Newman SEN Focus Week

Monday 23rd November - Thursday 26th November

On Monday 26th November, 12 Newman Students took part in an SEN Focus week where they participated in KS3, KS4 and KS5 learning. Linda Whitehouse at Newman University commented on how 'Selly Oak Trust School has provided placements for second year undergraduate students and postgraduate students for a number of years, and Newman University is very grateful for this flourishing partnership. Our students learn a great deal about working with young people who have a range of special educational needs, and are able to take this knowledge into their future careers as teachers - indeed, it inspires some of them to take up a first appointment in special schools. Without exception our students return from Selly Oak Trust full of enthusiasm, and feeling more confident in their ability to support pupils with special educational needs in mainstream schools. Without the help and expertise of our special school colleagues, this could not happen.'

The feedback received from the Newman students was extremely positive and rewarding!

“All the class teaching encourage participation”

“Induction allowed us to become familiar with the school and its policies”

“Warm and friendly welcome”

“Gained a good experience from being here and the pupils and environment are both lovely!”

“Good structure of school lessons and welcoming staff who were very approachable and knowledgeable”

“The students are really polite”
Due to the success of the SEN Focus week, Selly Oak recently hosted another SEN Focus week for Newman PGCE SEN Specialism students. At Selly Oak, we take feedback very seriously therefore we placed the 4 PGCE students with our Classbased Groups so they had a chance to support the same group for the whole week.

Please see below the wonderful feedback we received from the students

“The school accommodated us well. We settled in the staffroom well and always knew what we should do because of our timetables”

“Every member of staff was very helpful and gave me an insight into each class of pupils”

“Staff were incredibly helpful with resources and advice”

“Variety of activities observed were fantastic!”

“I saw a different style of teaching and observed behaviour management techniques”

“I loved Mr Bayley’s class and he let me get involved with the class work. The students and staff were lovely and very welcoming!”

“I had the chance to liaise with staff and discuss their experience”