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# Welcome from the Principal

I am delighted to warmly welcome you to the latest edition of *Hippocampus*.

This academic year has been defined by outstanding achievements across our college community, spanning sports, music, art, culture, and community service. I am truly inspired and impressed by the wide range of events and activities our students have embraced throughout this academic year.

Our sports teams have had an exceptional year, with the Men's Football B Team earning promotion to Division 2, the Boat Club delivering standout performances at BUCS and Novice Head, the Badminton team enjoying a remarkable season, and the Ultimate Frisbee team winning the league final. Our cheerleading team's outstanding performance at the Durham University Intercollegiate Competition secured first place in both the coed group stunt and the all-girl group stunt.

Music continues to flourish, with highlights including a highly successful two-night 'Live on the Hill' event, the Manglers Charity Gig, the HM Evans Music Prize, and lively karaoke sessions following Formals. In theatre, Sixth Side Theatre delighted us with two outstanding productions—*Lettice and Lovage* and the student-written play *It's OK, we'll be OK*. Most recently, the TCMS production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* showcased our students' incredible talent and received glowing reviews.

Our SCR-organised *Global Dynamics* lecture series provided insightful discussions on significant political events. It included talks on the UK, European, and US elections, as well as explorations of the Indian and Mexican elections.

After many years of dormancy, *HEX* returns — reborn, reimagined, and revitalised through the extraordinary initiative of our students. I am thrilled to celebrate the relaunch of *HEX*, a magazine that has long symbolised creativity and student expression at Trevelyan College. Their efforts remind us of what can be accomplished when we fully embrace the spirit of our college ethos: '*Explore Without Limits*'.

'Exploring Without Limits' embodies the courage to transcend boundaries, embrace challenges, and create something meaningful and impactful. The students spearheading this relaunch exemplify that spirit. Through their vision and determination, they have transformed aspirations into actions, revitalising a cherished tradition and making it resonate with a new generation.

We are excited to celebrate our 60th Anniversary in 2026/27. During this special time, we hope to connect with as many alumni as possible and would be delighted if you could join us for one or more anniversary events. To stay updated, please ensure your contact details are current so you don't miss any latest information.

As you explore the pages of this edition, I encourage you to reflect on the stories and experiences shared within. Each contribution stands as a testament to the remarkable potential of the Trevs community. May this latest issue of *Hippocampus* inspire us all.

I thank our dedicated college staff and student leaders for their tireless efforts in providing exceptional services to our students. I am also profoundly grateful to the College Advisory Board for their unwavering dedication and support.

I thank everyone who has generously offered their time and support to create a more inclusive and accessible environment for every student at the College. I warmly invite others to join us in contributing in any way they can, as together we can elevate Trevelyan College to even greater heights. Your involvement is essential in shaping the future of the College and ensuring its ongoing growth and success. Let us collaborate to build a legacy that honours our distinguished past and paves the way for an even brighter future.

Professor Adekunle Adeyeye, Principal, Trevelyan College



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# Outgoing JCR President



**James Koo,**  
Outgoing JCR President

**Over the past academic year, I've been lucky enough to serve as the President of the Junior Common Room at Trevs! It's been an exciting year so far, starting off with welcoming the new cohort of students back in September with the amazingly dedicated team of freps who I'd like to personally thank for all their hard work! Coming to University might be the first time someone has lived away from home and it can be a daunting experience, so it was great to see our Welcome and Orientation Freshers' Week so widely attended by both new students and freps.**

We've had our end of term events, the Winter Ball and Trevs Night, the latter having been themed around a Freddie Mercury tribute act. We've also had plenty of musical events too such as the ever popular Live on the Hill which sold its tickets out within two to three minutes of them releasing. TCMS put on their production of Jesus Christ Superstar, and the Manglers performed at their charity gig in the Trevs Bar for Macmillan. Speaking of which, we've had plenty of fundraisers this year, Live on the Hill for Anthony Nolan, a fundraising night with bingo and a raffle for Heel and Toe, and a quiz run by FemSoc for Bloody Good Period.

It's been great to see students getting involved in as many ways as they can, and that's evident with the amount of new societies we've seen being created, the main one to note being the revival of HEX, our student run magazine. We've also had our first election in 10 years which has had three candidates running for JCR President, leading to record voter turnout!

We've also continued hosting formals alongside the MCR, SCR, and College with some fun themes such as Global, Lunar New Year, and the forever loved Christmas Formal which included a performance from the Chamber Choir, the 12 days of Christmas, a joint common room carol session in the bar, and then a pantomime in the JKH.

There's more to look forward to in the summer with the Societies Formal to start us off, followed by Summer Ball, Trevs Day, and Trevstock after exams!



The back lawn at Trevelyan College

I think it's important to recognise the efforts of all the student volunteers who have helped to make everything possible this year which includes but is not limited to the JCR Exec, the various tier 2s and tier 3 committees, the frep team, society exec, and all students who come and participate. It would be a crime for me to not mention the MCR, SCR, and College in all of this as well, as the three common rooms work together more and more to promote student enrichment at Trevs!

I would like to thank my Exec this year for all the hard work they've put into it and I look forward to working with the incoming Exec! I'm also excited to see what my successor Harry Naylor will be cooking up!

# Incoming JCR President



**Harry Naylor,**  
Incoming  
JCR President

**Hello everyone, my name is Harry Naylor and I'm excited to be the incoming JCR President for the academic year 2025/26.**

The JCR has been central to my college experience so far in Durham. We are so lucky to have such a diverse and supportive community that provides a wide range of opportunities - in my three years in Trevs I have been lucky enough to have been a frep twice, played in bands at college events, held the JCR positions of Livers Out Rep and Welfare Officer and perhaps most importantly, met so many fantastic like-minded people who are passionate about making college the best student experience possible. You may have also seen me helping out on open days or playing some light board games at Trevs Game Soc.

Maintaining the supportive atmosphere within the JCR that enables it to be a space for students to showcase their passions and talents will be the central focus to my presidency, as well as creating an environment of inclusion where everyone feels that their voice can be heard and valued. Please do come and see what the JCR do and what makes us such a vibrant community.

I look forward to seeing everyone around next year, please do come and say hello or drop by the JCR office, I'm always up for a chat!



New students return to College following University matriculation

# M

**It appears to be that time of year again where I'm faced with the challenge of summarising another action packed year for Trevs MCR in a single page... let me give it a try!**

As always we began with a flurry of activities to welcome our new members to Durham and to the college. We stuck largely with the same format as the last couple of years (why change what works well?) with highlights including a trip to Beamish museum, a popular evening of badminton and table tennis in the JKH, and welcoming over 90 new students to college for a delicious welcome dinner. We also had by far the biggest turnout for our annual photograph for a number of years, almost running out of space on the hill on Trevs back lawn! The success of the week would not have been possible without the help of our bumper team of over 10 MCR ambassadors, so huge thanks to them for all their work.

No sooner was the excitement of freshers week behind us, our keen new exec committee was swiftly elected. Following the recent election of Alex as MCR secretary, I'm pleased to report that every position on the exec is filled for the first time in a few years. I'd like to thank every single member of this year's exec for their hard work and enthusiasm, and helping make our MCR the community that it is - I could not have asked for a better team!

Michaelmas term flew by, with a busy programme of events. We hosted our haunted house themed inter-MCR formal, welcoming over 250 postgrads from across the university to Trevs for an evening of food, live music from the Manglers, and a stellar set from DJ Tim Fowler. Our international officer Michelle organised an Ofrenda on The Cobbles for day of the dead, and it was great to see people from across college learning about this Mexican tradition. Lots of our members enjoyed attending the larger college events, including Live of the Hill and the Christmas formal, before rounding off the term with a great Christmas party organised by our social sec, Marcel.

We kicked off Epiphany term with a fun re-freshers trip to Lane 7 bowling alley, which set the tone for another exciting term. We held our annual HM Evans Music Prize, with a record breaking 10 entries, showcasing the best of Trevs' musical talent - thanks to our music rep Katie for coordinating and to Prof. H. M. Evans for once again returning to judge! Our welfare officer Sid hosted an LGBTQ history month film series, while other social activities included karaoke night and another trip to Beamish. We finished off the term in style with an excellent murder mystery evening, written and hosted by one of our members, Tim, and featuring impressive acting and regency style outfits from all involved!

It's not just the social side of the MCR which has thrived this year - our termly research talks, expertly coordinated by our vice president Alysia, have showcased some of the exciting research being done by our members, and been very well attended. We are looking forward to our next research event, the G.M. Trevelyan prize, which promises to be just as interesting!

One challenge we have faced this year has been moving out of our usual home, the Mowlam Room, during refurbishments in college. However we have settled in well to our temporary home in the upper JCR, which has been well used by our members, and kept well stocked by our services officer Max. We look forward to moving back to the Mowlam room following the refurbishments, which will see the exciting addition of a kitchenette area - I would like to thank the college officers and Janice Ware for their support with this.

As my term as president draws to a close, I'd like to thank everyone who has got involved with Trevs MCR in any way, however small - without your participation and contributions we wouldn't have the vibrant MCR we have and that I love so much. As I hand over to a new president in the coming weeks, I look forward to watching the MCR continuing to thrive in the future!

**Dan Scobbie,**  
MCR President



**Left:** MCR members visit the Botanic Gardens, **Right:** MCR members with the Ofrenda for Day of the Dead

## SCR President

**The College has had much to celebrate over the last few years, from recognition for its outstanding external engagements by the University to the successes of its vibrant and enterprising Junior and Middle Common Rooms.**

The vibrancy and dynamism of its Junior and Middle Common Rooms is truly impressive and we in the Senior Common Room take much pleasure in celebrating the College's successes on all fronts and are keen to play our part in making Trevelyan the outstanding Durham University college it clearly is. This is the third year of our work following the lockdown and the isolation imposed on all the University's communities and as we look at Covid-19 in our rear mirror we can see what can be accomplished when the stifling restrictions imposed on us are lifted. The Trevelyan SCR too has bounced back and is its active self again. It is of course with the College's support and the positive input of its Officers, as well as the efforts of my SCR colleagues, that we can go forward. Over the year we have had a full programme of activities and engagements and partnerships that we all should be proud of. Our successful Global Dynamics Lecture Series grows and has been receiving praise by members of the College and beyond.

Attendance is at room capacity and speakers and members are seen in deep conversation following each event. We also continue to support the College's intellectual life in other ways as well, notably through the bursaries we provide JCR members, and the joint SCR-MCR engagement.

Socially too, the SCR is thriving. Our annual cheese and wine (and other hot and cold beverages!) evening continues to be a hit, bringing members into the College from across the range. The formals and special events that our Events Officer, Nick Gilboy has hosted, have been spectacular successes too. Other opportunities to engage with the wider College have also presented themselves over the year, particularly with the JCR, MCR and SCR members having the opportunity to dine with our distinguished Global Dynamics speakers and meet them informally to discuss their ideas and related projects. And then there is the SCR BBQ! We hope to have JCR and MCR representatives at this year's BBQ as well, so make sure that you put the date in your diaries as soon as it is announced. I do hope that as many members as possible will be able to take advantage of this fun occasion to meet, eat and enjoy the entertainment that is in store.

*The sun is shining and our College thrives!*

**Professor Anoush Ehteshami,**  
SCR President



# SCR

## Vice-Principal

**Dr Martin Brader**

Trevelyan Vice-Principal

**As we conclude this academic year, I am reminded of the diverse range of activities and initiatives led by our student communities who continue to explore and innovate across the wider student experience.** It has been great to witness high participation across sport, music, theatre, volunteering, and scholarly activities from both our undergraduate and postgraduate students. I have enjoyed the opportunity to support our common rooms, sports teams and clubs, music societies and theatre groups, and to see the impact of their hard work and dedication.

At Trevs, we encourage students to venture out of their comfort zone, gain new experiences and develop new skills in a supportive and enabling environment. Within this edition of Hippocampus, you will read about excellent sporting achievements, outstanding theatre productions, enjoyable music performances, and inspirational research talks and seminars. I am delighted to see our college community continue to thrive and am inspired by our student leaders and groups who embrace our values of respect for all, innovation, creativity, and curiosity.

It was particularly rewarding this year to see our students explore creativity, whether through poetry and photography competitions, theatre and music performances, or the relaunch of Hex magazine. It has been great to see the enthusiasm of our students to develop these ideas and a privilege to support them in these endeavours. In particular, the college pantomime was a personal highlight – I too was encouraged to venture out of my comfort zone and ‘explore without limits’ with a return to the stage for the first time since primary school.

In addition to student-led activities, our Explore Programme has provided opportunities for students to develop their skills and experiences through leadership workshops, alumni careers talks, creative competitions, and volunteering opportunities. We have supported students through a range of proactive wellbeing activities coordinated by our student support team.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will soon be attending Congregation. I would like to send my congratulations to our graduates - we are incredibly proud of your achievements and look forward to hearing about your many successes after graduation. As we prepare for our 60th Anniversary, we look forward to reflecting on all that we have achieved together and our exciting plans for the future.



## Assistant Principal

**Dr Hannah Martin**

Trevelyan Assistant Principal

**As I reflect on this past academic year I'm filled with gratitude for the experiences, challenges, and opportunities that I've been fortunate to be a part of.**

From welcoming new students in Michaelmas, hosting our annual Black History and LGBTQ+ History Month Explore Lectures, and launching new wellbeing and volunteering initiatives through the Explore Programme, this year has truly been one to remember. I've had the pleasure of working with and supporting some exceptional students, and I've been inspired by the many ways you've all contributed to our community.

As Easter Term begins, I'll be moving on from Trevelyan College to take up a new role elsewhere in the University. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the college staff and students whose dedication, energy, and collaboration have made these last four years so rewarding. I am incredibly grateful for the experiences I've had in this role, and for being part of such a diverse, inclusive, and remarkable community. While I will deeply miss being part of daily life at Trevs, I'm looking forward to new challenges and will stay connected to college as a member of the SCR.

To those of you graduating—congratulations! I wish you every success in your post-Durham adventures. And to those returning next year, best of luck with the rest of your studies. I can't wait to see how your ongoing efforts continue to shape the future of our college.



## Meet the Chaplain



The back lawn at Trevelyan College



**Hello! My name is Fiona, and I am the new Chaplain of the Hill Colleges (Collingwood, Grey, Trevelyan, and Van Mildert) - a job I am thoroughly enjoying as I support students and staff through pastoral care and community building. I also offer faith provision for students and staff who do have a faith, although I am here to support people whether they have a faith or not.**

I am currently writing this article during the Easter holidays, which is a good opportunity to look back on the year so far.

In Michaelmas term, we had a heart-warming turn-out for the joint Act of Remembrance with Grey College held in the grounds of Trevelyan College. Various students volunteered to read, play the trumpet, sing, and lay wreaths of handmade crocheted poppies. During Epiphany Term, I had the pleasure of meeting some of our SCR members at the Handover Formal, and at the Easter Break Tea Party held at Van Mildert College, it was great to see a number of Trevelyan students join in the fun!

Looking ahead, the Easter term will bring with it further assignments and exams for our students. Having been a student at Durham University, it is a privilege to walk alongside our current students throughout the various seasons of the year, and during this particular academic season, I will be joining in with Trevelyan's Stress-Less Campaign. As part of this campaign, I will be holding a Stress-Less Drop-In where I will be giving out fidget toys, mindfulness colouring books, and offering students time and space to express their thoughts and feelings through one-to-one conversations.

It is wonderful getting to know our students, and I look forward to hearing what their plans are for the summer break, their hopes and dreams for the future, and to welcome the next generation of students from around the world and the United Kingdom in September this year.

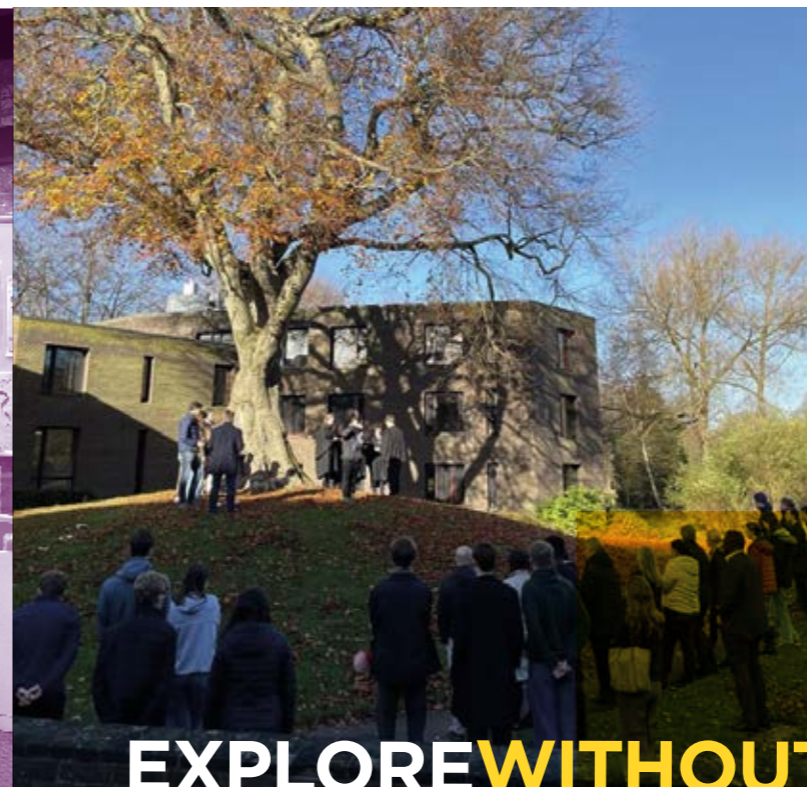
For any students reading this article who would like to say hello, please feel free to say hi when you see me, or email me at [hillcolleges.chaplain@durham.ac.uk](mailto:hillcolleges.chaplain@durham.ac.uk) if you would prefer an appointment.

**Reverend Fiona E. Hill,**  
Hill Colleges Chaplain

# EXPLORE PROGRAMME



Left to Right: Tell your Story; Christmas Wish Tree; Remembrance; The Brilliant Club volunteering



## EXPLORE WITHOUT LIMITS



**Trevelyan College's Explore Programme provides enrichment and wellbeing activities for current undergraduate and postgraduate students at Trevs. Launched in 2023, the Explore Programme creates opportunities for our students to develop new skills, gain new experiences, explore new interests, and reflect on graduate attributes. All Explore Programme activities are free and open to all Trevelyan College students. Our activities are designed to encourage our students to explore without limits in an environment of support, inclusion and curiosity.**

This academic year, we have continued to develop our range of activities for students, and it has been rewarding to see the continued high levels of engagement from our student communities. It was great to work with student leaders and groups in the co-creation of some of our activities this year and we look forward to continuing to develop further ideas next academic year. We have also enjoyed the opportunity to collaborate with partners elsewhere in the University for some of our activities this year.

For Black History Month in October, we were delighted to welcome Dr Beverly Prevatt Goldstein (African Lives in Northern England Project) to deliver our Explore Lecture on 'Discovering African lives in Northern England'. This interesting and insightful lecture provided an opportunity to learn about lesser-known stories and histories from the North East.

In October, we were also pleased to welcome Trevelyan College alumna, Siara Hewitt, back to Trevs to discuss her career journey with current students as part of our Tell Your Story series. The session was organised in collaboration with Ustinov College and enabled students to explore non-linear career paths, hear about Siara's experiences, and to ask questions about her career to date. Following the engaging

talk, we continued the conversation over light refreshments, where there was an opportunity to further explore the key themes.

Later in Michaelmas Term, we hosted leadership workshops on 'Introduction to leadership' and 'Building your personal brand' in collaboration with Durham University Leadership Academy and Stephenson College. These workshops enabled students to explore leadership and communication styles, task prioritisation, goal setting and personal branding. In addition, students participated in a CV workshop at the end of term held jointly with Stephenson College.

In November, our Hill Colleges' Chaplain, Revd Fiona Hill led our Act of Remembrance under the large tree on the back lawn. The Act of Remembrance involved students and staff from Trevelyan and Grey Colleges, including music from Grey College Choir and the placement of poppies crocheted by members of Trevelyan College around the tree.

During Michaelmas Term, we hosted numerous wellbeing activities for students including a glow dance class, box hiit session, festive dance fit, and a dog wellbeing session. We also organised PGR Lunches throughout the year, where our postgraduate researchers could dine on High Table with members of the SCR and College Officers to meet and hear about one another's research.

Our students have been active in volunteering activities this year, with the launch of regular litter picks in the local community. Students also took part in several festive volunteering activities before the Christmas vacation, including our Christmas Wish Tree, which supports donations to a local food bank. In Epiphany Term, our Assistant Principal, Dr Hannah Martin, organised information sessions for a volunteering opportunity at Durham Mining Museum.

In January, we hosted a further skills workshop on 'Conflict Resolution', which enabled students to develop their understanding of strategies for managing difficult conversations. Later in the term, an interview preparation workshop provided insights into interview techniques and approaches to developing confidence in interviews.

Our second Tell Your Story event also took place in January, during which we greatly enjoyed the opportunity to hear from Trevelyan College alumna, Caroline Silver, about her career journey. Participants heard about Caroline's diverse career and contributions to the charity sector, alongside reflections from her time at Trevs. The Tell Your Story series provides valuable opportunities for students to hear directly from alumni about their experiences in various sectors and we look forward to future opportunities to engage alumni in this initiative.

In February, we hosted the first of two graduation events for The Brilliant Club, during which current students shared their experiences of University life with local school children followed by a tour of college. We also hosted further litter picks in Epiphany Term as part of our volunteering activities, followed by brunch in the Dining Hall.

For LGBTQ+ History Month, we welcomed Dr Amy Tooth Murphy (Royal Holloway, University of London) for our Explore Lecture on 'What we talk about when we talk about butch: solidarity and embodiment in butch and transmascul oral histories', followed by dinner with students to continue the discussion.

On International Mother Language Day, we created a video featuring students and staff at Trevelyan College who each said 'Welcome to Trevs' in their first language. In total, 22 languages featured in this year's video, which demonstrates the wide range of languages spoken within our College community.

In Easter Term, our activities included numerous proactive wellbeing activities, including exercise classes, a visit from an ice cream van, and the popular weekly Cake in the Quad events during the examination period. Our Julian Trevelyan Art Prize was also organised for Easter Term, which accepted submissions on any theme and in any medium. Students were able to vote for the highly commended prize, with first place selected by a panel. We provide free art materials for students in the Undercroft and look forward to opportunities to develop our visual art activities in collaboration with the Art Society next academic year. In addition to the Julian Trevelyan Art Prize, we also organised two photography and one poetry competition this academic year and more information about these competitions is available in this edition of Hippocampus.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has engaged in an Explore Programme activity either as a participant, organiser, supporter, or speaker. We look forward to exploring new opportunities for further events and activities next year. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at [trevelyan.explore@durham.ac.uk](mailto:trevelyan.explore@durham.ac.uk).

Further information about student enrichment activities can be found on our student SharePoint (current students only) or on our College webpages: [durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan)



# The Explore Fund

The Explore Fund provides support to current undergraduate and postgraduate students at Trevelyan College to participate in personal development and student enrichment activities beyond their academic studies.

Within this article, some of the Explore Fund recipients share how these awards have helped them to explore various activities this academic year:

## Taekwon Do

### Kira Wallace

The British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competitions provide a platform for student athletes to showcase their Taekwon Do abilities. These competitions take place three times a year, and each event focuses on two primary disciplines: patterns (also known as “forms”) and sparring. In each competition, I enter both disciplines. This approach allows me to experience the full spectrum of Taekwondo as a competitive sport, combining the precision and strategy of patterns with the intensity and physicality of sparring.

Participating in BUCS competitions comes at a significant cost. Entry fees alone amount to approximately £100 per competition, and this is before considering the additional expenses associated with travel and accommodation. Most of these events are held in locations such as London or the Midlands, meaning that, in addition to the entry fees, I need to account for the costs of traveling long distances and finding accommodation. As a result, the financial demands of competing in these events can quickly add up, making Taekwon Do a relatively expensive sport for those who wish to take part in the competitive side.

One of the key factors that has allowed me to compete without being overly concerned about the financial implications is the support of the Explore Fund bursary. This funding has been instrumental in alleviating the financial strain that often accompanies participation in competitions. The bursary has given me the freedom to focus entirely on my training and performance, without having to worry about the cost of each event. With this support, I am able to concentrate on refining my skills and preparing for competitions, knowing that I have the financial backing to make it happen.

To date, I have participated in two BUCS competitions during this academic year, which were held in Twickenham and Nottingham. Both events were challenging but rewarding experiences, and I am pleased to report that I earned silver medals in both the patterns and sparring disciplines at both competitions.

In addition to competing as an athlete, I have also taken on the role of vice president and competition captain for the university’s Taekwon Do club. In this capacity, I am responsible for organizing and leading the team, ensuring that our athletes are well-prepared and supported throughout the competition season. The Explore Fund has played a

crucial role in enabling me to fulfil these responsibilities.

As I reflect on my journey in Taekwon Do, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunities I have been given. From the financial support of the Explore Fund to the encouragement of my teammates and coaches, I have been fortunate to receive the resources and guidance needed to thrive in this sport. Taekwon Do has taught me countless lessons and has been a transformative experience that has shaped not only my physical abilities but also my character.

## Music Societies

### Dan Wattis

I was very grateful to receive money from the Explore Fund that covered subs costs for the wide range of music societies I am a part of, allowing me to play music at the highest level in Durham.

One particular highlight of a concert, was Durham University Orchestral Society’s Symphony Orchestra’s Michaelmas concert in Elvet Methodist Church, in which I played Bass Trombone in the following programme of nationalistic music with the concert title “Voices of Nations”:

- Finlandia by Jean Sibelius
- Vlatava from Má vlast by Bedrich Smetena

- Irlande by Augusta Holmes
- Symphony No. 2 in B minor by Alexander Borodin

It was a really great experience to be playing in such a high-calibre ensemble, playing such a diverse range of music. I particularly enjoyed Irlande, a piece I was not familiar with, by a composer I had never heard of before. It is a fantastically jolly and exciting piece that explores the themes of Ireland from a French composer with Irish heritage.

Another amazing musical activity the Explore Fund supported was the chance to play in Durham University Light Operatic Group’s annual production in Gala Theatre, this year of Gershwin’s musical Crazy for You. I played the Bass Trombone in the pit band, which was an incredible experience. Pit band playing is a completely different experience from my normal playing opportunities, as when in the pit, you are very much not the focus of the performance like you are in an orchestra. In the pit, you are there to support the incredible singing, dancing and acting that is happening on the stage above you, but that doesn’t detract from the sense of reward that I felt after the full run of 7 shows in 5 days.

## Student Publication Association National Conference

### Elliot Burrin

Durham University does not offer a journalism course, and therefore opportunities for student journalists are self-cultivated. Primarily, Durham’s independent student newspaper, *Palatinate*, is an energetic core for students venturing into journalism.

We print fortnightly during term time and, unlike some other student publications who have a sabbatical officer, we are entirely student-led.

This year, I had the privilege of being Editor-in-Chief of *Palatinate*, editing seven editions over the course of two terms. It is, by far, the best thing that I’ve done in my time at University, and one of the highlights was our trip to Bristol to attend the Student Publication Association National Conference 2024.

The Student Publication Association represents the majority of student publications, from newspapers and journals to zines and pamphlets over a wide range of topics. This year, their biggest conference yet was packed with over fifty speakers and a choice of three different talks every hour for an entire weekend. It was topped off with the National Awards Ceremony, where we had been shortlisted thirteen times and were hoping for a win.

The conference was brimming with energy and journalistic passion and after each talk we returned as a group to share everything we’d learned. Whether it was learning how to write about the pandemic or how to push back on public institutions resisting the Freedom of Information Act, each talk provided a unique, professional, and expert insight into an industry I’d only seen the student side of until now.

For me, the conference really revealed where I want my career to head towards – investigative journalism. I was so inspired that I left the talks bubbling with ideas for the stories I wanted to pursue

next. This manifested itself in the stories I produced this term, looking in detail at the divide between types of education in different colleges in Durham, and examining the impact that empty accommodation has had on the city.

We also had the opportunity to talk to the hundreds of other student journalists at the event. One highlight was the swap shop, where we got to take home copies of all the other student publications at the conference. Getting to hear all the positive feedback for *Palatinate* really made me realise that the impact we have extends beyond Durham but into the wider student journalism realm.

The biggest celebration of the weekend was, of course, the awards ceremony on the Saturday night. I was endlessly proud of the five awards we did achieve – including three wins. It was a huge honour that our podcasts, which were launched under my leadership, won ‘Best Project/Initiative’, and that our sport section won ‘Best Sport Section’ for the third year running, a record for the SPAs.

*Palatinate* is full of the most talented, dedicated, and self-motivated students in Durham, and I’m so glad to have been a part of it. This trip to Bristol, which I was able to attend because of the Trevelyan College Explore Fund, really epitomised why I got involved in the paper, and why I love it so much. The community is so supportive and uplifting and pushes you to produce only your very best work, and I have cherished all I learned from the conference going forward in my career.



Kira Wallace



Palatinate



Elliot Burrin

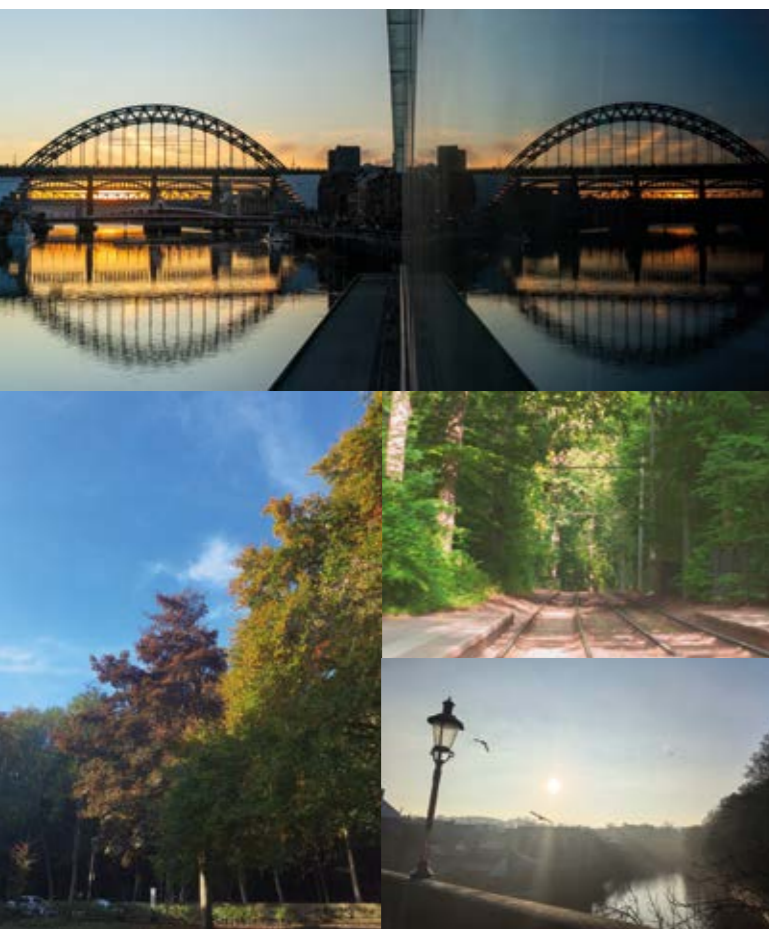
# Exploring Creativity

This year, students participated in termly creative competitions, which aim to further develop reflective and creative practices within the student community.

In Michaelmas Term, the first photography competition focussed on *Explore Journeys* and mainly featured travel, landscape, and location photography. Our second photography competition took place in Epiphany Term on the theme of *Explore Reflections* and included images of reflections in water and on buildings, alongside broader interpretations of the theme. Both competitions included a panel award and a student vote and the winning entries are included alongside this article.

In Epiphany Term, our focus later turned to poetry on the theme of *Explore Perspectives*. The judges were hugely impressed by the creative talent of our students who demonstrated both their technical and storytelling expertise within their submissions. The judges selected two poems for the first and highly commended prizes and you can read these winning entries within this edition of Hippocampus.

Finally, in Easter Term, we hosted our annual Julian Trevelyan Art Prize, which accepted entries on any theme and in any medium. We were pleased to see the range of entries to this visual art competition and hope to develop further visual art opportunities in the future. Thank you to everyone who participated in these activities whether as a student contributor or as a judge. We look forward to seeing the entries in next year's creative competitions.



Clockwise from top: Winner – Li Zhuhua, Winner – Theodore Cannam, Runner up images – Tsz Ching Chow

## Winning entry

Theme: 'Explore global'

### Wide Shut – Mia Stockton

Salt air sinking, warm, skin-deep  
Drifting over from the ocean blue  
There's a paradise in front of you –  
Its breeze caresses your hair.

The warmth, the softness of this air  
The tender sky, the perfect view,  
So easy to let the gentle sun shield you  
From all that isn't here.

But lift your eyelids, shift and see  
That things are so much more than what you knew  
And the world that stands in front of you  
Has a lot to hide.

A world away from holidays  
Separate only by a continent or two  
You'll find a child a lot like you  
Pitching up a tent.

(It's winter here, the ice bites deep,  
These scraps of fabric will not do  
To stop the cold from feasting on you;  
The wind drowns all the prayers.

Bright city streets and coral reefs  
Jungle gardens glistening with dew  
That once were everything to you  
Are now just fever dreams.

Salt sweat mixing with salt tears  
Bloodied feet each missing a shoe  
There's a massacre in front of you –  
Now beg the world to care).

## Runner up

Theme: 'Explore global'

### Oliver Edward

Alone I stood,  
A foreign train station.  
The world moved by, as if I wasn't there.  
Strangers, signs, announcements  
All speaking a language I learnt:  
But only in a classroom.

Here I stand  
The same station, now familiar.  
Accustomed to the rhythms of the announcements.  
The strangers,  
That once surrounded me:  
Are now my friends.

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# Global Dynamics

## Democracy and the tale of five elections

Over the last two years around half the world's population has had the opportunity to participate in a series of national, local, provincial, presidential and parliamentary elections.

While some, Russia for example, have been little more than show elections, and while in some other countries elections have not changed the political landscape of the country concerned, Türkiye and Iran for example, in many others national elections have proved to be decisive, indeed consequential. But the coverage of these important elections has been patchy and insufficient to provide interested parties with an in-depth understanding of the electoral process, an explanation of the outcome of these elections, and their meaning in domestic and foreign policy terms. Trevelyan College's new season of the *Global Dynamics Lecture Series*, hosted by the College's Senior Common Room and in partnership with the al-Sabah Programme, intended to address this apparent gap by focusing on elections in five important cases of the United States, the United Kingdom, EU elections, India, and Mexico in 2024, each 'historic' in its own right.

This year, we were delighted to welcome speakers from the Universities of Strathclyde, Cardiff, Durham, Newcastle, and University College Dublin to present engaging talks to our students, staff, SCR members and members of the local community. Following each talk, the discussion continued over dinner, with complimentary places available for students to engage with our world-leading expert speakers. This year, each of the lectures was recorded and information about how to access these recordings will soon be circulated. A summary of this year's lectures can be found below:

### Global Dynamics 1 -

**The State of Britain Following July 2024 General Election**  
**Professor Sir John Curtice, University of Strathclyde**

We welcomed the country's most authoritative commentator and expert on British electoral politics to kick off our series with an in-depth investigation of July 2024's UK general election. This lecture was particularly important in helping us to arrive at a deeper understanding of the electoral process in the case of the UK and thus help us understand the policy implications of Labour's sweeping victory and its impact on the political system and on our lives.

### Global Dynamics 2 -

**Populism and the Far Right in European Elections**  
**Dr Marta Lorimer, Cardiff University**

Europe has been in electoral turmoil for some time, but elections since 2023/4 have arguably been far more consequential than expected. In this session we hosted Dr Lorimer, who is an authority on populism and elections in

Europe, to discuss the Right in Europe and how influential these forces may be in shaping the continent's political landscape.

### Global Dynamics 3 -

**Twist or Bust: The 2024 US Presidential Elections**  
**Professor Scott Lucas, University College Dublin**

Of all the elections taking place around the world these days, perhaps the US one has attracted most attention, and also concern, depending on one's point of view. Well, we had been through the election and witnessed what transpired on 5th November 2024 and had had time to digest its outcome and America's and the world's response to it. But we needed to know more. So, in this session we learnt from one of Europe's greatest commentators on the US, Professor Lucas, who analysed the results of the election and its domestic and foreign policy implications.

### Global Dynamics 4 -

**2024 Elections: BJP, Modi's Populism and the fate of Indian Democracy**

**Dr Eva-Maria Nag, Durham University**

India is said to be the world's largest democracy, but we in the UK know little about its electoral process, let alone the political dynamics of the country in which religion, ethnicity and ideology continue to play such an important part. In this lecture a closer observer of India, Dr Nag, explored the implications of Modi's re-election in 2024 and what his trimmed majority will mean for India and for foreign relations.

### Global Dynamics 5 -

**Mexicans Elect: Democracy, Violence and Party Politics**  
**Dr Rosario Aguilar, Newcastle University**

We in this country rarely pay sufficient attention to the process of political change in Latin America and sadly Mexico tends to be ignored by virtually all of our mainstream media. Last year's presidential election has drawn some attention because of the candidates' gender arguably, but there was so much more in political and policy terms to the recent election, which needed to be brought to the attention of our commentaries. So, in this session one of the country's best regarded authorities on Mexican politics, Dr Aguilar, focussed our minds on the changes in motion in that important Latin American country.

For further information about the Global Dynamics series, please visit our SCR webpages at: [durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/college-life/senior-common-room](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/college-life/senior-common-room)

**Professor Anoush Ehteshami,**  
SCR President





# Events

## Welcome and Orientation Week

**Freshers' Week was a huge success this year with events having the best attendance seen in years.** What we do at Durham is something incredibly special. Being Head Frep involved planning a week and a half of events for the 230 students at Trevs. The highlight of the week is move-in day when freps welcome students to college, meet their families, help carry their bags and show them around college. This is then followed by the landing ice-breakers, always a little cringy, but fantastic at bonding the landing together and encouraging them to speak to one another! This is such an important part of what we do, making sure everyone is settled on the first day.

This year, we planned a jam-packed week of events including the BOP, which sold 220 tickets, club nights, a 20s bar night, and a 70s horror night following the now annual tradition of the ghost walk. The BOP had four bands performing music from different decades alongside a bar in the dining hall offering welcome prosecco or orange juice, free pizza, ENTs such as air hockey and basketball challenge and a photobooth.

Daytime events were also a success, for the first time we ran a 'department brunch' where students studying the same subject were able to meet over brunch as they were given an allotted time to arrive. The event was incredibly popular with freshers as it allowed them to get to know other people studying their course before the department talks.

Another highlight of the week for me was the 20s night where we welcomed two jazz bands to the bar. It was great to see so many people dressed up to the occasion and dancing on the dance floor and playing games alongside, provided by Games Soc.

I would like to thank the Frep team of 28, who worked tirelessly across the week and during prep week to put on a fantastic week and a half of activities. If you're considering frepping next year, I would definitely recommend it!

**Ben Cawood**  
Head Frep 2024-2025

## Inter-MCR Formal

**On Tuesday 5 November, Trevelyan College hosted this year's Halloween-themed Inter-MCR formal, welcoming postgraduates from across Durham for an evening of food, music, and spooky celebration.**

The Dining Hall was transformed into a haunted house, complete with eerie decorations and ghostly touches—many thanks to the Trevs MCR exec and volunteers for their brilliant work in bringing the theme to life. Guests arrived in formal wear with creative Halloween twists, ready to enjoy a festive evening.

The three-course meal featured a choice of crispy ham hock and pea terrine or baked goats' cheese en croûte to start, followed by either braised beef with truffled mash and roasted roots or a hearty carrot and chestnut wellington. Dessert was a crowd-pleasing sticky toffee pudding with salted caramel sauce and vanilla cream.

Live music from Trevs' house band The Manglers set the tone after dinner, with DJ Tim keeping the party going late into the evening.

Huge thanks to everyone involved in making the night such a success, especially the MCR exec, Trevs' Operations Manager Janice Ware, our fantastic catering and bar teams, and all those who helped decorate and organise behind the scenes. Also, a big thanks to the MCR for attending our pumpkin carving social in preparation for the event, with some beautiful carved pumpkins lighting up the bar and hallways.

**It has been one of the best evenings for our MCR and we hope for more in the future!**

**Marcel Grabowski**  
MCR Social Secretary 2024-2025

**Top to bottom:** University Matriculation; Welcome Week; FREPs; Inter-MCR Formal



# HEX Magazine

**We were incredibly proud to relaunch HEX this year, the student-run college magazine which was active from 1997-2013. Since starting our website in January, we have uploaded a new article every other day during term time and are currently putting together our first print edition. The whole team has been immensely dedicated to the project and we've had engagement from over 70 members!**

HEX started by building a team of four section editors - Features, Arts & Culture, Creative, and Puzzles. We then expanded to include News, Opinion, and Sport after the huge popularity of the magazine. Our goal has been to platform student writing, particularly from students who are getting into journalism for the first time, and to bring a new vibrancy to events happening in College.

Motivated by this, we reviewed every performance by Sixth Side Theatre or Trevelyan College Musical Society put on in Epiphany term, as well as the Manglers Charity Gig. We've spotlighted societies from Badminton to Chamber Choir and produced articles ranging from a celebration of the rich culture surrounding coalmining in Durham, to creative writing and puzzles.

In just three months, we've had 6,000 views on our website across almost 2,000 visitors. By far our most popular articles were our interviews with the JCR President candidates, which got more views than voters in the election, making JCR elections more accessible to those who did not attend the husts.

The highlight of the year is our first print edition, which we've been lucky to receive funding from college to put together. Our 36-page edition will cast a new light on a tradition embedded in Trevs, and we're really excited to be bringing it back.

It's been an honour to relaunch the magazine - so many hours have gone into this society, from learning how to build a website to running training sessions for the whole team. I'm really grateful for the support we've received from College to make this happen, as it really feels like HEX has a buzzing energy that has taken over Trevs!

The most important factor, however, in HEX's success, is that so many students have been willing to write articles, be creative, and contribute to the magazine. Each content call we've put out has had more and more responses, making all our work feel worthwhile.

You can read all our articles at [trevsmagazine.uk](http://trevsmagazine.uk). We are trying to connect with as many HEX alumni as possible to fill in the gaps of our knowledge in Trevs history - email us at [trevs.magazine@durham.ac.uk](mailto:trevs.magazine@durham.ac.uk) if you have any fond memories of the magazine!

**Elliot Burrin**  
Editor-in-Chief 2024-2025

**Right:** Members of the HEX team with copies of the first print edition since the relaunch





## HM Evans Music Prize

**This year's HM Evans Music Prize commenced on 6 March 2025. The event was very well attended and we had some amazing musicians perform various pieces ranging from the likes of Claude Debussy to Alan Menken.**

The event kicked off with performances by our ten musicians who played a range of instruments such as the trombone, piano, flute, guitar, voice, and guzheng. The event continued with a small reception in the foyer of our very own Dowrick Suite, where the musicians and audience members could converse during the judging period.

The judges for this year's prize were one of our two JCR music representatives, Emma Knight, our MCR President, Daniel Scobbie, and the namesake of the prize, Professor H. Martyn Evans, who attended via Teams. I would like to thank all of the judges for attending and giving their time and expertise to the prize.

After some time for deliberation, the judging panel announced our winner and runner-up for the prize. The winner for this year's HM Evans Music Prize was Josh Reid who played the wonderful, La cathedrale engloutie or "The Sunken Cathedral" by Claude Debussy, on the piano. Our runner-up prize was determined to be Lisi Huang, who played a beautiful and energetic

work called "Yao Dance Music" by Ruan Mao on the guzheng. I would like to thank each musician that participated in the prize for their outstanding performances!

I would like to thank all of the people who helped me in organizing the prize. Specifically, I would like to thank our Vice Principal, Martin Brader, our Operations Manager, Janice Ware, our wonderful catering team, and our amazing porters for their extremely helpful advice, insight, and help in organising and running the prize as well as the logistics surrounding the event.

I would like to thank our MCR President, Daniel Scobbie, our Vice President, Alysia Orbell (who sang a beautiful rendition of Simon & Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Water"), our Services Officer, Max Goodwin (who also participated in the prize and played, on the piano, the amazing "Gnossienne No.3" by Eric Satie) our Treasurer, Luke Bowd-Griffin, and our Social Secretary, Marcel Gabrowski for their help and support leading up to and throughout the event.

I would like to thank Dan Wattis and Emma Knight for their help with set up and the sound systems for the event. I would also like to thank all of the MCR Exec members for their help in planning, promoting, and supporting the event. Lastly, I would like to thank our audience members who came out to watch and support their friends and peers.

This event has been a highlight for me in what has already been an amazing year. It truly has been a pleasure to be the MCR Music Representative this year and I look forward to the summer and all of the future events at Trevs!

**Katie Vishwanath**  
MCR Music Representative 2024-2025

## Trevs Music

**It has been another great year for music at Trevelyan College. My time in the role as JCR Music Rep began with the organisation of the annual 'Battle of the Bands' competition at Trevs Day following the end of exams.**

This was soon followed by 'Trevstock', our all-day, festival-style event in the quad, featuring performances from some of Trevs' finest musicians. Both events were a huge success, and although we were sad to see some of our talented finalists leave at the end of Easter term, we were thrilled to welcome a new wave of freshers in October—many incredibly eager to get involved in the college music scene.

Freshers' week saw new talent perform at the Freshers Unplugged, alongside performances from the Frep Band. From the beginning of the year, it has been great to see new faces joining music societies and making use of all the incredible music facilities Trevelyan College has to offer, especially the MASH room.

A highlight of the musical calendar for many was without doubt Live on the Hill. This year, tickets for both shows sold out in just under two minutes! Our brilliant arrangers put together an exciting and diverse setlist. The band and vocalists, supported by the exec, worked tirelessly to deliver two unforgettable evenings. We also managed to raise over £3,000 for Anthony Nolan, a life-saving charity supporting those with blood cancer.

Our popular Unplugged events continued to thrive, with new performers joining returning favourites on stage. This year we hosted our first 'Classical Unplugged' in the Dowrick Suite, which allowed the classical musicians of Trevelyan College to have the chance to showcase their talent to their peers. I was also honoured to help judge the annual H. M. Evans Music Prize—a memorable evening that saw a range of fantastic performances, including this year's deserving winner, Josh Reid.

We kept up the tradition of our Christmas and Easter concerts,

featuring performances from the Trevelyan College Orchestral Society, Chamber Choir, and A Cappella group. This year also saw the exciting addition of music performances after formals. Highlights included singers performing in various languages after the Global Formal, and live bands such as Hayk taking to the stage in the bar. The Manglers, our in-house jazz band, had another successful year also. Their charity gig this year raised over £500 for Macmillan Cancer Support, and was a special evening for all involved. Finally, a special shoutout must go to the TCMS production of Jesus Christ Superstar. The phenomenal band and cast delivered four stunning performances of this demanding musical, earning huge praise from the college community.

It's been a busy, rewarding and music-filled year at Trevs. Serving as Music Rep over the past three terms has been an absolute pleasure.

**Emma Knight**  
JCR Music Rep 2024-2025

**Left to Right:** HM Evans music prize performers (Images 1-3); The Manglers charity gig; Trevstock

# Theatre

**TCMS has gone through something of a redemption arc over the last four years.** In 2022 we performed *Legally Blonde* which has become infamous for its cataclysmic sound issues and covid-isolating cast members. In 2023 and 2024 the quality of production increased with *Gypsy* and *Shrek the Musical!*. This year, in our 31st year, we performed *Jesus Christ Superstar* and received glowing reviews, including five stars from Palatinate, something that must be a first in our history.

As president and director of the production, I am immensely proud of all the hard work put in across the team. We had almost thirty people working in the creative and production team, from set designers to lighting designers to sound operatives and tech team to costume designers and stage managers to wigs,

hair and makeup assistants. This was one of the largest teams we have ever seen at TCMS and it really paid off with the quality of our production.

The cast of 19 were sensational. Leads included Harry Threapleton as Jesus and Seb Powell (a Trevs fresher!) as Judas. Seb wowed the audience with his phenomenal vocal abilities and stellar acting performance. Harry gave a fantastic rendition of Gethsemane which shocked the audience with his fantastic performance. The band, headed by band MD Niamh Connellan sounded amazing. They mastered the one hour and a half of playing beautifully. Trevs is known as a musical college, and they upheld that reputation fantastically. It was lovely to see so many members of Trevs playing in the band.

In December I was told I was far too ambitious to be staging *Jesus Christ Superstar* – a fully-sung Andrew Lloyd-Webber rock opera – in a dining hall with TCMS. In March, the cast, crew, band and creatives surprised everyone in pulling it off so delightfully. Audience members left in awe at what they had just viewed and that was down to the talent of the 50+ people involved. It has been a privilege to be president of TCMS this year. The biggest joy is seeing everyone involved having a great time, with many telling me it was their favourite production they have been a part of at university. I look forward to our 48-hour production in the summer term.

**Ben Cawood**  
TCMS President 2024-2025

**Clockwise from left:** *Jesus Christ Superstar*; A Trevsmas Carol; *Jesus Christ Superstar*



# Sport

## TCBC

**The 2024/25 season has been great for TCBC, building on the strong performances of last year.** In summer term, TCBC saw success early with the women's eight winning at Durham City Regatta. The middle of regatta season was challenging for us however Durham Regatta proved the training put in by squads to be worthwhile with the women's 8 winning again and the men's 2nd four and novice women's four reaching finals. The new academic year began quickly with an intake of 30 new members joining the club. We hit the ground running, with the men's 1st four making the final at senate cup and a brace of good results at Durham Autumn Small Boats Head. We took this strong form to York, with our Men's 2nd four winning, and women's 1st four coming third in their events. Michaelmas term was finished at Rutherford Head where we came out as the second fastest college men's eight and third fastest women's eight. Rutherford Head was also the first time we fielded a second men's eight for a few years, who themselves put in a strong performance marking our position as a growing rowing college. After Christmas, racing resumed with Tyne New Years Head, the men's 1st eight winning, and men's 2nd and women's eights putting in strong performances. Next was Durham Small Boats Head, with more good results coming in. After this came the big one, TCBC's return to BUCS, the men's 1st eight competing in intermediate 8s, placing 15th against many larger university programmes. On the same day, the novice squad finally got to race at Novice Head. They achieved brilliant results all round proving TCBC to have a bright future ahead. After Novice Head we welcomed a second eight and new set of blades to the equipment roster as well as new to us double with the help of college, bolstering the rowing

opportunity available at TCBC. Racing peaked late in Epiphany at the London Heads. WEHoRR was first where the women enjoyed a great race to return as fourth fastest college, drawing the curtain on an excellent year for women's rowing at TCBC. The men then fielded two eights at HoRR, with the 1st eight finishing as second fastest college crew and the 2nd eight also had a good showing. This marked the end of what has been undoubtedly another excellent year for TCBC.

**Will Long and Tom Brown**  
Co-Presidents 2024-2025

## Badminton

**At the close of the 2024/25 season, we are delighted to reflect on what has been an unprecedented year of success on court for Trevelyan College Badminton Club.** Across our three teams this season (one in each discipline for men's, women's, and mixed) we played 21 matches, winning 20, and losing only one.

Our women's team enjoyed a dominant season on court, winning the Premier Division as unbeaten league champions. This makes them currently the best women's college team in the University, of which we are hugely proud. The men's team enjoyed similar success, albeit in Division One, following demotion from the Premier Division in the 2023/24 season. Following in the footsteps of the women's success, the men's team would also become unbeaten league champions. This meant both men's and women's finished the season as unbeaten league champions, with men's securing well-deserved promotion back to the Premier Division.

Having left mixed until last, it is somewhat noticeable that there is our one singular loss of the season to report on. The invincible season was so close, yet so far, as mixed actually

lost their first match of the season against Van Mildert. After a tricky start, mixed would go on to win all of their remaining games, falling just short of the achievements of men's and women's. This does not undermine the achievement of the mixed team, going toe to toe at the very top of college badminton with two notoriously successful sporting colleges.

The achievements of our teams were tied together nicely when Trevs were selected to represent DU in varsity against University of York. A Trevs mixed team made up of long-term members who graduate this season defeated York 3-1, contributing to the overall varsity win for Durham. This capped off an outstanding season, and it was great to see Trevs get deserved recognition for success within college badminton.

We hope that the successes of this season can be replicated next season, and that the passion, commitment, and camaraderie of the teams will carry forwards, hopefully complemented by a strong intake of freshers. We would like to thank all of our members, especially our exec, for their dedication this season, and are immensely proud to be associated with such a successful year for Trevs badminton.

**Luke Taylor and Cindy Wu**  
Co-Presidents 2024-2025

## Mixed Lacrosse

**Trevelyan College Mixed Lacrosse has had an impressive year, building upon the previous year's success and becoming one of the standout societies Trevs has to offer.** Staying true to its aim of introducing newcomers to a rather niche sport and creating a strong community, the society has grown significantly this year, notably building a competitive squad, filled with numbers who were





Left to right: Mixed Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee Team, Men's Football B Team.

completely new to the sport and developed under the guidance of ever-knowledgeable captains. As a result, the society has continued its strong form this year, finishing strongly in the most competitive college league. Despite suffering an unfortunate exit to what could have been a strong cup run, the team has laid a promising foundation for the years ahead, with a 25-0 victory being just one of many highlights. Beyond the pitch, the society's social scene has thrived, with the consistently large numbers, turning up to endlessly creative socials, testament to its popularity.

#### Noah Wilson

Mixed Lacrosse President 2024-2025

## Ultimate Frisbee

**Treves Ultimate Frisbee team has shattered expectations this year, achieving unprecedented success through remarkable teamwork and recruitment of enthusiastic freshers.**

The season's dominance began at the Freshers Tournament, where the team's newest members shocked competitors by winning a slew of close games all the way through to the final and taking home the trophy.

Building on this early momentum, Treves' squad slowly transformed into a formidable force during league play. The team achieved an impressive 6-1 record, with their sole defeat coming by a mere point. Their commanding +48 goal differential secured them first place in the league standings and a pristine spot in the championship final.

On the day of the final, the floodlights glared downwards as Treves prepared to face their toughest opposition yet, the combined might of John Snow and Grey. It was a tense match characterized by back-and-forth scoring, the team's determination and

skill ultimately prevailed. The 9-7 victory not only secured the championship trophy but also established Treves as the undisputed league champions for the year, an achievement that reflects the dedication and hard work of every single member.

Overall, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved, and our team is determined to maintain this momentum into Summer term. With the Festival of Sport on the horizon, Treves has an exciting opportunity to bring home yet another trophy and further cement our reputation as a dominant force in collegiate Ultimate Frisbee.

#### Isaac Williams

President of TUF 2024-2025

## Men's Football B team

**The date is June 2024. After nearly of a year of hard-fought wins and tenacious performances, what many saw as the 'Golden Era' of Treves B team football had fallen as short as they possibly could in their search for Div 3 promotion.** Having finished outside the required top two spots by a single goal, a sense of deflation was palpable amongst the ranks. With a plethora of key players leaving the club in their pursuit of actual jobs, the future of Treves B football – and the holy grail of promotion – looked dubious at best. Any chance of promotion would require footballing and tactical perfection. Thomas Hill and Matt Brown had been outstanding in their contributions during that nail-biting 2023/24 season, but there was no doubt that the shoes of stalwart and Captain Max Frawley would be a challenge to fill. Yet, in the words of Manchester United legend Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, mountains are there to be climbed. Donning their helmets

and ropes, Treves B set out for what would prove to be one hell of a journey.

The next twelve months would prove to be unparalleled in their drama. Watchers-on would see goalkeepers subbed on up front, midfielders in between the sticks and Seb Pavin becoming increasingly present on the team-sheet. Yet, in the midst of the chaos there was a Liverpool-esque consistency in the manner with which Treves B picked up points against tough opposition. Seven wins from their opening seven games prompted whispers of the improbable and previously difficult fixtures against the likes of Collingwood, Van Mildert and Stephenson were swept aside with ease. Harry Whittington showed shades of Thierry Henry as the team's attacking focal point, and you couldn't be blamed if you mistook Kai Whieldon's partnership with Ned Battersby in defence for AC Milan's Nesta and Maldini. With these familiar foes vanquished and the chance of promotion once again in sight, only fellow title contenders St John's stood in the way of eternal glory. The game was symbolic of the values underpinning Treves' success – hard-fought and tenacious, both teams were desperate to leave their mark on a season-defining fixture that might prove to be critical in its significance. Treves needed a hero, and boy, did they get one. John Hadden's (quite literally) unrelenting stamina propelled him into the St John's area with the clock ticking down, and his ruthless finish sealed a momentous 3-2 win to secure a place in the promised lands.

From the ashes of their goal-difference despair the previous year, Treves had achieved the improbable and secured Div 2 football for next term.

#### Zac Arney

B Team Player 2024-2025

# Volunteering

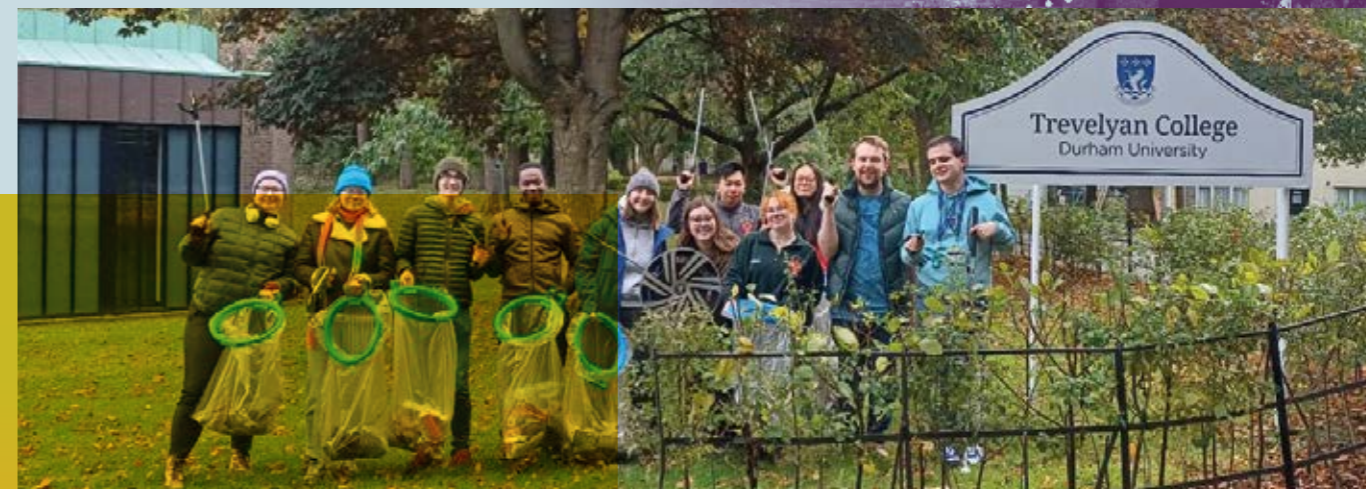
## Litter Picks

**As JCR Environment and Sustainability Officer for this academic year, one of the most successful projects has been our litter picks.**

I set out to continue Rosie's plans from last year and have run five litter picks since June, all with great turn out. It's been a real force in getting Trevelyan students who care about the environment and volunteering together to have a bit of a laugh wondering what sort of night someone had to leave a bottle of wine in a bush... From bits of car, VK bottles galore, a full bottle of milk, a wet floor sign, the odd wooden pole and plenty of cigarette butts, we successfully and frequently filled bags full whether from college itself, Neville's Cross, through some hill colleges or past the Bill Bryson Library, I think we all felt a sense of achievement and community from these litter picks. Thanks to college, we also did a beach clean litter pick at Seaham last summer with *SeaScapes* with over 50 people! These litter picks could not have gone ahead if it wasn't for the help from our charities and volunteering officer Charlie Morris as well as college staff, for providing equipment and support. It was the greatest joy for our liver-out volunteers (like myself) to be able to get brunch in Treves after our hard work out in Durham. Alongside a clothes swap, a charity shop crawl, and plans to start growing food in our allotment, litter picks have been one of the elements leading us to a productive year in sustainability this year at Trevelyan College. Thank you to everyone who attended these litter picks. Hopefully, next academic year we will be able to maintain this routine and keep cleaning up Durham!

#### Rosie Crompton

JCR Environment and Sustainability Officer  
2024-2025



Volunteers on the litter pick

# Scholarly Activity

## MCR/SCR Research Talks

We've had a great variety of presentations at Research Talks this year, with students from a vast array of departments taking part ranging from law to physics to archaeology.

The events are structured to include three 10 minute 'Research Talks' and two 5 minute 'Lightning Talks'. Where research talks are typically centred around an area of academic research, lightning talks can be on anything at all. In fact, this year we have seen lightning talks on 'Mathematical Mishaps' and even 'A Very Brief History of Beer'!

The third and final event, the G.M. Trevelyan Research Prize, is upcoming in the second week of the Easter term. This is a really exciting opportunity for individuals to present in front of a panel for the prize and network with others. I am definitely looking forward to hearing all the upcoming talks.

It's been fantastic to see members of the JCR, MCR and SCR in attendance at these events to support the speakers and learn more about their research. It's been wonderful to see talks from Masters students, PhD students and associate members of the MCR. I hope Research Talks continue to receive great attendance and engagement in the future as I have certainly enjoyed my involvement in organising these events.

**Alysia Orbell**

MCR Vice-President 2024-2025



MCR/SCR research talks

# Trevs Bar

This year at Trevs Bar has been filled with changes, challenges and opportunities. With the ongoing renovations taking place in college we have had to accommodate a number of changes to our facilities and social spaces within our college bar. Like the rest of the food and beverage sector, college bars are navigating a world where costs have increased for goods and services. This has meant our team has been working on forward thinking, proactive solutions to meet these new challenges while maintaining the welcoming atmosphere and friendly service we are known for.

We continue to update our range of products in recognition of changing tastes, but also to offer a variety of options that let us stand out from other college bars. Alcohol free alternatives are continuing to be popular this year and our selection has been expanded to include Guinness O.O, the non alcoholic version of the much loved Irish Stout. We have also been offering an updated range of bottled beers, including the well liked Tsing Tao Chinese lager. The range of products on tap has also undergone significant changes as I have sought to offer a selection that includes both premium brands and reasonably priced alternatives.

Naturally we have continued to play a part in the many events that run here in college, providing premium cocktails for both nights of Live on the Hill, opening early for TCMS' Jesus Christ Superstar, and creating a special charity cocktail for the Manglers' Charity Gig (my personal favourite). We have also supported many smaller but just as important events, including a number of unplugged music nights, karaoke, showing the Six Nations, etc.

With summer term fast approaching we have several big events coming up, that are already in the planning stage. We are looking forward to refreshing drinks on the back lawn at Trevs Day and enjoying great live music in the quad at Trevstock. For both events I will be sampling a number of craft beers, ciders, and new cocktails to provide a curated selection of brilliant, if perhaps lesser known, products to fit the vibes of summer term.

It has been great to see so many people enjoying what I believe to be the heart of our college community. This year it has been my personal pleasure to meet many new people, and introduce them to what I love about Trevs, but also to catch up with many old friends who continue to frequent Trevs Bar.

Finally I must give my thanks to our dedicated bar team for keeping the bar running and being a friendly face around college. They are exceptional individuals and I couldn't do it without them.

**Sam McMahon**

Sabbatical Bar Steward  
2024-2025



# The Buttery

This past year, the Buttery has once again been busier than ever. We kicked things off during Freshers' Week with a strong focus on making sure everyone was aware of what the Buttery offers to the college community. We also continued to expand our presence at university events, catering for a wide range of occasions including balls and college days. This helped boost engagement significantly for the year and keep everyone at the buttery busy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Buttery Chair and working alongside such an amazing Buttery Exec. The team has worked incredibly hard to keep things running smoothly and make sure everything we do is delivered to a high standard. Our events catering has been a continued success this year, with the small hiccup of a broken popcorn machine. A massive thanks to James, our Events Manager and previous Buttery Chair, who has done an outstanding job keeping this side of the Buttery running.

We've also made sure to keep the favourite internal events as well as a few new additions, a highlight being the waffles at Christmas. The response was fantastic, and we're now seriously considering making waffles a more regular feature again during term.

Of course, this year has come with its challenges, but they've been made much more manageable thanks to the incredible support of the JCR President and the rest of my exec. I'm so grateful to have had such a supportive team, it's made my role infinitely easier and more enjoyable. This being my final year I'm sad to be stepping away from the Buttery, but I'm confident it's in excellent hands with Livia. She's already brought some fresh and exciting ideas to the table, and I can't wait to see where she takes things next. I wish her the very best of luck for the year ahead!

**Freddie Farago**

Buttery Chair 2024-2025



# Celebrating 60 years of Trevelyan College

**In 2026/27, Trevelyan College will celebrate its 60th Anniversary.** The anniversary celebrations will provide an opportunity to honour the many dimensions of college life—celebrating the contributions of our students, staff, and alumni, and recognising the successes we have achieved together as a community since our foundation. Alongside these celebrations, there will be space to reflect on our history and look ahead to the future through a series of planned initiatives. These activities will span the entire 2026/27 academic year, marking both our foundation year and commemorating the first year of residence in our unique hexagonal college.

We aim to celebrate the full breadth of the student experience as part of the anniversary, including music, theatre, sport, academic achievement, and community engagement. There will be a wide range of opportunities for students, alumni, and staff to take part in the celebrations. Many of the planned activities will coincide with dates of historical significance to the College, offering moments to reflect on our past accomplishments while also highlighting and connecting with the current student experience.

Alongside the celebratory events, we will establish a lasting legacy of the anniversary for future generations through the enhancement of financial support available to students to engage

in the wider student experience. This ambitious project aims to provide support for students to engage in clubs and societies, undertake personal development opportunities, support participation in events, and enhance wellbeing. We will be circulating more information about this important initiative next academic year.

As we progress and finalise our planning, we would like to engage with as many alumni, students, and staff in the development of ideas or suggestions for anniversary celebrations. If you have any ideas that you would like to share,



‘I am excited and look forward to celebrating 60 years of excellence at Trevelyan College, where we will honour our rich legacy, recognise our collective achievements, and embrace a bold vision for a future in which every student is empowered to explore, grow, and thrive without limits.’

**Professor Adekunle Adeyeye**  
Principal of Trevelyan College

please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at [trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk](mailto:trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk). We will soon be sharing information on our initial plans for events and activities on a dedicated anniversary webpage which can be accessed at:

[durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/our-60th-anniversary](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/our-60th-anniversary)

We hope that many of you will join us to celebrate our inspiring College communities. We are very much looking forward to the celebrations in 2026/27.

## Events

In July 2024, we were delighted to welcome over 100 alumni back to Trevelyan College for our Annual Reunion Weekend. We were particularly pleased to meet many alumni who were celebrating major milestone anniversaries, including a large group of Trevelyanites who were celebrating their 25th Anniversary! The weekend started with a hot fork buffet in the Dining Hall and bar quiz on Friday evening, followed by an Afternoon Tea and the Reunion Dinner on Saturday. It was great to meet everyone and to hear about their memories of their time as a student.

In 2025, our reunion weekend will take place on 12-14 September and we look forward to welcoming alumni back to College for the weekend. If you would like to find out more about the event, you can visit our dedicated alumni webpages:

[durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/alumni-and-friends](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/alumni-and-friends)

## Keep in touch

**We are always delighted to hear from our alumni, especially when sharing news and updates after graduation.**

There are many ways that you can keep in touch with Trevelyan, including via email, social media, our webpages, or by giving us a call.

To ensure that you receive the latest news and updates from Trevs, it is important to make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details. You can update your contact information online via our alumni webpages:

[durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/alumni-and-friends](https://durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/alumni-and-friends)

On these webpages, you will find information about our upcoming events and activities for alumni, volunteering opportunities, and how to support our initiatives.

You can also keep up-to-date with College news on our social media:

[@trevelyancollege](https://www.facebook.com/trevelyancollege)

[@trevelyancollege](https://www.instagram.com/trevelyancollege)

[Trevelyan College](https://www.linkedin.com/company/trevelyan-college)

[@trevscollege](https://twitter.com/trevscollege)

If you would like any further information about our alumni activities, please do not hesitate to contact the Vice-Principal, Dr Martin Brader, at [trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk](mailto:trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk)

## Get involved

**There are many ways that you can support student development at Trevs:**

- Share your professional insights with current students
- Start a regular gift to support current students
- Make a contribution to the Explore Programme
- Offer expertise or advice on our initiatives

Contact us at: [trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk](mailto:trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk)

**Right:** Alumni Reunion Weekend 2024





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A photograph of a horse rearing up on its hind legs, set against a light blue background. The horse is white with a dark mane and tail. The image is partially obscured by a white rectangular area on the right side.

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