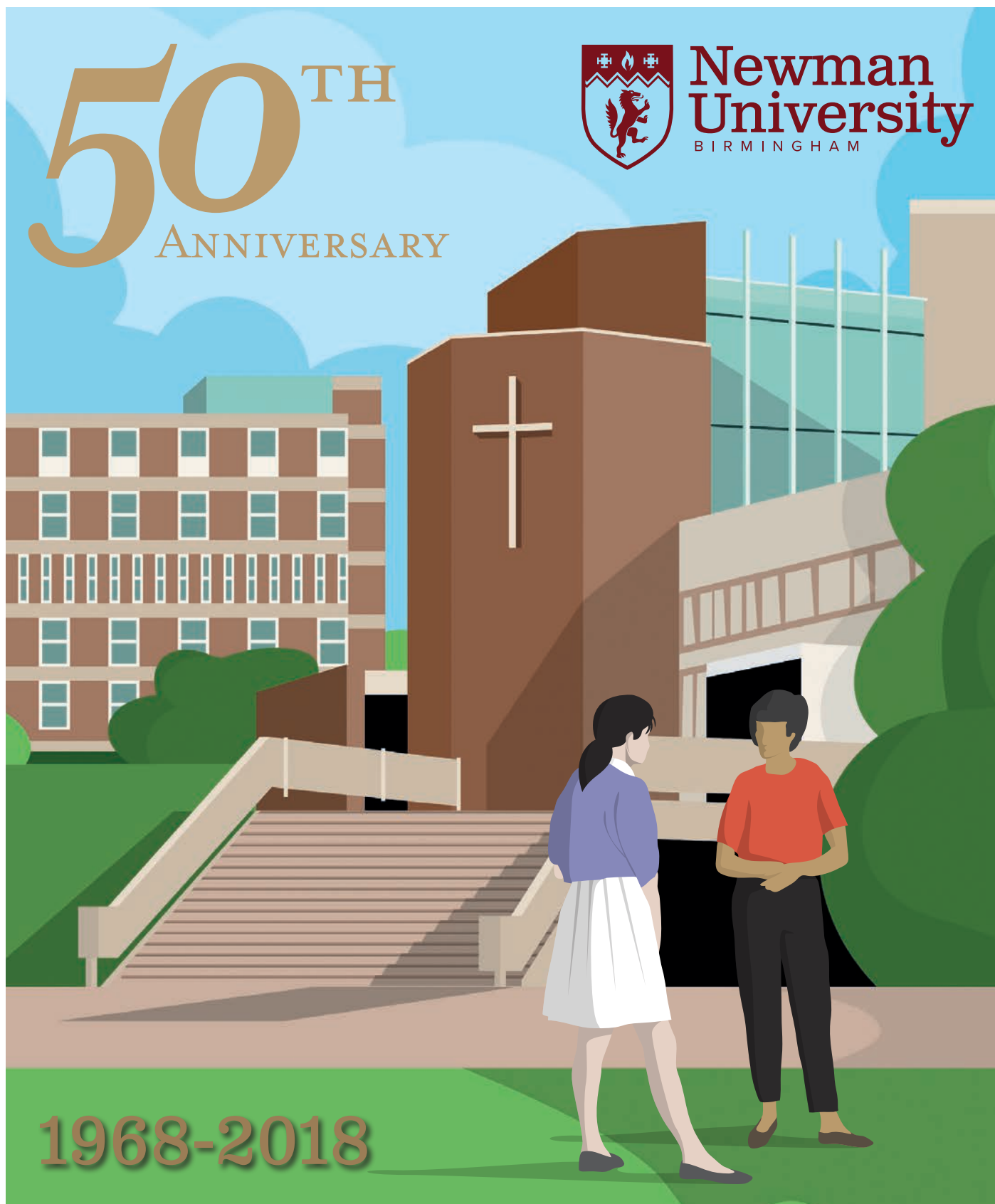


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A note from the Vice-Chancellor



As we approach the halfway point in the celebration of Newman's 50th anniversary year, it gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the Summer issue of Engage.

Much has happened since we published the Winter issue of the magazine. Sharp-eyed readers will note in particular the change in the University's branding. Here, we have gone "back to the future" with our logo by using elements of the University's coat of arms, granted to the University on the occasion of its 20th anniversary in 1988. The reversion to an older version of our logo serves as a timely reminder of our historic roots and hopes for the future in this jubilee year. You will find more about our re-branding and what it means within these pages.

Throughout the fifty years of its existence Newman has always been about its people – the students and staff who are at the heart of everything we do. Without the commitment of all who have studied, taught and supported those activities, Newman would not have developed into the institution it now is. Our new slogan of "Your Opportunity, Your Community, Your University" I think encapsulates our desire to be inclusive and supportive in offering educational

chances to all who can benefit from them.

As we reflect on the idea of the University community in our golden jubilee year, we are also able to discern the enduring contribution and sense of belonging that our alumni and friends have as part of that community. In order to give that community further life and voice, we hope that you will join us at the Big Alumni Reunion on 11th August where you will be able to meet old and new friends and colleagues. We also hope that you will feel able to contribute to our Newman University Alumni Volunteers Scheme to help us further promote Newman to a new generation of students who may be able to benefit from the distinctive education and ethos that our University provides, as well as inspiring our current students to achieve their full potential.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our various events, and leave you with the open invitation that you are always welcome to visit your University to see and hear what is happening within and beyond its walls.

Professor J Scott Davidson
Vice-Chancellor

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NEWMAN UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES NEW BRAND TO MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY

To mark its 50th anniversary, Newman has seen its brand, logo and website modernised. The new brand was launched in January, and can now be seen around the campus in Bartley Green, over the city of Birmingham and throughout the region.

Newman gained its coat of arms in 1988, twenty years after its opening, and the new logo draws on elements from the coat of arms within its design, ensuring that Newman's history is still very prevalent within the new branding.

The coat of arms-style logo replaces the former petal logo and includes elements from Newman's patron, Blessed John Henry Newman's own coat of arms; the crosses of St Chad which symbolise a balanced and rounded education; a flame to represent the torch of learning; and the wolf which commemorates the name of the first recorded owner of the land on which the University is built, a Saxon named Wulfwine. The wolf, with its noble and courageous characteristics,

faces forward, differing from the original coat of arms, as it looks into the future, representing the University's forward-thinking vision.



While the University's Latin motto is not included in the new logo, it is worth referring to this as it resonates with the idea that the light from the torch of learning seeks to illuminate those shadowy areas in which ignorance might flourish. The motto is "ex umbris in veritatem" which means "out of the shadows into the truth", a phrase which is taken from John Henry Newman's own writings. Professor J Scott Davidson, Vice-Chancellor of Newman University commented "The new logo speaks to Newman University's past, its place in the present and its hopes for the future. As a modern, diverse and inclusive institution we want to celebrate where we have come from but continue to emphasise that the light of learning remains at our core and that, like the rampant wolf, we should be noble and courageous in pursuit of this."



ALUMNI OFFICE UPDATE

Bryan Turner | Alumni Officer

2018 has been an exciting year so far within the alumni office, helping to support colleagues with the first of our 50th anniversary events. It is always a pleasure to meet Newman graduates, and I am excited to see that so many of you have registered to attend our Big Alumni Reunion on Saturday 11th August. I look forward to being able to celebrate Newman's

milestone anniversary with you all at this event. If you've yet to book, tickets are still available online.

As well as looking back at Newman's first 50 years, our anniversary gives us the opportunity to look ahead to Newman's future. We are excited to launch the Newman University Alumni Volunteers

Scheme, which recognises the contributions that graduates make to current students' development whilst at Newman University. Please take some time to read more about the scheme; I do hope you will be able to help support future generations of Newman students.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

50th Launch & Foundation Day Mass

TUESDAY 13TH FEBRUARY



Newman University formally commenced its 50th anniversary with a special Mass, led by The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, marking the University's Foundation Day.

This was the first in a series of anniversary events for Newman, which was founded in 1968 and became one of only three Catholic universities in the country when it received full university status in 2013.



Kevin Malone, Roseleen Malone (McGovern), Bob Ruffinato

Guests from across the region, including staff, students and alumni, joined Professor J Scott Davidson, Vice-Chancellor of Newman University for the event. He said: "It's incredible to look back over our evolution since we welcomed our first 182 students in 1968. 50 years on, the University is home

to over 2,700 students, with graduates not just from the teaching professions but also a range of subjects across the humanities and social sciences.



Gerry Morrison, Clare Morrison (Walsh), Eileen Moore (McMahon)

"While we have plans to expand both the size and variety of courses on offer, I am conscious of the many benefits that being a high-quality, smaller, specialist higher education institution brings to both students and the communities we serve. With this in mind, I am committed to maintaining the culture that makes the Newman experience so distinctive, valuing the individual and ensuring our students continue to be treated as members of a vibrant, academic community, taught by the very academics who are leading research and scholarship in their fields."

Furthermore, I am proud to be part of a Catholic university whose student body is now made up of students with many different faiths, and none. It is an institution that reflects its local community, with inter-faith dialogue being alive and well across the campus. Such dialogue is crucial to developing social cohesion, enabling students to develop an understanding of the complex issues of a globalised world, and analysing the implications of their actions, not only on their own lives but also the lives of others."

The Cathedrals Group Choirs Festival

SATURDAY 24TH FEBRUARY



One of the highlights of our 50th anniversary so far has been The Cathedrals Group Choirs Festival which saw Newman University hosting 10 of its partner universities' choirs for a memorable evening of live music at Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

Choirs from University of Chester, Canterbury Christ Church University, University of Cumbria, York St John University, University of Winchester, Liverpool Hope University, St Mary's University, London, Bishop Grosseteste University, Plymouth Marjon University and the University of Chichester travelled to Birmingham for the festival.



After two days of group rehearsals, each choir performed their own individual piece, followed by the grand finale, an *en-masse* performance of the requiem mass of Berlioz's *Grande Messe des Morts* conducted by Newman's Derek Wroughton and featuring soloist Stephen Mills, accompanied by the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra.



Derek Wroughton commented, "The Festival Concert provided a unique opportunity for the students, staff and friends in our choirs to sing in one of the world's best concert venues, and to take part in the epic Berlioz Requiem which, because of its scale, is rarely performed. Despite all the hard work required, they produced an absolutely memorable performance on the night!"

FACULTY OF EDUCATION UPDATE



Dr Lorraine Thomas
Dean, Faculty of Education

As this is our 50th anniversary issue, it's a good opportunity to reflect on Newman's heritage and our foundations. Initial Teacher Education has been and continues to be a core aspect of our mission to serve our community. Over the last 50 years we have trained and educated almost 14,000 primary and secondary school teachers, many of whom stay in touch with us to offer student placements, to give talks to students and to mentor the next generation of teachers. Teaching is widely heralded as the noblest among all the professions, as teachers educate, nurture and prepare the next generation. As such, we are very proud of our alumni, who have gone forward into very successful careers in education to teach the next generation.

The Faculty of Education now comprises two departments: Initial Teacher Education; and Education, Multi-Professional Practice and Early Childhood. Our Initial Teacher Education (ITE) department is composed of Primary ITE, which offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses, and Secondary ITE, which offers postgraduate courses in a range of subject areas. All ITE courses lead to a recommendation for qualified teacher status. Our Education, Multi-Professional Practice and Early Childhood department offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses in a wide range of education studies and Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) studies. Our BA (Hons) ECEC course is registered with the Department for Education as having 'full and relevant status', which is particularly advantageous to graduates employed in early years settings.

Looking back on 2017-18, the Faculty of Education (F.Ed) has had lots of successes. We have revalidated our very popular and successful MA Education programme, which we hope many of you will be interested in to support you in your continuing professional development. (We offer a 10% discount on MA Education fees to Newman alumni and those working in partner schools, Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership schools and Titan Partnership schools.) We have also revalidated our Primary ITE top-up programme in part-time mode, which is a very flexible way

of becoming a primary school teacher. F.Ed colleagues have also written two books this year to support students and those working in education: **'Education Studies: The Key Concepts'** and **'Supporting Children and Young People in Schools: A Guide for Foundation Degree Students'**.

Looking forward to next year, there are exciting times ahead with the full refurbishment of the Darwin building, in which most F.Ed colleagues are located. Please see a sneak preview below. We shall also be hosting lots of events – e.g. a **'Careers for the Common Good'** conference for Year 12 students on 12th September, so if you are a teacher and are interested in bringing along your pupils please get in touch. Also this year we have the **'Network for Researchers in Catholic Education'** conference on 12th and 13th September; and there will be an interactive session **'Mediating values in educational leadership'** on 18th October from 5:00-6.30pm led by Professor John Sullivan, Visiting Professor for Theology and Education.

I hope to welcome you back to the Newman University community in the near future at one of our events and to continue with your learning and professional development. I also hope you may be able to encourage others to study at Newman University; to offer placements to our students; to get involved in mentoring our students; and to engage with our consultancy services. For more information about our courses and events please visit our website or contact fed@newman.ac.uk.



FACULTY OF ARTS, SOCIETY AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES UPDATE



Professor Frank Leishman
Dean, Faculty of Arts, Society and Professional Studies

ARTS AND HUMANITIES



The department has recently celebrated the achievements of several of our academic members of staff. Historian Dr Emma Folwell has recently received a prestigious Fulbright scholarship to the USA and in June this award was formally recognised at a reception in the US embassy in London. In English, Dr Elizabeth-Jane Burnett's poetry collection, *Swims*, was highly commended in the Forward Prize and Dr Ian Cawood, Head of History, has won a British Academy Rising Star Award for his work on corruption in nineteenth-century Britain.

Dr Fiona Reid was appointed as the Head of the Arts and Humanities department in January 2018. She is an historian of modern war and medicine and has published widely on shell shock and facial injury in the First World War and on refugees and displaced people in the Second World War. Fiona is interested in developing the alumni network to support current and newly-graduated students so if you are interested in remaining an active part of Newman University please contact her on F.Reid@newman.ac.uk.

For the full departmental update please visit www.newman.ac.uk/AH-update.

HEALTH AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES



The department offers a wide range of courses including a new degree in Forensic Psychology as well as full Master's degrees across all of the subject areas. One of our new Master's courses is Work-Based Learning. The course is designed to build upon existing skills, knowledge and experiences of the workplace.

Dr Sarah Sherwin was appointed as head of this new department in February 2018 having previously worked at the University of Wolverhampton. She

has a background in community nursing and public health and has research interests in young people and emotional health. Sarah is interested in developing the alumni network to support current students and our graduates, so if you are interested in playing a part in this please contact her on S.Sherwin@newman.ac.uk

For the full departmental update please visit www.newman.ac.uk/HBS-update.

SOCIAL SCIENCE AND BUSINESS



Academic staff within the department have been carrying out some exciting research recently. Pete Harris, Senior Lecturer in Criminology, has been working on an externally-funded 'Reach Out' project in the Bartley

Green area to support young people into education and Dr Mike Seal, Reader in Critical Pedagogy, is currently working on a book proposal to draw together student and staff perspectives on the work of Paulo Freire. The number of PhD students supervised within Social Science and Business continues to grow and this adds another positive dimension to the work of the department.

Dr Mehreen Mirza was appointed as the Head of Social Science and Business in February 2018. She is a sociologist with specialist research interests in the fields of education, gender, ethnicity and qualitative research methods. Mehreen is a contributing author on *'Gender Construction in Kays Catalogues: 1920 to the New Millennium'* (Cambridge Academic). Mehreen is interested in developing the alumni network to support current students and our graduates, so if you are interested in playing a part in this please contact her on M.Mirza@newman.ac.uk.

For the full departmental update please visit www.newman.ac.uk/SSB-update.

Campus proposal for Newman Graduates

Earlier this year the Alumni Office was thrilled to play cupid for a pair of Newman graduates, facilitating a Valentine's Day proposal outside the main lecture theatre. Jonathan Palmer and Shamim Khalid studied for their BSc Key Stage 2/3 ICT together, graduating in 2009. They both returned to Newman to study for their Master's in Education, graduating again in 2012.

Newman, where it all started...

Although their romance didn't start during their time at Newman, Jonathan and Shamim's friendship grew over the years after they graduated. As Jonathan shares "We always struggle to pin point an actual date we began our relationship. So I was even more determined that we would remember our engagement!"

Reflecting on their time at Newman, Shamim recalls "We first met outside the lecture theatre, in the exact same spot where Jonathan proposed, only nine years ago. The conversation went along the lines of 'I have to go now, I only stopped to talk to you to fill my time while waiting for my piano lesson!' Some time-filler, as I'm now about to become his wife!"

A Valentine's Day proposal

After an initial meeting with Alumni Officer Bryan Turner to plan the proposal, Jonathan returned on Valentine's Day to pop the question. "I was very excited to come back to

Newman; it was comforting to see some things that have remained the same. I'm not at all romantic, but felt that the proposal should happen in a place where we both share memories. Newman was a part of our lives for just under five years; it built the foundations of our relationship. It

seemed like a good choice and when I saw Shamim's face and reaction to my proposal in the spot where we meet it confirmed for me that Newman was the perfect choice."

The proposal took Shamim by total surprise, "I was told I was attending a work meeting arranged by my head teacher, which Jonathan had fabricated with her. When I first turned to see Jonathan standing there smiling I thought he'd come to take me out for a surprise Valentine's meal. It wasn't until he started

walking towards me and held my hand to read the poem he had written that the plan started to unfold. He took to the floor, down on one knee, in the same spot we first met and asked me to marry him in his true prince charming way.

It took a few hours, even days, for all the events to finally sink in and this dream to feel like reality. Throughout the years of our friendship and love, Jonathan and I have never been able to keep things hidden from each other which is why I always thought I would always have an idea of when he was planning to propose.

It certainly was a memorable moment which we will cherish for our lifetime as husband and wife."

Happily ever after

The happy couple have set the date of their wedding for Summer 2019; and with all the excitement they have already booked their dream venue in Stratford-upon-Avon. Everyone at Newman wishes them a long and happy future together.

"He took to the floor, down on one knee, in the same spot we first met and asked me to marry him"



ALUMNI PROFILE



Rikki Ashman

BA (Hons) Working with Children, Young People and Families (2012)

Rikki, born and bred in Halesowen, studied Working with Children, Young People and Families at Newman University from 2009-2012. One of Rikki's fondest memories of her time at Newman was seeing the new atrium and library open in 2011. "The first experience of walking into the St Chad building and seeing the new facilities felt like setting foot onto a completely different university. Me and a few others from the course found our perfect spot in the Atrium and always used it as a meeting place to plough through our dissertations."

After graduating, Rikki took a trip of a lifetime to America, and taught swimming at Camp Half Moon as part of the BUNAC summer camp programme. After she returned to the UK she quickly secured a job at a local primary school as a Learning Support Assistant, and Behaviour Specialist.

Rikki's next job saw her return to Newman University, joining the Student Recruitment team. "I had never heard of the role of a student recruitment officer at the time, but looking further into the role, it involved working with young adults – providing information, advice and guidance whilst aiming to recruit for the University, which I felt was the perfect combination for a job role."

Rikki recalls how strange it was to return to Newman as a staff member. "My first day was a little strange, being taken on a campus tour of Newman when I had studied here for three years, however things had quickly changed and sometimes it does feel like being at a totally different institution."

"Watching developments to the campus is great, remembering what it used to look like and how far the institution has come. I also

loved speaking to prospective students about Newman. Being able to provide my genuine experiences of being a student has been an enormous benefit."

Last summer Rikki was promoted to Outreach Programme Manager for the National Collaborative Outreach Programme (NCOP). Newman is a partner in the West Midlands consortium of the project, along with other local universities. The project aims to increase the number of students entering higher education from certain target wards. "Having a degree is much more than the certificate you get at the end and I love being able to give young people an insight into what university is all about and expelling the myths – especially coming from Newman myself. Being able to support making access to university easier for all is both rewarding and motivating."

ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

DOVILE SUNSKYTE

BA EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE | 2013

During her last semester at Newman, Dovile began working as a nursery practitioner; after successfully completing her degree she applied for a room leader position at a local nursery. *"I believe it is the skills I gained at Newman that resulted in my success in securing the position. In just seven months I was promoted to Nursery Operations Co-ordinator, and six months after I was promoted to a Nursery Deputy Manager."*

In April 2016 I became a Nursery Manager, and in October 2016 the nursery won the Best Nursery in Sandwell 2016 award. I also have been involved in setting up one of the biggest new nursery settings in Sandwell – Fireflies Nursery, which I now manage. I currently have a team of twelve staff and three students, with the nursery catering for up to 96 children. In September 2017 Fireflies Nursery won the national Nursery World award for Early Years Launch of the Year. It also has been nominated for Outstanding Business of the Year award at ABCC Awards in Birmingham.

In addition, I have recently been part of the founding team for a new project launch: United Nurseries of Sandwell, through Smethwick Youth and Community Centre – uniting nurseries for joint fundraising over the year for a chosen charity, while also promoting healthy lifestyles for staff and parents."



ABED AHMED

BSc SPORT AND EDUCATION STUDIES | 2015

Abed has recently featured on BBC Three's Amazing Humans series because of his inspiring efforts to help young people who suffer with a stammer.

From the age of 4, Abed struggled to speak and say his first name and even to this day he finds it difficult to introduce himself to people. *"I had to overcome my stammer and the anxiety that came with it. I had to present in a lot of my modules at university and Newman helped me with this. The support I received at Newman was immense."* His proudest achievement was

always achieving at least a 2:1, and in some cases achieving a first-class mark, in all of his oral presentations, despite his stammer.

Abed undertook his PGCE after leaving Newman, and is now a maths teacher at Holte School in Birmingham, the very secondary school in which he studied some years ago. Drawing on his own experiences and struggles growing up with a stammer, Abed has set up a stammer support group at the school to help young people overcome the fear of living with a stammer.

He shared a video of the support group on YouTube to inspire others on International Stammering Awareness day and his story has grown in popularity from there. His inspirational ways have attracted the attention of the national media with BBC Three declaring Abed one of their 'Amazing Humans', he also featured on BBC's Breakfast show in December and many other newspapers including The Mirror have featured his story. This year Abed has also been shortlisted for a number of awards including The Brum30under30 Award and New Teacher Of The Year at the TES awards.

STUDENTS' UNION UPDATE



Rosie Richter
Students' Union President

SU STRATEGIC PLAN

On 1st July the Executive Committee of the Students' Union change to a brand new elected team, so what better opportunity to reflect on all we have achieved this year. We will start with our new strategic plan where we make four promises to students:

1. **We promise to prepare you for life after Newman**
2. **We promise to put you at the heart of an exciting Newman community**
3. **We promise to support you to be as happy and healthy as possible**
4. **We promise to make your voice the loudest**

All the work we do fits in with these promises to our students. Here are just a few of the things we have been up to...

VARSITY

This year the Vice-President launched our first ever Varsity competition against Harper Adams University in seven different sports hosted right here on campus. The SU are proud to announce that we are Varsity winners with victories in five of the seven points available and we are looking forward to reclaiming the title at next year's event. It was a great day with 80 students being involved across the different teams and a huge number of supporters cheering on from the sidelines.



STUDENT ADVICE CLINIC

The first year of the Student Advice Clinic has been a huge success with our five trained advisors supporting students in over 25 academic misconduct panels, complaints, and appeals. The SU is an independent organisation to the University

so we are in a privileged position to be able to support students in this way when the University are unable to.



COURSE REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE

This year we have continued to improve our Course Rep system with 100% of our 180 course reps trained through the SU. We have also introduced a second tier to the system with our Student Academic Reps (StARs) being representatives for each department.

We hosted the One City Course Rep Conference for the first time on campus which brought together 150 course reps from the five Birmingham universities to share good practice and allow our students to meet others in similar roles.

FAMILY FUN DAY

The Students' Union ran one of our most popular events of the year, the second annual Family Fun Day, a completely free event for students, staff, and their families to come together and have fun. This gave people the opportunity to meet others in the Newman community in a similar position to them. The event involved face-painting, crafts, a bouncy castle and even a visit from the Easter Bunny.



David McLoughlin set to retire after 19 years of service



Much loved Senior Lecturer in Theology at Newman University, David McLoughlin, is set to retire this summer after 19 years with the University.

David joined in 1999 where he split his time between being the University chaplain and also a lecturer. David's previous role included teaching young priests so he looked forward to transferring those skills to his role at Newman; David even turned down a job in Rome to become part of the Newman community.

When asked what attracted him to Newman University David said *"I had once received a grant from the council to give me the opportunity to study abroad and had promised that when I returned I would work in the West Midlands and give back to the area. I wanted to help train a new generation of Teachers, specifically RE Teachers, and I liked the professionalism of education at Newman University."*

Throughout his time at Newman, David has seen a whole range of changes, both academically with students and staff, and physically with building developments around campus. David comments *"The most significant change is the amount of students studying here; when I joined the then Newman College, there were roughly 800 students and now as a University we have grown to just short of 3000 students."*

As well as this change David has witnessed Newman progress from a College to a University College to a fully-fledged University as we know it today. The campus has grown and teaching spaces improved over the years with most recently the renovation of

the reception area and introduction of the new St Hilda atrium which provides students with further social space.

"Even though the University has expanded, it still keeps its 'small university' feel as staff know their students and have an open-door policy to ensure that students can speak with us whenever they need to – that is what makes Newman different."

Despite representing the University abroad and being awarded the staff member of the year accolade in 2018, when asked about his biggest achievement whilst working at Newman David commented *"Seeing my students achieve; seeing students gain their degrees and progress within their careers is my proudest achievement."*

It is clear that David will be missed greatly upon his retirement and he admits that he will miss being able to see students transition through university and will also miss the interesting discussions with fellow colleagues.

David presented his final lecture of 'The Hospitality of Strangers' in May as part of the Humanities Research Centre, and also enjoyed a leaving party before entering into retirement in the hope to enjoy some travelling and also to focus on his work within the community.

Newman wishes to thank David for his hard work and commitment over the past 19 years, and wishes him well for his retirement.



Remembering Dick Roche

In March we were visited by the Roche family, whose history links them back to the very start of Newman. Anne Roche, and daughters Susan and Jackie, returned to Newman to visit a place that held deep significance to them. Susan and Jackie's father Dick Roche worked on the building of Newman College during the mid-1960s, going on to become maintenance manager for the college. In 1973 he became Newman's caretaker and moved into the caretaker's bungalow at the top of campus along with his family.

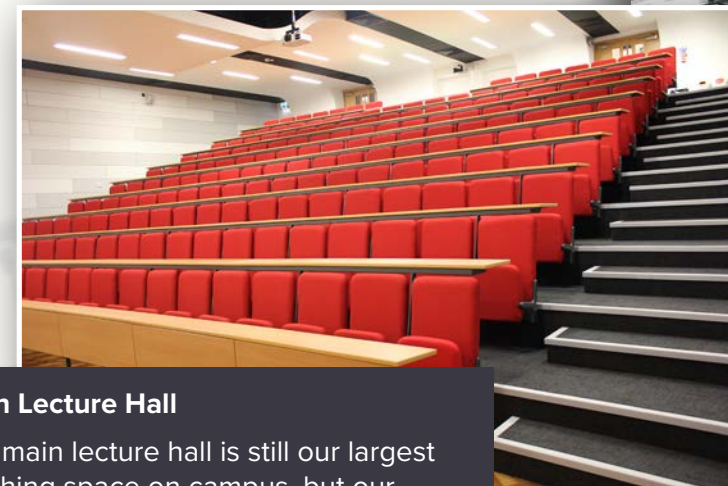
The college became a big part of all of their lives; from the time they arrived they felt at home in the college, the students were friendly and Dick got to know everyone. Anne also began to work for Newman, taking up a job in the library. The Roche family were welcomed into the Newman community with open arms, and they remember friends such as Johnny Morrissey, the Colonel, Dr Judge and his wife, but perhaps most significantly Fr Eamon Clarke, the original college chaplain who became a dear friend of the family. Over the years the family celebrated

two family weddings and two christenings in St Mary's Chapel, and recall being a part of the college functions, and parties in the college bar run by Pat and Mary O'Connor.

Unfortunately Dick had to retire due to ill health in 1983, and it was a sad day when the Roche family had to leave the college but they recall how supportive the staff and students at Newman were during this difficult time.

Looking back on their return to Newman, Susan commented *"It was a real trip down memory lane to return to Newman University for a tour and lunch with Bryan, the Alumni Officer, this March. It was a pleasure to see the campus and how it has developed over the years. The campus retains the calm, friendly and homely feeling that we felt many years ago and we are glad that the ethos of the University remains the same. We hope that everyone who passes through the University will carry fond memories with them, as we have. We look forward to meeting everyone at the 50th celebrations in August"*.

We have delved deep into our photographic archives to find images of the Newman campus from the early years. Take a look at how the campus has developed over the past 50 years.



Main Lecture Hall

The main lecture hall is still our largest teaching space on campus, but our small class sizes of 30 students or fewer means that this space is mainly used for large conferences, open days or the occasional cross-module lecture.



Entrance

Originally tucked behind green railings and a hedgerow, it was easy for Newman to go unnoticed by the public. In 2011 the St Chad building was opened, home to our main atrium area and three story library. There is now no mistaking who we are as you pass by Genners Lane.



CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT



Halls of Residence

The four original halls of residence were built on the heart of campus, in close proximity to lecture rooms. These halls remain, but in 2017 Newman opened the new state-of-the-art Cofton halls of residence at the bottom end of campus.



Ryland Quad

The heart of campus, the Ryland quad is the main route to cross Newman. The original grass has been replaced by a gravelled walkway, with a statue of Cardinal Newman in the middle of the quad.



Student Common Room

The ground floor of the original two floor student common room is now the home to our student bar Senses. The upstairs has now been converted into admin offices. The St Hilda atrium is now where the original student bar once was.



Classrooms

In line with Cardinal Newman's view of education, our approach to learning is quite distinctive. Lectures are focused around interactive debate and discussion, and our high-spec teaching spaces reflect this, encouraging students to sit and work together in small groups.



ALUMNI PROFILE

Paul Walmsley

Certificate of Education (1975) | Catholic Teacher's Certificate (1975)
Further Diploma in Science Education (1983) | Master of Education (1994)

Paul Walmsley, originally from Blackpool, first came to Newman in 1972 to study the Certificate of Education. Paul had originally studied a course in catering management at Bolton Institute of Food Technology, but decided that he wanted to pursue a career in teaching after he felt a calling to work with young people, and give something back to society.

Paul's main subject at Newman was Physical Education and in the course of his college life he represented Newman in many of its sports teams. He was awarded college colours in rugby, cricket and basketball.

After leaving Newman Paul took us his first role as a classroom teacher at St Stephen's Catholic Primary School in Birmingham in 1975. *"It was a daunting experience moving from college into my first teaching role. The school I worked for was in Handsworth, during a time of a lot of unrest, but it helped shape the teacher that I became."*

Paul's next position was at St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School, where he met his wife Mary in 1979. Paul then moved on to St Columba's school, where he became Deputy Headteacher. By 1984 he was promoted to Headteacher where he remained for 14 years. *"I was a Head Teacher during a time of immense change within the education sector. The introduction*

of the National Curriculum, Local Management of Schools, Ofsted inspections and the SEN Act brought with it many professional challenges, but it was an interesting and thoroughly rewarding 14 years."

Paul remained linked to Newman over the years, coming back to gain his Further Diploma in Science Education in 1983, followed by his Master of Education degree in 1994. Paul was also a governor for the college for two years, and at one point was Chair of the Alumni Association.

Throughout his career Paul has taught on MA and MED programmes and has been a regular provider on educational management programmes. He has also been a British Council International Visit Facilitator and has led over fifty international delegations.

In 1998 Paul became Director of the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership (BCPP). The Partnership brings together 85 Catholic primary schools within the West Midlands, promoting curriculum and professional development in order to enrich Catholic Education within the county. The BCPP office is based on the Newman campus, within the Maryvale Halls of Residence (C Block). *"It's been fantastic to work on the Newman Campus for the past twenty years. Newman*

has somehow remained woven into my entire professional life so it seemed appropriate to come back and work on site, alongside Newman's friendly community of staff".

Paul has had an extremely distinguished career within the education sector, and his significant contribution to Catholic Education was recognised earlier this year when he was awarded a Newman Fellowship award. *"Receiving the Newman Fellowship was a significant moment in my career, and a nice way to lead into my retirement. This award will lead to me carrying out further work with Newman in the coming years, giving back to an institution that I have a deep connection with".*

Paul retired from his post of Director earlier this year, but will still be carrying out some work for the BCPP, taking the lead on international development work and co-ordinating the performance management of Head Teachers. Now that he has partially retired Paul enjoys spending more time with his wife Mary and has a long list of hobbies to keep him busy, including playing more golf, working on his allotment and seeing more live sport. Paul is also keen to travel the world, with trips to La Gomera and the Greek Islands planned for 2018.

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*Data from Graduate Labour Market Statistics: 2015. Based on the difference in median salaries for undergraduate vs postgraduate earnings over a 40-year period. **Correct at the time of printing. ***Offer only applies to alumni who have studied a full undergraduate, full Master's or PGCE course with Newman University.

NAF! Then & Now

NEWMAN ALUMNI FRIENDS 1968-1971

Article by Dr Graham McFarlane (text) & T E Murphy (visuals)



NAF! 68-69 was set up in 2010 by myself and Terry Murphy, as we were from the first cohort of students to attend Newman College of Higher Education. The aim was to create a network of alumni to support Newman's bid to gain University status. When that was achieved in 2013, NAF! widened its role and brief and became NAF! 68-71, to include those who joined in 1969, and to organise cultural and social events around the country.

We meet in Birmingham termly to decide on events and venues, and, since 2013, we have met in Bedford, Leeds, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Oxford and York. The majority of members are from the '68 & '69 cohorts, as we formed a strong bond back in the '60s that has lasted these 50 years through our careers and now into our retirement.

We were in the very first cohort to Newman, where there were 182 students at the beginning and 151 graduates in 1971. The first cohort was described thus in an extract from 'The First Years, 1968-69', a poem I penned about my time at Newman:

*"As diverse a group as you could hope to meet
From Marxist red to Tory blue; some square &
some Beat
Fashion trends from suits and ties to jeans of the free
Musical tastes ranging from Lohengrin to Led Z
Food fads from T-bone, Marmite and Meltis jellies
And all the college advice was 'bring your wellies'"*

It was that camaraderie in adverse circumstances that first cemented the 'spirit of the '60s' identity of the future NAF! members.

The college was essentially a building site when we first arrived in October '68, where we were 'billeted out' to local families, as there were no halls of residences, no library and, more critically, no college bar! We were, however, student union members of the University of Birmingham and that gave us a sense of the uni life – Birmingham itself also gave us all the recreation and night life that as students we felt we needed – from the Birmingham Philharmonic for the classics to the Mothers, Erdington for prog rock and every other musical genre that you wish – plus we had the Cock Inn around the corner in Jiggins Lane for relaxation.



One of the bonding factors was sport, and with the help of other like-minded sports people, we were able to set up teams and represent Newman, which was a positive experience. We were fully involved in football, and myself and Terry were also the Newman men's doubles champions in 1969.



As the first ever student cohort we established new college organisations, particularly through the Social Committee – organising the first college balls, discos and live gigs at Newman; the rock band Mott the Hoople performed here in 1969 before they were famous. We also created the first Poetry and Arts magazine TFM.



NAF! Christmas meal 2016

After college the majority of us stayed in, and around, Birmingham, so we became part of people's lives and careers. The majority of NAF! members stayed in education and were successful teachers, senior managers and head teachers in the primary and secondary schools, senior education officers in LEAs, senior staff in further education, and not just in the UK, but around the world including Sweden and Japan.

Others went on from education to have successful managerial roles in the wider private sector as auditors and in the legal profession; some set up their own successful businesses for example as HR consultants to major employers including People In Charge.

As a group we attended each other's weddings with many of the '60s group marrying one another; we became their best men and bridesmaids at weddings and later their children's godparents, and generally kept in touch, maintaining an ethos of being there for one another.

There was a wider identity that we shared, as well as a Newman identity we, as a group, were all 'Leading-Edge Baby Boomers', i.e. born between 1945 and 1955. We were the first ever generation to have what social researchers called a 'youth culture' – very distinct from our parents' experience, and one that transcended national boundaries. This 'cultural identity' carries us into adulthood and still has a strong influence to this day. Some lyrics from Joni Mitchell's song 'Woodstock' gives a flavour as to that identity:

*"And I feel to be a cog in something turning
Well maybe its just the time of year
Or maybe it's the time of Man
I don't know who I am
But you know life is for the learning
We are Stardust. We are Golden."*

In an article I wrote 'Talking about my g.g.g.g Generation' I described our generation as the 'Golden Generation' because we had this sense of common identity:

"As a group they were the wealthiest, most active and the most physically fit generation up to that point in time, and the first to grow up genuinely expecting the world to improve with time... the key characteristics of the Leading Edge cohort in the research, and in the... people identified by them as respected peers, can be summarised as: experimental, individualistic, free-spirited and social-cause orientated."

NAF!, then and now, totally agreed with the above analyses, and that bond continued over the years from college to retirement. We keep the whole ethos informal and group-led and we aim to continue into the future, keeping Dylan Thomas' words in mind to always 'Rage against the dying of the light'.

And as all bonafide organisations like to have a Latin motto to hand, so we share ours with you to finish this article on NAF! with the hope that you all have: 'Pax et Caritas est Homines' (Peace and Love of the People).



Terry & Graham on a recent visit to the campus

NAF! thanks the University for allowing us space on the Alumni website and thanks to Bryan Turner, Newman's Alumni Officer for all his support & encouragement.

*Copies of both 'The First Years, 1968-69' and 'Talking about my g.g.g.g Generation' are available from the REC Bedford Archives, by emailing dr.gmcfarlane@ntlworld.com.

NEWMAN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS



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- PROVIDE A WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT
- OFFER A SUMMER INTERNSHIP
- MENTOR CURRENT STUDENTS
- PROVIDE A GRADUATE PROFILE



The Newman University Alumni Volunteers scheme is an initiative set up by Newman University Alumni Association to recognise the contribution that our alumni make to support the University after they have graduated.

All alumni who volunteer their time, services or expertise will be formally recognised for their support and will also be invited to our annual Newman University Alumni Volunteers Thank You event, where guests will have the opportunity to meet the Vice-Chancellor and senior members of staff.

The scheme gives you an opportunity to give back to Newman and support the next generation of students, whilst gaining the opportunity to expand your CV to reflect your active contribution to University activities.

For more information visit www.newman.ac.uk/alumni



HELP MATCH NEWMAN STUDENTS TO YOUR BUSINESS

Newman University is part of a £3.3 million project to give our students and graduates access to better work experience opportunities and enhance their employability. Under the Higher Level Skills Match (HLSM) Project, Newman alumni can gain valuable experience with local employers and build a diverse portfolio of experiences and make vital connections with employers.

More than ever graduates are faced with the jobseeker's paradox: I can't get a job without experience and I can't get experience without a job. We can help with that.

We have already secured opportunities that would be an excellent addition to the CV of anyone looking for a career change, or to take the next step in their chosen career. And if you are looking to enter the job market for the first time or to re-enter after a period out of employment, this would be a great stepping stone.

Some of our HLSM participants are hoping to start their own business and see a real competitive advantage in gaining experience with a similar business or a recent start-up in a related field – what better way to learn what works and what doesn't?

All of our HLSM opportunities offer a safe environment to broaden your skills, gain experience and have demonstrable successes to talk about with future employers. We offer support and guidance for all participants throughout your time on an HLSM project because we understand the value of mentoring and working together.

HLSM is a key part of Newman's Enterprise and Employer Engagement strategy and we can make connections on behalf of students or graduates, so if you would like to gain experience in a particular sector, get in touch and we can approach businesses on your behalf.

To find out more about the opportunities we have available, you can check www.newman.ac.uk/hlsm

or email us for a one-to-one conversation at hlsm@newman.ac.uk.

Advice, support, and guidance for small business owners

Many Newman students start out in business on their own once they graduate and we know how challenging this can be. Under the HLSM Project we would like to extend an offer of support to any of our graduate business owners. The HLSM Team have a wealth of business experience and can help you identify and address your barriers to growth by accessing the resources of Newman University or our partner universities (Aston and BCU). We won't charge you a fee for this service.

We work with start-up organisations across the region to help them with key aspects of their business such as strategic planning, promotion and branding, market research, and opening up new markets or revenue streams. What we have learned from our partner organisations is that it isn't enough to be great at your core service proposition if you struggle with other aspects of running a business: you can be a great therapist but it means nothing if you can't promote your services. You may be promoting a smartphone app that could rival anything on the market, but if you can't manage your cash flow then your business will fail.

With the HLSM project, you can access support, guidance, training, and additional resources to drive your business forward – and we won't present you with a bill at the end as there is no financial charge for this.

Get in touch with the HLSM team and learn more about how you can grow your business with the support of your university by emailing us at hlsm@newman.ac.uk.



Dates for your diary in 2018...

THE BIG ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY

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AUGUST

If you only come to one event in 2018 make sure it's this one. 50 years of graduates, one big reunion. Come and join us for a day of exciting live entertainment and delicious street food provided by the award-winning Digbeth Dining Club*. There will be campus tours throughout the afternoon, as well as an opportunity to view, or contribute towards, the Newman Heritage Collection. Come and share memories, reminisce and see how the campus has changed and developed. It's a great opportunity to come back to Newman and, for some of you, the city of Birmingham.

Tickets are available from www.newman.ac.uk/50years until Friday 3rd August.

TUESDAY

09

OCTOBER

NEWMAN FEAST DAY St Chad's Cathedral

To celebrate the University's 50th anniversary, this year's Newman Feast Day will have extra significance. To mark the special occasion we will be celebrating mass at St Chad's Cathedral in the city centre, followed by a reception for all our guests. This event is open to all staff, students, alumni and friends of the University.

WEDNESDAY

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OCTOBER

EDUCATION IN SUPER-COMPLEX TIMES: Young people, policy effects and the navigation of the educational lifeworld

Join Professor Dave Trotman, from the Faculty of Education, for his inaugural lecture as he examines the consequences of education policy in the lifeworlds of young people. Drawing on research conducted over the past six years with children, young people and educators in a variety of school contexts, he will present an account of the dimensions of supercomplexity as both a national and supranational condition and detail what research evidence reveals about the effects of this on young people. The lecture will conclude with observations on what this means for schools, curriculum, education practice and policy makers.

THURSDAY

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OCTOBER

MEDIATING VALUES IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

As part of the Faculty of Education's Newman Institute of Leadership in Education (NILE), we are delighted to host this interactive session for leaders in education. Professor John Sullivan, Visiting Professor of Theology and Education, will lead this session, prompting reflection on how we communicate and mediate our values in education, the sources of such values, the tensions and dilemmas that can arise and the contexts and activities through which our values are conveyed. The session is aimed specifically at those exercising or aspiring to exercise school leadership roles.

FRIDAY

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OCTOBER

OPENING OF THE DARWIN BUILDINGS

Join us as we officially open the renovated Darwin Building, home to our Faculty of Education. We will also acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the original cohort of students, who first set foot on campus on 28th October 1968. A buffet lunch will be available to all guests, as well as a tour of the new Darwin classrooms.

For more information about each of these events visit www.newman.ac.uk/events. Please check our calendar regularly for other University events that may be of interest to you.

*Winners of the British Street Food Awards - Best Event 2015 & 2016, Midlands Food Drink & Hospitality Awards Best Event 2017 and Birmingham What's On - Best Street Food Event 2017.

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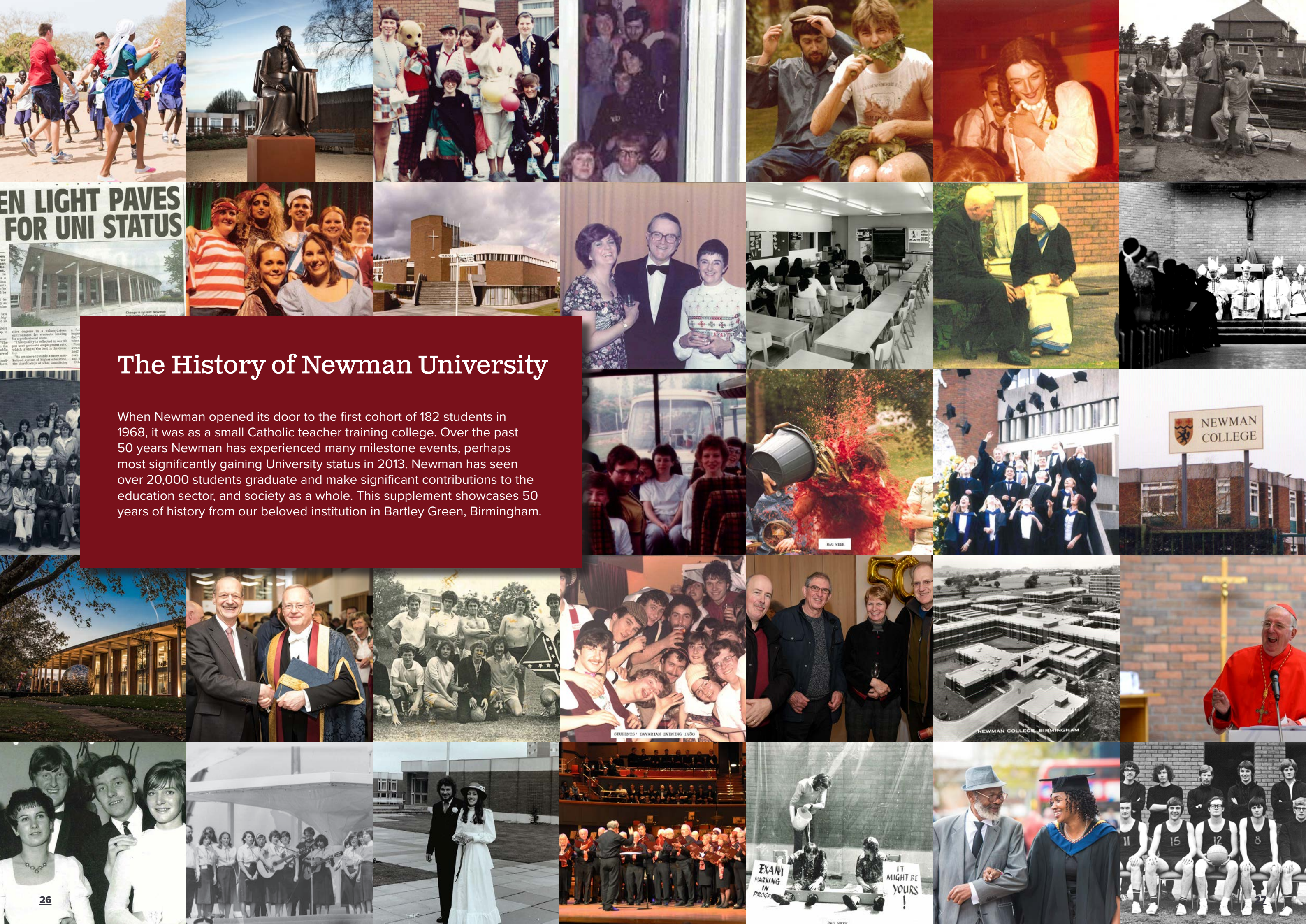


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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

1968-2018



The History of Newman University

1988-1997



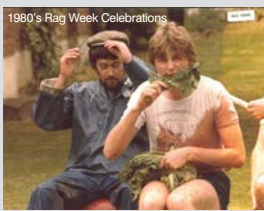

B'ham Post
Purr-fect: John Henry the cat could not resist interrupting Mother Teresa and Cardinal Basil Hume as they sat deep in conversation at Newman College in Bartley Green, Birmingham. The college's resident pet, named after John Henry Newman, was rewarded with an affectionate stroke.



Mother Theresa Visits Newman
Mother Theresa and Cardinal Hume visit on 9th September. Dr Francis Burn recalls:

"Only the previous day one of the college nurses had taken leave to go to Calcutta to help Mother Teresa's work!"

Images Supplied From Bartley Green History Group

1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
<p>Overseas recruitment began in the Republic of Ireland</p> <p>As well as maintaining recruitment from England and Wales, places and jobs for teacher training were becoming scarce in Ireland, so the Newman College recruitment team familiarised themselves with the Irish Leaving Certificate and started interviewing potential students in Dublin. This brought fresh students with new ideas which benefited many Catholic schools in the West Midlands.</p> <p>Another National Conference of Priests was held on Newman campus.</p>	<p>1989's Rag Week Celebrations</p>  <p>1989's Rag Week Celebrations</p> 	<p>Student uptake increased to 1000 and Newman became the fourth largest centre in the country for training primary teachers! This was partly due to the increase of overseas students studying and visiting the campus.</p>	<p>The formation of a Catholic University was under consideration by Church College Officials including Newman's Principal Joan Cuming after a recent White Paper had been published.</p>	<p>In the 1990's English was recognised as an important second language by the Malaysian Government. Their decision to send Malaysian teachers to the UK meant that in 1992 the Newman students are joined by Malaysian teachers who wanted to further their expertise in English by taking an English degree course.</p> <p>Newman received the first 20 Malaysian teachers who were all mature students. Over the next four years this was followed by further groups of 20 teachers who were chosen by the Malaysian Education Department.</p>

Cardinal congratulates national priests body

"PARISH priorities" will come under consideration at this year's National Conference of Priests, to be held at Newman College, Birmingham, from September 5-9.

Delegates from all over the country will examine priorities in the priest's life, processes of parish consultation and accountability, pastoral innovation and the challenges of the future. These topics for discussion have arisen out of a nationwide consultation of Catholic priests and, once they are turned into resolutions by the conference, will be offered back to dioceses for implementation.

The meeting follows a letter of congratulations from Cardinal Hume addressed to the Conference's Executive Secretary Fr Brian O'Sullivan stating how the Vatican Congregation for Priests had complemented the cardinal on the excellent work of the English National Conference of Priests.


"I naturally felt very proud although recognising that the credit is due in large part to yourselves and to the wonderful relationship that obtains between yourselves and the hierarchy," the letter says.

At the conference the practical management of the parish will be a major issue under consideration. Dr James Whelan, an executive with ICL, will seek to advise priests on how best to get the parish functioning at an administrative level.


College principals discuss a Christian university

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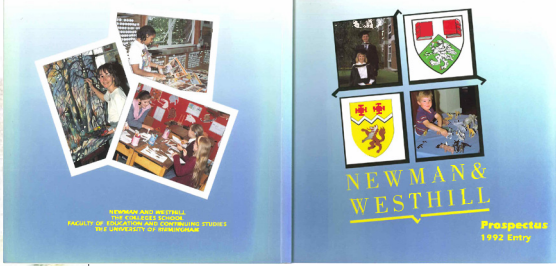
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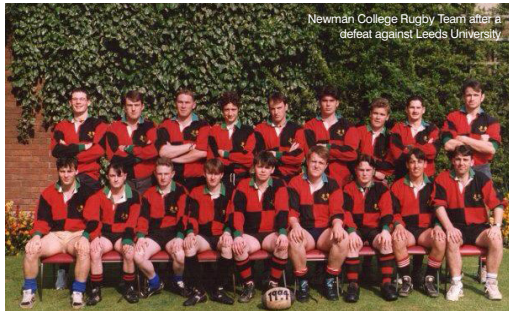
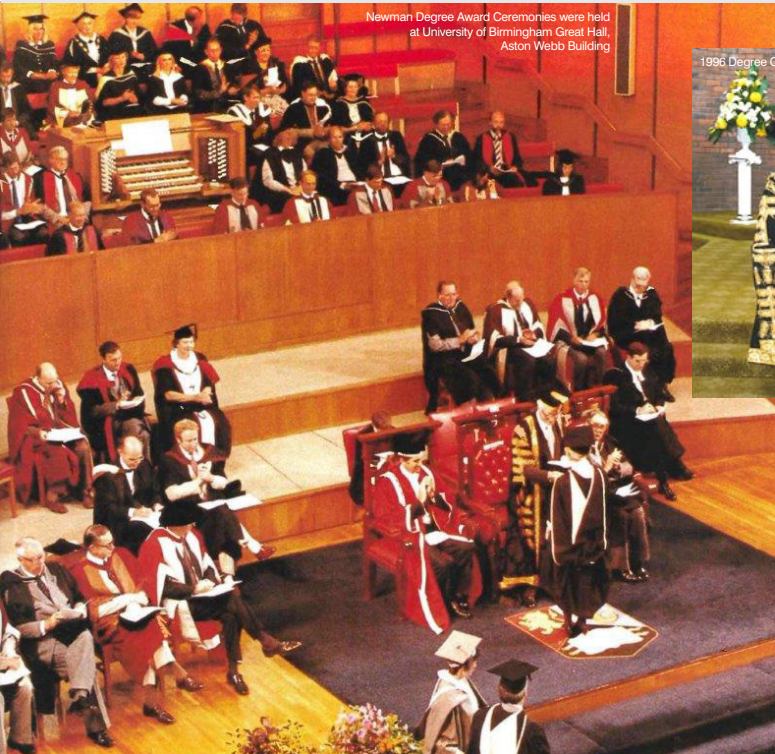
1990 Newman College Chapel




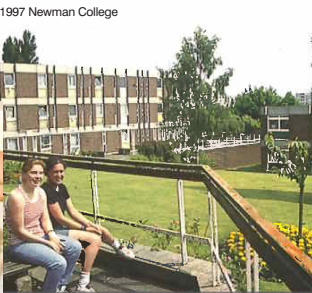
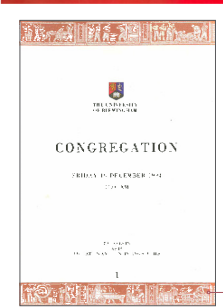
NEWMAN & WESTHILL COLLEGES BIRMINGHAM



Principal of Newman College of Higher Education 1994 to 2000
PROFESSOR BRIAN RAY




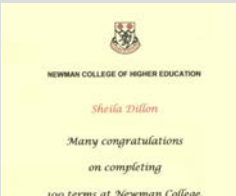

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
<p>Newman had control over its own recruitment policy, and it had its own UCAS classification number.</p> <p>In the summer, previous Newman Principal Dr Joan Cuming and Ken Hodson were married at Hawkstone Priory.</p>	<p>New Principal Professor Brian Ray.</p> 	<p>Newman held both the National Conference of Priests and the Catholic Education National Conference.</p>	<p>First Class Honours in the family. A former student of the College Rita Roberts, who obtained a first class of honours B.Ed degree in 1982 had the pleasure of seeing her daughter Stacey also obtain a first class honours degree in our December graduation.</p>	<p>Newman was inspected by the Higher Education Quality Council, they issued an extremely commendable report.</p> <p>The College Basketball team coached by Mohammed Sawar, defeated Reading University in the final of the Universities Basketball Plate Competition.</p> <p>February - Art students from the College working with pupils from Howley Grange Primary School mounted an exhibition of work completed after a project undertaken with the school. This involved visiting the Barber Institute of Fine Arts at The University of Birmingham and making a personal response to some of the works studied. The exhibition was opened by Sue Pollard and Don Maclean.</p>



The History of Newman University

1998-2007



1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
All undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are now validated by Coventry University and no longer the University of Birmingham. The cost of board and lodgings on Newman campus including two meals a day was between £56 and £59 per week.	Newman worked with Dudley Local Education Authority (LEA) and Dudley Grid for Learning to promote creative learning with technology in a series of projects.	Newman has a new Principal Mrs Pamela Taylor.  In the 2000's Newman's academic status received recognition, and is one of 14 colleges outside universities to be awarded a grade 3A rating for research. Newman has new ceramic art designed for St Mary's Chapel.	 Many congratulations on completing 100 terms at Newman College. September 1968 - December 2001 Pamela Taylor Principal	 2002 History Students



2000 - 2003 Newman Degree Award ceremonies took place at Newman in St Mary's Chapel with afternoon tea taking place outside by the Sanctuary garden area.



2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
The Happy Days Café provided catering and The Student Union bar was called "Hangovers". Newman College Choir take part in the Church College Choirs festival in London. September - Degree validation was moved from Coventry University to University of Leicester. Graduation ceremonies move to the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.	Newman University embarked on a five million restoration improving disabled access and campus facilities, most noticeably the Gym and sports centre.  2000's Main Entrance  2003 Validation Agreement between Newman College and Leicester University	Almost 40 years after being founded as a charity, Newman officially attains charitable status. Newman was approved as a Fairtrade institution Newman opened the doors to the wider community for a Community Open day and saw over 1500 guests attend. Two Newman lecturers, Stan Tucker and Yahya Al Nakeeb, became Professors. John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws. Fellowship award honour for Professor Yahya Al Nakeeb. A leadership project which has high importance in the Higher Education community. Newman was recognised on an international level and this attracted funding for research into citizenship education, sports studies and employers and foundation degrees.	Newman received the highest ranking of any college in the Guardian League Tables. Newman introduced Foundation Degrees as part of its portfolio.  2000's Library 2007 Football League Winners	Newman College of Higher Education gained its own taught awarding powers from the Privy Council and University College title was awarded. 4th December Newman hosts "The Idea of a University" Lecture by Lord Dearing, celebrating the 40th anniversary of Newman. 

Principal of Newman College of Higher Education (2000 - 2006)
Newman University College (2007 - 2009)
PAMELA TAYLOR



The History of Newman University

2008-2015

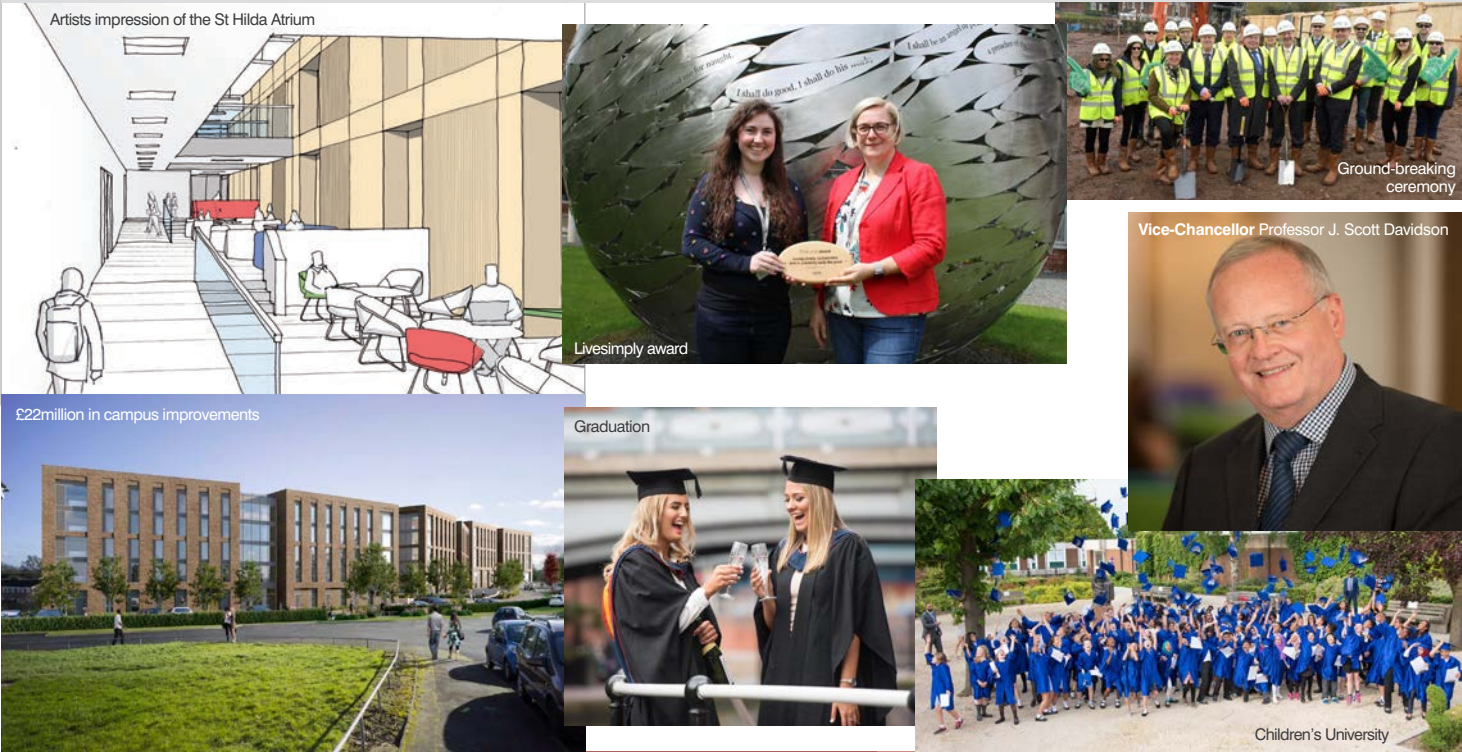
Principal & Chief Executive of Newman University College (2010 - 2012)
Vice Chancellor & Principal of Newman University (2013 - 2016)
PROFESSOR PETER LUTZEIER



2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014	2015	2015
<p>21st February - Newman's 40th Anniversary and Mass of Thanksgiving. Celebrant was the Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Birmingham.</p> <p>9th May - Staff celebrate Newman's 40th anniversary at Birmingham Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>21st May - Opening of Newman University College's New All-Weather Pitch (worth £700,000) for hockey and football by Jane Sixsmith MBE and Principal Pamela Taylor. Jane Sixsmith is a member of the British Squad winning Bronze medal at 1992 Summer Olympics.</p>	<p>The Cathedrals Group Memorial Lecture for Lord Dearing was attended by staff and students.</p> <p>Cathedrals Group Memorial Lecture</p>	<p>New Principal Professor Peter Lutzeier</p> <p>£20million work begins on campus including St Chad's building incorporating a new entrance, library, atrium and lecture rooms. Sports facilities and research centre are also refurbished.</p> <p>Pope Benedict XVI visited Birmingham. He held the Beatification Mass for Cardinal John Henry Newman at Coton Park. The Principal and students participated in a ceremonial mass.</p> <p>Newman has reduced waste collections by over 80%; recycling facilities were improved for paper, plastics, cans and bottles. We were awarded Bronze award in 2010 from EcoCampus.</p>	<p>2010/2011 - Three Schools were established: School of Education; School of Human Sciences and the Graduate School.</p> <p>29th November 2011 - The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, blessed the St Chad's Building.</p> <p>2011 St Chads Blessing</p>	<p>The year University fees at Newman were raised.</p> <p>The Newman Alumni association started in 2012 and in May 2013 held a historic pub trail inviting alumni to reunite with Senior History Lecturer Chris Upton in the Jewellery Quarter.</p> <p>2012 Graduation Ceremony at Symphony Hall, Birmingham</p>	<p>Newman gained University title, becoming one of only three Catholic Universities in the UK, a first since reformation.</p> <p>To celebrate University status, the Globe was commissioned and placed outside the front of the St Chad's building. A statue of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman, commissioned for the Beatification Mass was acquired on permanent loan from the City Council, and placed in the centre of the Ryland Quad.</p> <p>1st February, the St Chad's building was officially opened by London 2012 gymnastics medalist Kristian Thomas. As part of his visit Kristian showcased the new biomechanics equipment in the redeveloped sports centre.</p> <p>9th March - Newman proudly hosted the 25th Cathedrals Group Choirs Festival at Symphony Hall in Birmingham.</p> <p>25th April - The new Children, Young People and Families Research Centre organised a public lecture with Maggie Atkinson, the Children's Commissioner for England entitled 'Discrimination, Exclusion and Exploitation: The Real Risks for Children and Young People in 2013'.</p>	<p>October - Graduates were the first cohort group that graduated with a Newman University validated award.</p> <p>19th October - Students, staff and alumni from Newman joined together with friends from other universities in The Cathedrals Group to compete in the Basingstoke Half Marathon, raising money for Article 26: Access To Education.</p> <p>National Express gave scholarships of £3,000 each to ten students in 2013 and 2014. The scholarships were given to those who volunteered within the local community.</p> <p>15th February 2013 Newman University College Office of Association I am writing to inform you that, in pursuance of Section 128B of the Education Reform Act 1998, the proposed new Newman University has been approved by the Secretary of State for Education.</p>	<p>Research conducted at Newman in - Education, English and History - was recognised as being of world-leading quality. Research carried out in Psychology, Sport and Theology was ranked as being internationally excellent. The findings were revealed in the 2014 REF, published in January 2015.</p> <p>A new ceremonial mace is commissioned. The mace is an essential part of official ceremonies, particularly those occasions such as Installation of the Chancellor and graduation ceremonies. Made by Thomas Fattorini Limited, Newman University's mace is made of sterling silver and is just under 1.2 metres in length. A large stamped medallion of Blessed John Henry Newman completes the curved top. The Mace is finished in gold polished plate.</p> <p>20th March - Mass of Celebration & Installation of the Chancellor.</p> <p>Newman Students' Union elect Leah Hughes, the first female president for over thirteen years.</p>	<p>'Science and Religion: Exploring the Spectrum' a research project of £1.8million begins at Newman. The first of its kind, the project will conduct research into the public perceptions of the relationship between evolutionary science and religion. The research is in partnership with University of Kent, York University, Canada, and the British Library.</p> <p>19th February - Newman holds a Foundation day in honour of our patron Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman. Our new Chancellor Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor held a lecture titled 'A World without a Father'. This was followed by a reception and awards ceremony to celebrate long-service from Newman staff.</p> <p>2015 Green Week</p>	<p>Newman appoints our first female Professor: Professor Susan Docherty.</p> <p>28th March - Newman University running team represented The Cathedrals Group alongside friends at Winchester University as part of the Mash March Madness 10k forest trail in Cannock Chase, and win the 'Best team' trophy award.</p> <p>Plans for new Halls of Residence are developed.</p> <p>2015 Long term Newman staff awards</p>

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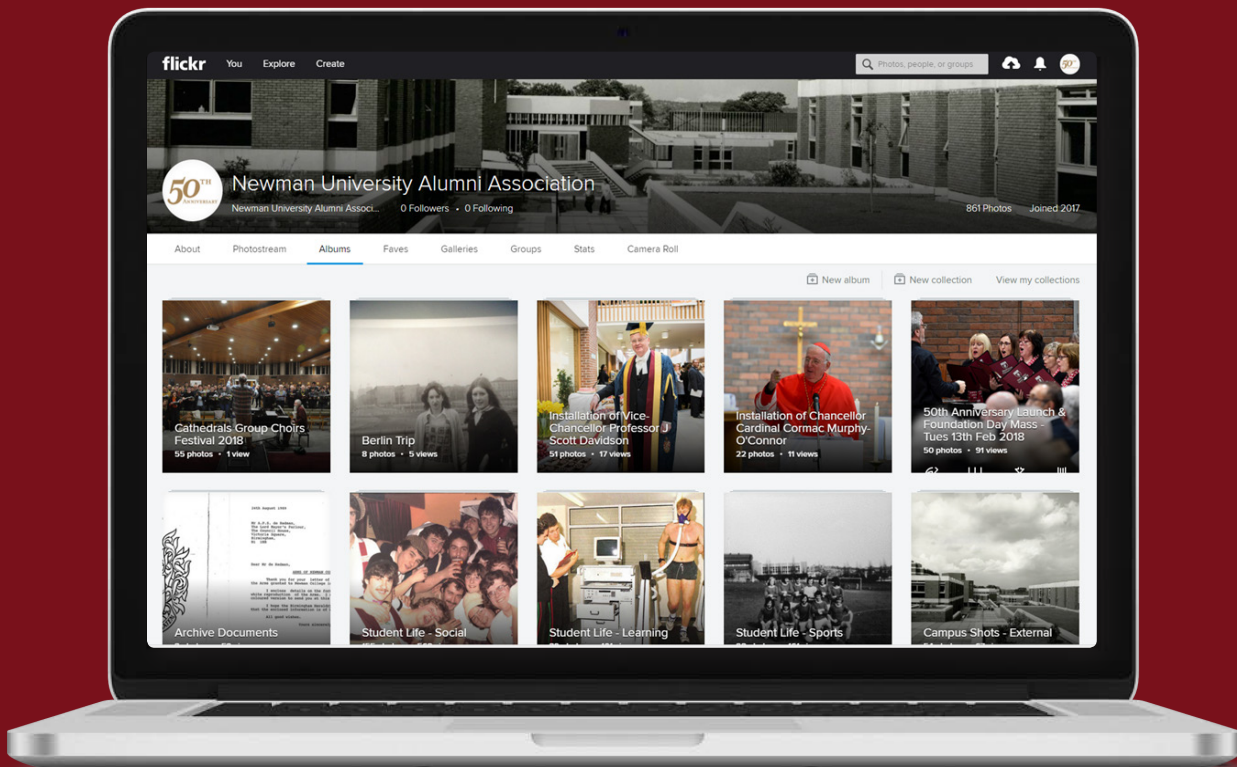


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<p>CADLab awarded BBC Children in Need grant</p> <p>Persephone Sexton, Reader in Applied Theatre at Newman University secures £49,349 grant from BBC Children in Need to develop further research on the impact of bedside theatre projects on children's Wellbeing in hospitals and hospices.</p> <p>Supported by BBC Children in Need</p> <p>Newman celebrates NSS success</p> <p>Newman University celebrates after being named the number one university in the country for student satisfaction in 3 subject areas.</p> <p>Shortlisted for national award; Times Higher Education Awards</p> <p>Newman's Student Services team recognised as they secure a spot as a finalist in the Outstanding Student Support category at the THE awards.</p> <p>Research Centres launched</p> <p>The Humanities and the Science, Knowledge and Belief in Society Research Centres launched.</p>	<p>18th February - Students take to their bikes for Gambia</p> <p>Staff and students are taking to their bikes and cycle 210 miles to raise money for education projects and schools in the Gambia.</p> <p>23rd February - Public lectures on religious belief and evolution</p> <p>Science, Knowledge and Belief in Society Research Centre hosts two renowned US academics – Professor Jonathan Hill, Calvin College Michigan and Professor David E Long, Morehead State University – in public lectures.</p>	<p>Newman invests £22million in campus improvements</p> <p>Newman University announces £22million investment over the next five years to develop the campus.</p> <p>Newman University Running Team to run 10k Chase Challenge for Article 26</p> <p>Following on from the success of 2015's fundraising event, Newman's running group once again ran to raise funds for Article 26 students. Article 26 is a scholarship which offers a 100% tuition fee waiver and limited additional financial support to assist with study and travel expenses to one student per year who is seeking asylum in the UK or a dependent of partner of someone seeking asylum.</p>	<p>7th April - Receives national recognition for innovative student programmes</p> <p>Newman was recognised nationally after being shortlisted in two categories for the prestigious Times Higher Education Leadership and Management Awards (THELMAs). Student Services named in Outstanding Student Services Team category and the Registry team in the Outstanding Administrative Support category.</p> <p>9th April - Passing of Fr Eamon Clarke RIP</p> <p>On 9th April, Newman received news of the death of Fr Eamon Clarke RIP. Fr Eamon was the first Chaplain at Newman and held this position from 1969 to 1988. He played a key role in establishing our Chapel and Mass was offered for the repose of his soul.</p>	<p>7th July - Newman University announces new Vice-Chancellor</p> <p>August saw Professor J. Scott Davidson announced as the new Vice-Chancellor. Professor Davidson set to join Newman in January 2017 following the retirement of Professor Peter Lutzeier, who led the university since 2010.</p> <p>10th November - Ground-breaking ceremony for Newman University expansion</p> <p>MP Gisela Stuart and Councillors John Lines and Des Flood joined staff and students of the university for the official ground-breaking ceremony to mark the next stage of Newman's campus redevelopment.</p> <p>Newman secures Catalyst funding</p> <p>Newman secures £47,000 funding from HEFCE for a collaborative research programme to develop interventions designed to improve student progression and academic results.</p> <p>Professor Peter Lutzeier retires</p> <p>Professor Peter Lutzeier retired at the end of 2016 after being Vice-Chancellor for seven successful years at Newman University, which included leading it to full university status in 2013. Professor Lutzeier, originally from Stuttgart, Germany was the first Vice-Chancellor for the university and he also became the chair of The Cathedrals Group during his time at Newman. When talking to Times Higher Education Professor Lutzeier once stated that the best thing about his job as Vice-Chancellor was "to see colleagues develop and flourish, especially those I've appointed myself."</p> <p>Professor Duncan Lawson wins mathematics gold medal</p> <p>Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Duncan Lawson awarded a gold medal by the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) for his work establishing sigma – a network of support centres dedicated to helping University students develop and improve their mathematical and statistical skills.</p>
 <p>CADLab</p>  <p>Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Duncan Lawson</p>		 <p>Gambia</p>		

Vice Chancellor of Newman University
(2017 - present)
PROFESSOR J. SCOTT DAVIDSON



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<p>22nd February - Installation of new Vice-Chancellor</p> <p>Professor J. Scott Davidson was installed as the new Vice-Chancellor to lead the university. The ceremony took place at St Mary's Chapel on the university campus and saw Professor Davidson set out his vision for Newman as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary.</p> <p>8th March - Newman's netball team through to the cup final in Loughborough</p> <p>The Newman netball team secured their place in the BUCS cup final for the first time ever for a Newman team. The team faced tough opposition in Loughborough's 5ths at Loughborough University and unfortunately were unable to secure the win but held their heads high with a great achievement in reaching the final.</p> <p>12th April - Careers Service Shortlisted for the Times Higher Education Leadership & Management Awards 2017</p> <p>The Newman team were shortlisted for the 'Outstanding Student Services Team' award due to their initiative to be able to deliver more careers education to more students, by engaging with them through the curriculum.</p> <p>Newman University receives Livesimply award</p> <p>Newman University awarded the CAFOD Livesimply award for its work living simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor.</p>	<p>21st June - Newman Secures Silver TEF Rating</p> <p>Newman University secured a Silver rating in the first Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), awarded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).</p> <p>TEF Silver</p> <p>6th June - Children's University Graduation held at Newman</p> <p>Newman University Birmingham hosted the graduation ceremony for the Children's University for the second year running for local school children after becoming a learning destination in 2014.</p> <p>Newman University aims to improve mental health through football</p> <p>Staff and students from the university work with the Aston Villa FC Foundation to improve the mental health of local people by assisting with a weekly session where an hour's football training, followed by 30 minutes of social interaction takes place.</p> <p>Careers Service</p> 	<p>1st September – Passing of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Chancellor of Newman University</p> <p>Newman was very saddened to hear the news of the death of Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Chancellor of Newman University. Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor was a real advocate for the university and since his appointment in 2014 he proved to be a trusted and supportive advisor to two Vice Chancellors.</p> <p>New evolution survey conducted by Newman Research Centre</p> <p>Ground breaking survey conducted by the Science, Knowledge and Belief in Society Research Centre. Results show that whilst the majority of people in UK and Canada accept evolutionary science, non-religious and atheist individuals show similar doubts about the origins of humans and human consciousness as religious and spiritual individuals.</p> <p>Poetry by Elizabeth-Jane Burnett highly commended for the Forward Prize for Poetry</p> <p>Poetry by a lecturer at Newman published in an annual anthology showcasing the best contemporary poetry published in the British Isles over the last year.</p>	<p>20th September - New 3G Artificial Grass Pitch opened at Newman University Darius Vassell and Sian Massey-Ellis</p> <p>A state-of-the-art 3G Artificial Grass Pitch was officially opened by former England and Aston Villa footballer, Darius Vassell and Football Official Sian Massey-Ellis, MBE at Newman University, thanks to a £315,968 grant from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund, which is delivered by the Football Foundation.</p> <p>Newman University's Students Union win RAG award</p> <p>The Students Union celebrate success as they secured the title of 'Most Improved' at the 2017 Raise and Give (RAG) awards.</p> <p>Newman reaccredited with Eco Campus Gold Award</p> <p>Newman University received a re-audit of their Eco Campus Gold status to ensure that the university was still meeting the requirements needed to honour the title. The university certainly impressed and retained the title.</p> <p>23rd November – Cofton Hall opens</p> <p>The new campus accommodation was officially opened by Chair of Council, Jonathan Day and was blessed by the Archbishop of Birmingham, Archbishop Bernard Longley. The halls comprise of 108 bedrooms which are en-suite, Wi-Fi enabled and share a communal open plan kitchen/living room space.</p>	<p>Newman University launches new brand</p> <p>To mark its 50th anniversary, Newman has seen its brand, logo, and website modernised. The design of the new logo draws on elements from the University's coat of arms, ensuring that Newman's history is still very prevalent within the new branding.</p> <p>13th February - Newman launches 50th anniversary celebrations</p> <p>Newman University formally commenced its 50th anniversary with a special Mass in St Mary's chapel, led by The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, marking the University's Foundation Day.</p> <p>Campus proposal for Newman graduates</p> <p>Newman alumni Jonathan Palmer and Shamim Khalid celebrated Valentine's Day in style with a campus proposal outside the main lecture theatre where they first met 9 years ago.</p> <p>24th February - Newman hosts successful Cathedrals Group Choirs Festival</p> <p>Newman hosted the Cathedrals Group Choirs Festival at Birmingham Symphony Hall. The festival included a stirring massed choir performance of Berlioz's epic requiem mass: Grande Messe des Morts.</p> <p>16th April – Newman Humanities Research Centre holds inaugural lecture</p> <p>Playwright Edward Bond visited Newman University to deliver a lecture titled 'The Third Crisis: nihilism and the silence of modernity', the inaugural lecture for the Newman Humanities Research Centre. The lecture focused on how Drama relates to the current cultural and political situation.</p>
 <p>Newman's netball team</p>  <p>Graduation</p>	 <p>3G Artificial Grass Pitch</p>			



The Newman Heritage Collection

Newman University Alumni Association have launched an online Flickr account, which is home to all of the photographs from the Newman Heritage collection - 50 years of pictures, archive items and memories.

To view the collection visit www.flickr.com/newmanalumni

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Our 50th anniversary is a fantastic opportunity to connect with our graduates, and we want to continue our relationship moving forwards.

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