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£20 million campus
redevelopment

TAKE A TRIP DOWN GENNERS LANE

Celebrating 45 years of history

DIVINE DEGREE

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David Charlesworth receives
an honorary award



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A NOTE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Welcome to our Newman alumni magazine. I hope you will find the articles and features of great interest and most importantly it should encourage you to be in touch with us.

As you will realise, there is really every reason to be proud of being a member of our wider Newman community. In our 45th year of existence, Privy Council awarded us full university title, which meant that we became one of two Catholic universities in the UK; a first since the Reformation! We celebrated this historic event with a reflective service in St Mary's Chapel followed by a joyful display of placards with the message of the day in Ryland Quad, all overseen by a supportive Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman. It also provided one of the rare occasions when I could don my splendid gown.

In this issue you'll find out about all our developments, success and celebrations that we have encountered over the past year. Following from our motto 'Ex umbris in veritatem' (out of the shadows into truth) we continue to show our passion for education. Newman provides a values driven environment, supportive and professional approach to our students.

We continue to exceed and achieve our goals in spite of cuts in public funding over the last three years. The new tuition fees help, but unfortunately they are not a replacement of the public funds which we used to have. In order to be one of the top niche universities in this country with a distinctive ethos and mission, we need to have the resources to invest in our staff, our estate and the support of students in need.

The magazine outlines several good causes for you to make a vital contribution to the future of your university; Newman University. Please help us to continue to be able to offer a high class university education at Newman; something which we can all be proud of.

Professor Peter Rolf Lutzeier,
Vice-Chancellor & Principal

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OUR NEWMAN SCULPTURE

The Globe sculpture which sits proudly at the front of Newman University was chosen to represent how Newman is recognised globally through its international links and worldwide connections. Words taken from Blessed John Henry Newman's prayer 'God has created me to do him definite service' have been laser-cut into the stainless steel pieces that make up the globe.



EXPECT TO STAY CONNECTED

Whether you've graduated recently or you studied here when it was Newman College, we want you to stay connected.

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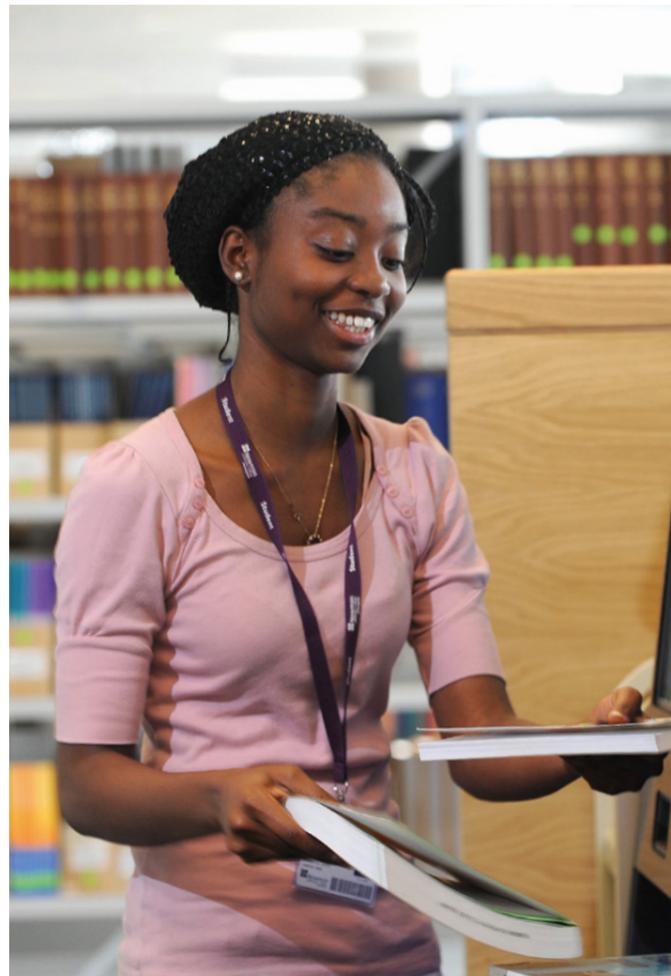
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NEW LOOK NEWMAN



There have been a lot of exciting developments at Newman over recent years as part of a £20 million investment into the campus. Work began on the project in 2010, which includes a high-profile new-build library, entrance building, lecture theatres and research centre, alongside a hi-tech sport performance suite and refurbished community sports facilities.

The glass fronted design of the new entrance building provides a window into the University for the local community, more social spaces and a new café, all designed to enhance the student experience and provide a welcoming environment for students, staff and visitors alike.

Professor Peter Lutzeier, Vice-Chancellor at Newman, said: "With Newman now a university, we are entering an exciting new phase in our history. It is more important than ever that students not only have access to academics who are experts in their field, but that the resources and facilities available to them are also of the highest standard, so they leave Newman well prepared to make their mark in the world."

"As well as ensuring our students continue to have access to a state-of-the-art learning environment, the library and sports facilities will provide a welcome resource for the wider community, cementing Newman as a community hub and providing much-needed leisure facilities."

This year we celebrated the opening of our new facilities in style with the help of local gymnast, Olympic and World Championship bronze medallist, Kristian Thomas. Newman students measured the force of Kristian's handstands and flips using the new digital motion capture technology in the sports performance suite; this equipment will be used by university staff to help students understand the biomechanics of elite-level gymnasts. Kristian also took questions from St Peter's Primary School children before giving an inspirational speech to our students and guests before formally opening our St Chad building.



NEWMAN IS TOP OF THE CLASS!



The 2013 National Student Survey brought fantastic results for Newman. We were voted the top university in England for teaching excellence, joint with

Oxford University; and in the top ten in the UK for overall satisfaction.



Which? Magazine 2013 rated Newman the No. 1 University in Birmingham.

NEWMAN REFRESHES ITS UNDERGRADUATE PORTFOLIO

From September 2014 Newman will be introducing some exciting new courses including Criminology, Sports Coaching Science and English and Film Studies as part of its portfolio review.

To keep pace with the wants of today's students the University will be focussing on its single honours courses and a small number of joint honours courses. There will be a particular emphasis on the development of digital and information literacies, employability skills and an international perspective alongside the subject based learning.

There will also be a shift to a 20 credit module framework meaning that a full-time student will study 6 modules (each worth 20 credits) rather than 8 modules (each worth 15 credits). This will allow topics to be explored in greater depth and reduce the number of assessment pieces.



TAKE A TRIP DOWN GENNERS LANE

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY SINCE THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE INSTIGATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO TRAIN TEACHERS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE WEST MIDLANDS IN 1968.

TODAY, 45 YEARS AFTER OPENING ITS DOORS, NEWMAN UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO BE NATIONALLY RECOGNISED FOR ITS PROVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. HERE WE TRAVEL BACK THROUGH THE YEARS AND TAKE A LOOK AT HOW NEWMAN HAS EVOLVED.



1965

George Patrick Dwyer, Archbishop of Birmingham, gave the land for Newman's foundation and funds were raised to build a College of Higher Education in Birmingham.

1964

A rise in UK baptisms leads to an increased need for Catholic primary school teachers.



1971

Student population increased to 720 with 300 accommodated in halls of residence. Official opening ceremony of the College by His Eminence Cardinal John Carmel Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, and mass led by The Most Reverend George Patrick Dwyer, Archbishop of Birmingham. First cohort of students complete their Certificate in Education.

1982

Under threat of closure Newman College and Westhill College formed a merger and entered into a unique Academic Association.



1992

Newman College gets a visit from Mother Teresa and Cardinal Hume.



2004

Degree validation moved from Coventry University to Leicester University.



2010

Pope John Paul II beatifies Cardinal Newman and blesses Newman students at Cofton Park.



2008

Newman begins a £20m campus development project.

— 1960 — — — — — 1970 — — — — — 1980 — — — — — 1990 — — — — — 2000 — — — — — 2010 — — — — —



1968

Newman College opened its doors enrolling 182 students, both male and female, onto a 3 year Certificate in Education course. Parts of the campus, including the halls of residence and St Mary's Chapel were still under construction.

1966

Construction of Newman College began.



1972

First Bachelor of Education students graduate.



1979

First Post Graduate Certificate in Education students graduate.



1994

Introduction of a range of single and combined honours degrees.



1988

Overseas recruitment began in the Republic of Ireland.



1998

Degree awards validation moved from Birmingham University to Coventry University and graduation took place on campus.



2013

Newman gained full university title. St. Chad building was officially opened. Student body now totals over 3,000.

2007

Newman College of Higher Education gained its own awarding powers from the Privy Council together with the title of University College.

LOVE ♥ N CAMPUS

WE LOVE HEARING STORIES FROM STUDENTS WHO NOT ONLY STARTED THEIR CAREER JOURNEY HERE BUT MET THEIR LOVED ONES TOO.

Michael and Moira McNulty (née Smith) were amongst the first students to walk through the doors at Newman in 1968. Moira recalls; "I met Michael in art class, he was one of the few students with a car so he gave me lifts to Weoley Castle and at a Midsummer's Eve party in Harborne we started going out."

"That was 44 years ago. We stayed in touch with Father Clarke and he married us in the Chapel in 1975. That was a memorable day. In 1978 he christened our son, Ciaran, but had to use a glass fruit bowl as there was no font."



NEWMAN PIONEERS:
MOIRA AND MICHAEL
MCNULTY

"The college was still a building site when we were students and we had some lessons in prefabs on the lower car park. I remember washing my paintbrush in the snow! The staff were very friendly as they, too, were new. The catering staff spoiled us with jam sponges at breaks and students with problems went to Father Clarke and Father McCrystal's house as they had tins of biscuits and tea."

Both Moira and Michael went on to have successful careers teaching in schools across the West Midlands. Moira said, "I can honestly say I was never once bored with teaching and I liked every child. I hope they have all been happy and confident in their lives."

Sadly Michael passed away on 13th November 2013. This article is published in his memory. Our thoughts are with Moira and her family.



WHY NOT TIE THE KNOT OR RENEW YOUR VOWS IN ST. MARY'S CHAPEL?

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SARAH ADAMS

"I met my husband Jeremy Adams on his first birthday at Newman. I was his Guardian Angel back in 2000. Thirteen years later we have been married for nine years and even teach in the same school together."

MARTIN FITZWILLIAM

"My wife and I attended Newman between 1993-1997 when we met. We married in 2007 and now live in Leicester with our three sons."

MARIE SIBLEY (NÉE KIELY)

"I met my husband there in 1991. He was at Westhill when Newman and Westhill were linked. He used to come over for lectures and social events. Now we are both heads in Shropshire."

CLARE FEARBY DEVITT (NÉE FEARBY)

"I studied at Newman 1978 - 1981 and met my husband there!"

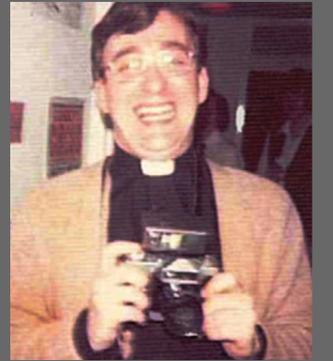
JANETTE HICKS (NÉE LAW)

"I was at Newman 1978 - 1981 and met Derek there. We married in the college Chapel in June 1980 and Father Clarke took the service."

Tell us your story. Find us on 

THE RIGHT REVEREND DAVID CHARLESWORTH O.S.B DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

In our 2013 graduations ceremony, we awarded our alumnus with the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Education to recognise his commitment to providing educational opportunities for school children, exemplified by the work of the Education Department at Buckfast Abbey.



Studying at Newman College in 1974 David details how this led on to his journey and vocation into priesthood.

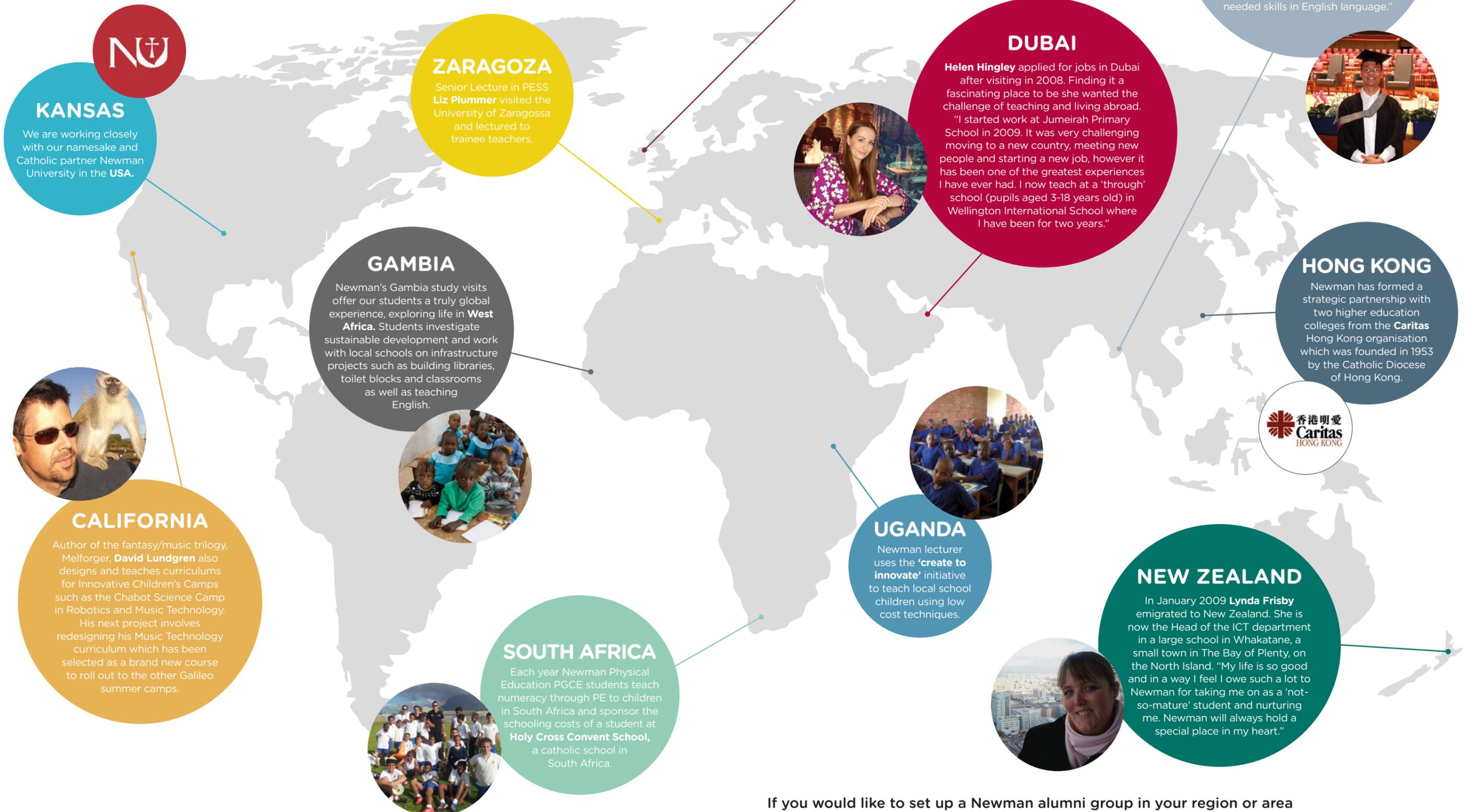
David recalls his time at Newman; "It was at Newman that I wore black tights for the first and last time! I hasten to add this was in a production of a Medieval Mystery Play called Daniel. Over the tights I wore a tabard and marched around with a few others singing a Latin song. The Mystery Play concept interested me and now each year at Buckfast, we present a production with a Christian theme, outside the Abbey Church, the idea stemming from my experience at Newman."

To read about his wisdom, stories and fulfilling virtue scan our QR code or visit newman.ac.uk/alumni



NEWMAN GOES GLOBAL...

THIS YEAR OVER 80 ERASMUS EXCHANGE STUDENTS WILL STUDY AT NEWMAN AND OVER 40 NEWMAN STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACEMENTS AT OUR EUROPEAN PARTNER UNIVERSITIES. TAKE A LOOK AT JUST A FEW OF OUR OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES.



KANSAS
We are working closely with our namesake and Catholic partner Newman University in the **USA**.



CALIFORNIA
Author of the fantasy/music trilogy, Melforger, **David Lundgren** also designs and teaches curriculums for Innovative Children's Camps such as the Chabot Science Camp in Robotics and Music Technology. His next project involves redesigning his Music Technology curriculum which has been selected as a brand new course to roll out to the other Galileo summer camps.

ZARAGOZA
Senior Lecturer in PESS **Liz Plummer** visited the University of Zaragoza and lectured to trainee teachers.

GAMBIA
Newman's Gambia study visits offer our students a truly global experience, exploring life in **West Africa**. Students investigate sustainable development and work with local schools on infrastructure projects such as building libraries, toilet blocks and classrooms as well as teaching English.



SOUTH AFRICA
Each year Newman Physical Education PGCE students teach numeracy through PE to children in South Africa and sponsor the schooling costs of a student at **Holy Cross Convent School**, a catholic school in South Africa.



IRELAND
In 2011, having spent 13 years at Newman (3 as an undergraduate student and 10 as a member of staff) **Mark Lyons** moved back to Ireland to take up a position as a Lecturer in Sport Sciences at the University of Limerick.



DUBAI
Helen Hingley applied for jobs in Dubai after visiting in 2008. Finding it a fascinating place to be she wanted the challenge of teaching and living abroad. "I started work at Jumeirah Primary School in 2009. It was very challenging moving to a new country, meeting new people and starting a new job, however it has been one of the greatest experiences I have ever had. I now teach at a 'through' school (pupils aged 3-18 years old) in Wellington International School where I have been for two years."



UGANDA
Newman lecturer uses the 'create to innovate' initiative to teach local school children using low cost techniques.



NEW ZEALAND
In January 2009 **Lynda Frisby** emigrated to New Zealand. She is now the Head of the ICT department in a large school in Whakatane, a small town in The Bay of Plenty, on the North Island. "My life is so good and in a way I feel I owe such a lot to Newman for taking me on as a 'not-so-mature' student and nurturing me. Newman will always hold a special place in my heart."



MYANMAR
Edward Than graduated in 2010 and returned to his home in Myanmar where he set up GRAND ACE Education Centre. "It's a place for students of all ages, young and old, and of different professions, ranging from doctors to primary school children. I've had many pupils coming through the centre and many more are coming as we offer them much needed skills in English language."



HONG KONG
Newman has formed a strategic partnership with two higher education colleges from the **Caritas Hong Kong** organisation which was founded in 1953 by the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong.



If you would like to set up a Newman alumni group in your region or area please email alumni@newman.ac.uk

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For further information on this and other postgraduate courses visit www.newman.ac.uk or pop along to our open evening on 21st May.

"The course enabled me to take a variety of modules that I had a real interest in. I was able to keep up to date with current literature and research, which I was able to then use in daily practice. A masters qualification will open many doors throughout your career. I am excited to look to my future career with the aim of moving into management, taking on more responsibility within my role as a teacher."



Louise O'Donnell
MA Education graduate (2013) and primary school teacher

"I am currently studying for the MA in Education part time at Newman University. I work full time in a small rural primary school in Leicestershire and have two children under 5. I chose to study at Newman because I knew they would offer me support and flexibility, which I need. Because of Newman's friendly and personable approach to all their students I am able to extend my qualifications and professionalism, which are very important to me."

Katie Sutton
Current MA Education student and primary school teacher



CAREERS

If you graduated in the last three years you are eligible to access free support from our Matrix accredited Careers team. They can assist you in finding fantastic job vacancies, part time work, paid internships, volunteering opportunities or graduate positions using their careers vacancy database. To find out more visit

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Free
careers
advice



EMPLOYABILITY

93% of our graduates were in employment within 6 months of graduation, which puts us in the top 20 in England.



HAVE YOU JOINED SCHOOL DIRECT YET?

School Direct is the new way of training teachers which puts schools at the heart of the process. Schools can recruit the teachers they want in the subjects they choose. Partnerships are led by a 'lead school', supported by Newman University, providing a structured programme of training and support. The programme runs alongside existing PGCE and undergraduate programmes, but the government is looking to expand this route over the next few years.

In September 2013 over 140 trainees began their School Direct programme in 58 primary and

secondary schools across the West Midlands working in partnership with Newman.

Newman received an 'outstanding' OFSTED grade for its Postgraduate Teacher Education Programme and is the largest Accredited Provider of Employment Based Initial Teacher Training (EBITT) in the West Midlands. Newman has an established reputation for producing high-quality teachers and is one of just a few accredited providers to offer the Assessment Only Route into teaching.

To find out more about how your school could become a School Direct partner visit www.newman.ac.uk or contact Martin Husbands on 0121 476 1181 ext. 2376

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Working with employers to develop graduate level talent is a crucial element of the Newman degree. Alumni often make the best work-place partners by providing excellent volunteering and work placement opportunities for our students.

If you're interested supporting the next generation of Newman graduates contact **Kevin Griffiths on 0121 476 1181 ext. 2313**

NQT CONFERENCE

We will be holding a conference in **February/March 2014** for early career teachers and NQTs who trained at Newman. The conference will not only provide valuable professional development, but will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends. Watch this space for further information.

SUMMER REUNION 2014

We're planning to organise a special alumni event in summer 2014 and want to invite as many former students as possible back to campus to relive their Newman memories. More details will follow in our regular e-news and social media updates so if you and your Newman friends aren't subscribed to receive these already please register now at

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"There are so many important aspects of University that sometimes it's hard to decide which is most valuable."

With your help we will be able to provide more scholarships for gifted students, support those facing unexpected hardship, invest in new resources and further support our excellent teaching staff.

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We want you to donate to an area of our work that's both of interest to you, and important to our students and staff. That's why we've listed our top funding priorities below for you to choose from:

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NEWMAN LIBRARY

Ensuring that Newman students have access to the latest digital technologies, books and resources to enable them to achieve great results in their studies is a top priority.

A gift of £30 could buy a new core text for Newman library.

STUDENT HARDSHIP FUND

Our Student Hardship Fund provides emergency hardship support for home students who are at risk of withdrawing from Newman University due to unforeseen financial pressures.

A gift of £100 could support a student who is experiencing unexpected hardship.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Help our students to broaden their horizons by enabling them to undertake a study experience at one of our partner universities overseas.

A £500 grant could enable a student to study overseas.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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A gift of £2,000 could support a student with a Newman Scholarship.

WAYS TO GIVE

There are lots of ways to give to Newman University. Whether you want to make a one off donation, a regular gift or a pledge for the future there's sure to be a method that suits you. Simply donate online or download a donation form at: newman.ac.uk/giving



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CONGRADUATIONS!



*Class of
2013*



Well done to this year's Newman University graduates. We hope you enjoy your first issue of **engage** and we would like to welcome you to the Newman Alumni family. We hope that you stay connected with us and keep us updated with your achievements and developments.

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