

# 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**



2012 Front Entrance and Globe



2011 Front Entrance



2014 Newman Students' Union President Leah Hughes holding the mace.



### 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

21st February - Newman's 40th Anniversary and Mass of Thanksgiving. Celebrant was the Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Birmingham.

The Cathedrals Group Memorial Lecture for Lord Dearing was attended by staff and students.

New Principal Professor Peter Lutzeier

9th May - Staff celebrate Newman's 40th anniversary at Birmingham Botanical Gardens.



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.



£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.

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.

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.



### 2013 2013 2014 2015 2015

2010/2011 - Three Schools were established: School of Education; School of Human Sciences and the Graduate School.

The year University fees at Newman were raised.

29th November 2011 - The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, blessed the St Chad's Building.

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.



Newman gained University title, becoming one of only three Catholic Universities in the UK, a first since reformation.

October - Graduates were the first cohort that graduated with a Newman University validated award.

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.

'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.

Newman appoints our first female Professor: Professor Susan Docherty.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Plans for new Halls of Residence are developed.

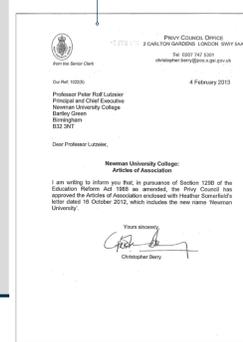
1st February, the St Chad's building was officially opened by London 2012 gymnastics medalist Kristian Thomas. As part of his visit Kristian showcased the new biomechanics equipment in the redeveloped sports centre.

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.

20th March - Mass of Celebration & Installation of the Chancellor.



9th March - Newman proudly hosted the 25th Cathedrals Group Choirs Festival at Symphony Hall in Birmingham.



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'.

Newman Students' Union elect Leah Hughes, the first female president for over thirteen years.

