

Newfriars College News

2018-2019 Issue 2

Coming Soon

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A Newfriars College Production



A GREAT START TO THE TERM



College Principal - Rob Millington

I am writing to you all expressing my thanks for your support over the first half term. It certainly has been a busy start to the year (as always) with staff working tirelessly to ensure that students are settling into college. Challenging targets are being set to ensure that your son/daughter makes good progress during their time at our new college. We are continuously looking at personalising and developing our curriculum to meet the needs of all our students. Last year was the best year ever in terms of outcomes for students and opportunities that we offered. This has been followed up this year with new curriculum pathways which seem to be working really well.

Work experience and supported internship placements are being discussed with students and a range of new exciting placements are being found. We have also launched Project Search (see separate newsletter) which is just amazing and a great opportunity for some of our students.

GENERAL UPDATE

There have been a wealth of educational visits to a variety of interesting places in the first half term and we are finalising the residential arrangements for 2019. We have had some great feedback from parents, and the new students have settled in brilliantly. We have grown to 155 students which is 20 more than last year. We have also appointed 16 new staff in a variety of roles as we expand. Talking of expansions, the new build is 2 months away from being complete. I have had the pleasure of going inside the building and it is a fantastic space with lots of indoor and outside areas that we can utilise



**NEW BUILD
OPENING
SOON**

DIARY DATES

- Friday 9th November** - Remembrance Service (Students Only)
- Tuesday 13th November** - World Kindness Day
Whole College Photographs
- Wednesday 14th November** - Celebration of Achievement - (5.30pm) Newfriars College
(Letters will go out to all students receiving a prize this year)
- Friday 16th November** - Children in Need
- Friday 7th December** - Christmas Fayre @ Newfriars College (10-11:30am)
- Wednesday 12th December** - Newfriars FE Christmas Production (6:45-9 pm)
- Thursday 13th December** - Newfriars FE Christmas Production (6:45-9pm)
- Wednesday 19th December** - Christmas Lunch @ Newfriars College
- Friday 21st December** - Last Day of Term (Students will finish at 12.30pm)



On Thursday
27th September
Newfriars
College were

delighted to host their annual Macmillan Coffee morning and raised a whopping **£159.78**. Students, staff parents were treated to a fantastic array of cakes and biscuits to choose from, so a very big **thank you** must go to all those who donated cakes.

Macmillan Cancer Support aim to help each individual person, so everyone receives the support that's best for them. For more information, support or just someone to talk to, **call free** on

0808 808 0000

(Monday – Friday, 9am-8pm)

This week has seen all students participate in a democratic vote to determine their Student Council Representative. All students were given the opportunity to represent their class on the Student Council and this week the students had their vote. Each student was given a voting card with the name of each person who had been nominated. Using that card each student made their own choice and then posted their decision into the Black Ballot Box.



Newfriars College believe that students have a valuable contribution to make to the effectiveness of their college and their involvement in its operation is a valuable part of the education system. The Council provides an opportunity for students to engage in the decision making of their college from arranging charity days, changes to the college menu, helping with the interview process of new staff and most importantly organising the end of year graduation!



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Finally I would like to say a fond farewell and best of luck to **Melissa Coates** who is going to live in Dubai. Melissa has been with us for almost 18 months and her professionalism, hard work and creativity have been hugely appreciated. During her time at Blackfriars/Newfriars Melissa has won the strongest women in the West Midlands award and has competed in the England Strongest Woman Finals where she finished in 3rd place. Melissa has competed in world strongwoman events and met some of her idols during the past few years. We are immensely proud of her and look forward to hearing of her triumphs in the coming years. Best of luck Melissa.



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Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

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