



Newman University
BIRMINGHAM



ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

2020/21

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All events and activities are correct as of the time of publication. Owing to coronavirus and any restrictions in place it may be necessary to revise activities offered. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.



We develop

the whole person



We are proud of our

small class sizes and interactive teaching style



We employ

a higher than average number of academic staff possessing formal teaching qualifications¹

¹ Staff record: Academic teaching qualifications, HESA December 2016

We have a

modern single campus site



We offer

an education based on the values of social justice, personal development and the common good

We provide

work placements on all undergraduate 3 year courses



The Student Recruitment and Outreach Team work with prospective students, parents / carers, teachers and careers advisers in schools and colleges across the UK to provide valuable information, advice and guidance for those thinking about HE study. The team offer a range of services to schools and colleges, from campus visits to Learning Days and Open Days. The team also look forward to invites to your career fayres! Whether the aim is to help inspire students as they begin their journey towards higher education, or support as they transition to university we are here to help.

Meet the Team



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Higher Education Presentations & Workshops

With students at the centre of our university, we always look to support learners, in depth, throughout their journey, and this begins before they join us at Newman as a student. We offer a range of free presentations and workshops based around Higher Education and these can be delivered at your school or college, as a webinar or on campus at Newman University. These cover:

- **Introduction to Higher Education**
- **What Newman has to offer**
- **Personal Statement Workshops**
- **UCAS Application Process**
- **UCAS Apply Presentation / Workshop**
- **Student Finance**
- **Routes into Teaching**
- **Interview Preparation**
- **Student Life**
- **Preparing for University**
- **Study Skills**
- **How to prepare for University Open Days/UCAS Exhibitions**
- **Subject Specific Presentations/Taster Sessions**
- **Clearing**

Each activity can be tailored to your specific student group requirements, timings of the school day or particular events running within your institution. We also offer bespoke days for schools and colleges on our campus. As well as explaining in greater detail about a myriad of issues surrounding higher education, these events can also include exciting sessions delivered by our academic staff giving students a taste of university life.



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INTRODUCTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Duration: 40 – 60 mins

Audience: Year 9 – 12

This presentation is a great introduction to Higher Education, outlining the benefits of studying at university, how to research and choose a course effectively, the importance of careful consideration of the entry requirements for various courses and an overview on student finance. Depending on timings, the talk can be tailored to include interactive activities and tasks.

PERSONAL STATEMENTS: ONE-TO-ONE CHECKING

Duration: 15 mins per student

Audience: Year 12 – 13 (*only those applying to Newman or applying for courses that Newman offers*)

This is a great chance for students to get a one-to-one check of their personal statement by one of our Student Recruitment and Outreach Team. We can then give feedback to help them check structure and content. We can also help them get started by using creative resources.



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WHAT NEWMAN HAS TO OFFER

Duration: 30 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

This presentation gives students an overview on what Newman University has to offer and covers the differences offered to students both academically and socially.

UCAS APPLICATION PROCESS

Duration: 30 – 40 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

This presentation provides an overview of the application process covering all of the parts on the UCAS application form. The presentation covers do's and don'ts for the different sections, how to write an effective personal statement, how to make the right course/ university decision, tips on attending university interviews and the different entry pathways to university.



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PERSONAL STATEMENTS

Duration: 40 mins

Audience: Year 11 – 13

This presentation can be delivered as a keynote presentation or an interactive workshop. The presentation provides students with an overview on what admissions tutors are looking for from a Personal Statement, including hints and tips on how to write the most effective statement. Our interactive workshops allow time for students to get started on their statement and to produce their first draft.

HOW TO COMPLETE A UCAS APPLICATION

Duration: 40 mins – 60 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

This presentation provides a detailed breakdown how applicants should complete their UCAS application form in order to give them the best chance of being accepted onto their course. The presentation covers an overview of the UCAS application process, guided walkthroughs of the application, do's and don'ts for the different sections, how to write an effective personal statement, and what happens once the application has been sent. This presentation can also be delivered as an interactive workshop.



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STUDENT FINANCE

Duration: 30 – 40 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13 students and parents/ carers

This presentation covers the various support packages available to students in order to fund their time at university, including tuition fees, maintenance loans, bursaries and scholarships. It also covers the repayment process and how to budget effectively.

INTERVIEW PREPARATION

Duration: 30 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

In addition to mock interviews, we also offer a general presentation on preparing for university interviews which aims to give students an insight into the various types of university interviews, whilst also giving them the essential interview tips.



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ROUTES INTO TEACHING

Duration: 40 – 60 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

This is a great presentation for any students who may be considering teaching as a possible career path. The presentation covers the benefits of teaching, the main routes into teaching, and how to ensure you're successful with your application/ interview.

STUDENT LIFE

Duration: 20 – 40 mins

Audience: Year 10 – 13

The student life presentation is delivered by our Student Ambassadors and gives an overview of what it's like to study at university. The presentation covers the transition from school/college to Higher Education, academic life, and the endless opportunities that are on offer to enrich the student experience.



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CLEARING

Duration: 40 – 60 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

Find out more about Clearing and how it can help your students find a university place this Summer with the team from Newman University. The session will explain how Clearing works, how Newman University will be able to support you this summer and student success stories as well as looking at your next steps to be ready for Clearing!

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF UCAS EXHIBITIONS / UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Duration: 20 - 30 mins

Audience: Year 12 – 13

This presentation is predominantly aimed at Year 12 students as they begin to explore UCAS Exhibitions and make plans to attend Open Days. The presentation gives them top tips as to how to make the most of events, how to prepare, what to expect when they are there, questions they may wish to ask, and what they need to do following the event to make the most of their experience.



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PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY

Duration: 40 mins

Audience: Year 13

This presentation is predominantly aimed at Year 13 students, once they have applied to university, and it outlines the next steps to take regarding their offers and results. It highlights the importance of applicant visit days and also has an element of the student life presentation regarding accommodation arrangements and budget planning.

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS AND ADVISORS*Contributes to Gatsby***TEACHERS AND ADVISORS CONFERENCE:****Wednesday 11th November**

Our higher education Teachers and Advisors Conference is a free annual event, organised by the Student Recruitment and Outreach Team. Our conference is designed to equip you with the information you need to be able to support your students' progression to university – particularly those who are considering applying to Newman:

- **Attend presentations by our academic and support teams to give you an insight into life at Newman**
- **Meet our Student Recruitment and Outreach Team**
- **Share best practice with colleagues working in the field**

For full details of the event and booking information please email Jessica Johnson via jessica.johnson@newman.ac.uk

We can also offer CPD sessions for your staff on UCAS reference writing and what to look for in a good personal statement.

Newman University Open Days give students the opportunity to meet staff and students and find out about the full range of courses we offer, including foundation, undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Students and their families will also have the opportunity to attend a range of presentations and interactive activities, plus you can tour our student-centred campus and see our accommodation.

Our Open Days will take place on the following dates:

Saturday 10th October 2020**Saturday 7th November 2020**

To register for any of these days please visit
www.newman.ac.uk/opendays

Details of our 2021 Open Days will be available on our website.



If you are unable to attend an Open Day, you can visit us for a Campus Tour.

We've recently undergone multi-million pound investment across campus, so this is a great opportunity to view the fantastic learning spaces here at Newman. While there will not be an opportunity to meet without academic staff, there is the chance to view Newman's student-centred campus and see our facilities.

Monday 21st September 2020 2pm - 3pm

Monday 19th October 2020 10am - 11am

Friday 20th November 2020 1pm - 2pm

Thursday 17th December 2020 3pm - 4pm

Wednesday 6th January 2021 11am - 12pm

Tuesday 16th February 2021 9.30am - 10:30am

Monday 22nd March 2021 9am - 10am

Tuesday 13th April 2021 3pm - 4pm

Thursday 27th May 2021 4pm - 5pm

Thursday 21st June 2021 11am - 12pm

Wednesday 21st July 2021 1pm - 2pm

Monday 9th August 2021 2pm - 3pm

To book for any of these dates please visit
www.newman.ac.uk/study/open-days/campus-tours

If prospective students would like to book a bespoke campus tour they can email marketing@newman.ac.uk to arrange a mutually convenient time to view our facilities.

We would like to invite you and your Year 10/11 and Sixth Form students to our 'Newman University: Explore and Experience' events. Students will be able to explore and experience sessions including; 'Introduction to Higher Education', student finance, student life, personal statements and will be able to go on a tour of our university campus. These free events are for students who are interested in progressing into Higher Education and would like to find out more about the university pathway and what Newman University has to offer. The events will allow students to ask any questions they have about university and find out more information ready for them to take the next step in their education journey. There are a series of different dates available for you explore and experience Newman University with your students:

2020/21 Dates

- **Wednesday 9th December 2020**
- **Friday 12th February 2021**
- **Wednesday 31st March 2021**
- **Wednesday 26th May 2021**
- **Wednesday 14th July 2021**

For further information and to book places please email
jessica.johnson@newman.ac.uk



We also welcome bookings for bespoke visits for you and your students (Y9 - Y13). Please contact the team to discuss your requirements.

Our free half-day Learning Days are open to Year 12/Year 13 students who are interested in studying one of the subjects that Newman University offers. These events will be useful for students studying A-level or BTEC Level 3, to open up our wide-range of subjects as realistic options for their undergraduate studies and future careers.

We welcome group bookings from schools and colleges, but also are keen for students to attend independently, subject to the appropriate authorization from their school or college.

Each day will begin at 9:40, and end at 13:00, with an optional 45 minute campus tour bringing the day to a close at 13:45. In the process of each morning students will experience taster sessions on rotation and hear experienced lecturers and researchers share insights. They will have the opportunity to meet current undergraduates and talk to them about university life, and will also be able to meet other sixth form and college students from across the region.

Learning Days will run in November and June of the 2020/2021 academic year. Please see the Newman University website for further details.



Year 10/11 and Sixth Form Student & Parent Carer Information Evening Thursday 6th May 2021

Newman University welcomes students and their parents/carers to our University Information Evening on Thursday 6th May 2021 between 5pm and 7pm. The university application process can be daunting and we will provide information to help students and their families to make informed decisions regarding their future studies and to dispel any myths surrounding the Higher Education sector.

The evening will include a presentation covering:

- **How to select a university and course**
- **How to make the most of university open days**
- **Student finance**
- **Student life with our student ambassadors**
- **Campus tour**

Each student will be able to bring up to two family members with them to this event. This event is free and students and their families can register by visiting www.newman.ac.uk/student-parent-evening.

Clearing Information Evening Thursday 5th August 2021

Newman University welcome students and their parents/carers to our Clearing Information Evening on Thursday 5th August 2021 between 5pm and 7pm. The Clearing process can be daunting and we will provide information to help students and their families to make informed decisions to navigate their way through the system this August!

The evening will include presentations covering:

- **How the Clearing system works**
- **How Newman University will support students through Clearing**
- **Student Finance**
- **Student Life with our student ambassadors**
- **How students can bridge the gap between Level 3 studies and university with our HeadStart programme**
- **Campus Tour (Optional)**

Each student will be able to bring up to two supporters with them to this event.



Useful contacts

ACCOMMODATION

www.newman.ac.uk/accommodation

NEWMAN STUDENTS' UNION

www.newman.ac.uk/students-union

SPORTS CENTRE

www.newman.ac.uk/sports-centre

STUDENT SUPPORT

www.newman.ac.uk/student-support





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