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Greetings from Trevs

It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you as you delve into the latest edition of Hippocampus.

I am consistently inspired by the unwavering passion and dedication our students exhibit towards every facet of the college experience.

At the core of our vision lies the aspiration to inspire and empower students to pursue boundless opportunities. College life transcends mere academic pursuits; it's a journey of self-discovery and skill cultivation. As the college principal, I am continuously impressed by the resilience and drive our students display as they navigate the myriad dimensions of college life with unwavering resolve.

Throughout the academic year, our students have thrived and excelled in various realms of the student experience, spanning sports, music, arts, culture, and community service. Their exceptional accomplishments fill me with pride.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated college staff and student leaders, whose tireless efforts ensure the provision of top-tier services to our students. I also extend gratitude to the College Advisory Board for their unwavering dedication and support.

I'm thrilled that Trevelyan College has been honoured with the 2024 Global College Award at the Durham University Global Awards. This achievement is truly outstanding, and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our students, staff, alumni, and SCR members for their invaluable contributions to our global community.

As you peruse the pages of this edition, I urge you to ponder upon the stories and experiences shared within. Each contribution is a testament to the vast potential residing within the Trevs community. May this latest issue of *Hippocampus* serve as a wellspring of inspiration for us all.

I extend sincere thanks to those who have generously offered their support and time, fostering a more inclusive and accessible environment for all students within the college. I invite others to join us in contributing to the college in any capacity, thus collectively propelling Trevelyan College to new heights. Your involvement plays a pivotal role in shaping the college's future trajectory and ensuring its continued growth and success. Together, let us forge a legacy that not only pays homage to our remarkable past but also illuminates an even brighter future for our college.



WELCOME

Professor Adekunle Adeyeye, Principal, Trevelyan College

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Outgoing JCR President



George Little,
outgoing JCR President

This past year I have had the absolute privilege of being the President of the JCR. It has been a fantastic year, jam-packed with exciting events and activities!

The year started strong by welcoming the new cohort of students in Welcome and Orientation Week. I would like to thank all of the Frels for their hard work in making Fresher's Week such a success. The first week of University can be a scary experience, being able to support new students and provide a friendly and exciting beginning is so important! It was a busy week full of events such as the Freshers' Bop, a paint & sip session, ghost walks and more! We have had great engagement from the new cohort of Freshers, allowing us to reach record voter turnouts, and build a strong community.

We have been able to put on a whole variety of events. We continue to strive for high quality events at affordable prices as the cost of living continues to impact students. Trevs Night was definitely a highlight featuring tribute acts, caricature artists and more! Finally, the main event of the year, Summer Ball was hosted in Hardwick Hall Hotel. We had a 3-course meal, fairground rides, and live music with the night ending at sunrise followed by the beloved Survivor's Breakfast.

We also held many formals alongside college this year, with the standout being Christmas Formal. It was a fantastic way to round off 2023 with the Chamber Choir performing during the meal, followed by carol singing with a joint Common Room brass band!

We have hosted many charity fundraisers this year, raising thousands for various charities across the UK. We had the Charity Ball hosted in the Marriott Hotel, Live On The Hill, an in-house black tie jazz concert, The Manglers Charity Gig, a Clothes Swap sale, and the return of the Charity Fashion Show. It is great to be able to host these fantastic events for people to enjoy themselves and raise money for a good cause!



Despite the many successes this year, the JCR has faced many challenges. The cost of living has had a huge effect on both students and the JCR. The demand for affordability is high as financial pressures increase. We have been working hard to try to balance the affordability of the JCR while trying to keep the finances sustainable. We will continue to adapt to new challenges and serve the community.

I am so proud of all the JCR has achieved this year. I would like to thank all who have volunteered their time, without which nothing would be possible. I am especially grateful to those who have sat on the Executive Committee, your support and hard work has been incredible. I am really excited to see what lies ahead for the JCR next year with the next president, James Koo.

I wish the JCR and Trevs good luck in the future and stay hexy!

Incoming JCR President



James Koo, incoming JCR President

Hey everyone! I'm James, a 3rd year Law student who'll be taking over from George as President next year.

During my time at Durham, I have grown to love the environment and community that Trevs has cultivated through many generations, and I aim to continue cultivating these spirits for the future as well.

Of course when I first arrived at Durham, it felt overwhelming with all the different aspects of my life that were changing but luckily Trevs and the people around me quickly solved that. With how diverse student life at Trevs is, it was easy to

find things I enjoyed, and picking up new hobbies/meeting new people was no problem. I found it almost impossible to avoid involving myself in the different aspects of the JCR; being the mixed captain for the Trevs badminton team 2 years in a row, frepping in my 2nd year, Head Frep in my 3rd year, and now President.

It's amazing what can happen when groups of dedicated and ambitious people work together and Trevs JCR is an excellent example of that. Seeing individuals apply themselves to their roles and trying to make every event the best that it can be is inspiring to say the least.

I aim to offer as much as I can to the student body as my way of giving back to the community and want to get as many people involved as possible.

It cannot be understated how much my experience in Durham has been enriched by both the JCR and college staff's hard work, and I hope that I can continue in the footsteps of my predecessor George in improving student life.



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It has been another successful academic year for the MCR and it has been great to see a large number of postgraduates continuing to engage in and contribute towards college life.

No sooner had we said goodbye to last year's cohort of Masters students, it was time to welcome this year's intake. We started with a packed programme of freshers week activities to welcome our new members, which included a trip to Beamish museum, an evening bowling at Lane7 and a successful welcome dinner in college followed by a games night in Trevs Bar. Such a strong start to the year would not have been possible without help from a superb group of both existing PhD students and new Masters students joining us from the JCR, so huge thanks to them all.

It was great to see the enthusiasm of new members eager to get involved in the MCR, and within the first few weeks of Michaelmas term we had elected an impressive, almost-full MCR exec, all of whom have been doing an excellent job helping our postgraduate community thrive. It has been a pleasure working with all of them so far – I look forward to continuing to do so throughout Easter term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their hard work!

The MCR has been very active with a wide array of social events. We hosted

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a very successful inter MCR formal, which sold out a week in advance and proved to be an exceptional evening, with entertainment continuing into the night courtesy of The Manglers and legendary DJ Tim Fowler. Craft activities have proved very popular, including Hallowe'en pumpkin carving and Easter egg painting sessions, as did a day trip to Edinburgh and a Christmas party to mention just a few. Thanks to our social secretary David James for organising so many great events throughout the year! A special mention must also go to Rhys Proud, who instead of taking a well earned break after his two years as President, has organised two fantastic murder mystery evenings for the MCR!

It is not just the social aspect of the MCR which has continued to thrive: we have also hosted two fascinating research evenings, where we have enjoyed talks on subjects including forensic archaeology, music psychology, nuclear fusion, and conservation bioscience, as well as many others. These have been coordinated by our Vice President Cyrus Edgcombe, who has also made the innovation of introducing lightning talks into the format. We are also looking forward to hearing more about the exciting research being undertaken by students in Trevs at the G.M. Trevelyan prize next term.

Our other major event of Epiphany term was the H.M. Evans music prize,

organised by our MCR music reps Katie Vishwanath and Janathan Karunakaran. It was a pleasure to welcome former principal Prof. Martyn Evans back to Trevs (albeit via video link) to judge, and we heard 4 fantastic performances showcasing the college's musical talent. Thanks again to the music reps for helping to make this event a success.

This year has also seen several changes to the Mowlam room, our base in the college. We have acquired a coffee machine to keep our members fuelled through their studies, as well as additions including a chromecast and adapters for our sound system, keeping our tech up to date and easily usable by our members! We were also saddened to learn this year of the passing of Ben Vickers, a longstanding member and former MCR President. His impressive collection of books have found a new home in the MCR, where they will continue to be enjoyed by current and future members.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the MCR president this academic year. And I look forward to watching it continue to thrive in the future.

Dan Scobbie,
MCR President



SCR President

As noted elsewhere in the magazine, the College has much to celebrate this year, from recognition for its outstanding external engagements by the University to the successes of its vibrant and enterprising Junior and Middle Common Rooms.

We in the Senior Common Room celebrate the College's successes on various fronts and play our part in making Trevelyan the outstanding Durham University college it clearly is. This is the second year of our work following the lockdown and the isolation imposed on all the University's communities and I think we have now cleared the dust of Covid-19 which was stifling our ability to operate.

The Trevelyan SCR is back to its lively and active self and that is thanks to the support we receive from the College and College's Officers and the effort that my SCR colleagues have been putting in 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, for example, which has been received very warmly by members of the College and beyond, is a partnership between the al-Sabah Programme in SGIA and the College. We have added to 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 popular event, bringing members into the College from across the range, and the formals have again been spectacular occasions. I am particularly pleased to see the return of Burns Night on the calendar, which again was a wonderful evening of laughter and joy. 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 work and related projects. And, I must end by mentioning the SCR BBQ! This year's BBQ is scheduled for the evening of the 10th of June and I do hope that as many members as possible will be able to take advantage of this occasion to meet, eat and enjoy the entertainment that is in store.

Here is to another great year.



Prof Anoush Ehteshami,
SCR President

SCR

VP

Dr Martin Brader

Trevelyan Vice-Principal

As I write this article at the end of my third year as Vice-Principal, I am incredibly proud of the many contributions of our inspirational students across all aspects of the wider student experience.

I am constantly impressed by the creativity, dedication, and commitment of our students, who have significant impact on our college, university, and local communities.

We have celebrated many successes this academic year, including Trevs Cheer winning the Coed Group stunt at the Intercollegiate Cheerleading Competition, the Boat Club winning the small academic pennant at the Head of the River Race, and our success at the Durham Global Awards. I hope that this edition of Hippocampus provides a valuable insight into College life, and the many and varied achievements of our welcoming and dynamic community.

In October, we launched our new Explore Programme, which provides a wide range of enrichment and wellbeing initiatives for undergraduate and postgraduate students at Trevelyan College. It has been rewarding to see students participate across the programme whether through photography and poetry competitions, Explore Lectures, proactive wellbeing sessions, or other activities. More information about this important new initiative can be found later in this edition of Hippocampus, including ways that you can take part as a student, alumna/us, or SCR member.

As we approach the end of Easter Term, our attention turns to celebrating academic achievement at Congregation. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to all of our graduates. Please do keep in contact with the College – Trevelyan is your College, and we look forward to hearing about your accomplishments after graduation. Our alumni community plays an important role in college life, and this July, we will be welcoming over 100 alumni back to College for our Annual Reunion Weekend.

I very much look forward to meeting them and to sharing our initial plans for the College's 60th Anniversary in 2026. There are exciting times ahead for Trevs!

Dr Martin Brader



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Dr Hannah Martin

Dr Hannah Martin

Trevelyan Assistant Principal

It has been another delightful year at Trevelyan College and it is now time to look back on all we have achieved!

September saw us welcome another new cohort of students to college and our Frep team provided an exceptional schedule of events and activities to make them feel immediately welcomed into college life.

Michaelmas Term was certainly full of life and activity! From our Black History Month Explore Lecture in October, to Festive Volunteering opportunities, our first term flew by and provided us all with some lovely experiences. Epiphany Term was equally as memorable, with new Explore Wellbeing activities taking place weekly in College. The Dog Wellbeing Sessions with Odin and Zeus proved as popular as ever and new initiatives such as Yoga and Box Fitness classes provided opportunities for our students to come together and explore new ways to relax and destress.

This past year, I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work with and support some exceptional students and I have witnessed the genuine contribution so many have made to our community. I cannot quite believe we are almost at the end of my third academic year as Assistant Principal and I am continuously reminded how grateful I am for this opportunity to be part of such a diverse, inclusive and exceptional community of students and staff.

Congratulations to all of you who are graduating, and I look forward to supporting returners for another year of life in Trevs!

Trevelyan College wins the Global College Award



We are delighted to share that Trevelyan College won the Global College Award at this year's Durham University Global Awards in recognition of our commitment to an inclusive and welcoming environment and development of initiatives to support international students.

At Trevelyan College, we encourage students to 'explore without limits', promoting an environment of inclusivity, support, and respect for all. We embrace and celebrate diversity, embedding global initiatives across our wider student experience. In 2023, the SCR launched the Global Dynamics lecture series, starting with six talks on China's place in the world by world-leading experts from the Universities of Oxford, Warwick, Durham, Naples L'Orientale, London School of Economics, and 3Sixty Strategic Advisors Ltd, London. The JCR hosts monthly language cafés, and international music events, which are open to all. Last year, we launched a weekly conversational English group. In Michaelmas Term, we welcomed over 200 students to our first Global Formal Dinner featuring Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, and Mexican-inspired cuisine, with traditional dress encouraged. We also hosted our first Interfaith Cafés in 2023, including student and staff representatives from across the university, to promote interfaith discussions. Our global activities have significant impact, supporting our aspirations as a respectful, inclusive, and interdisciplinary community of students, staff, and local community members. You can find out more about our global activities within this edition of Hippocampus.

The Global College Award is a significant achievement and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, alumni and SCR members for their many contributions to our global community.

Trevelyan College truly shone at this year's Durham Global Awards, capturing the prestigious Global College Award. Held at Howlands Hall, the event was a vibrant celebration of academic excellence and inclusivity.

The evening kicked off with a lively reception at Stephenson Central. Students, faculty, and distinguished guests mingled, exchanging thoughts and sharing their excitement. The atmosphere was electric with anticipation as the community came together to celebrate our collective achievements.

As the night progressed to the formal dinner and awards ceremony at Howlands Hall, the energy was palpable. When Trevelyan College was announced as the winner of the Global College Award, cheers and applause filled the room. It was a proud moment for everyone connected to our college, underscoring our commitment to fostering an environment where "every student is encouraged to be the best they can be, promoting support, inclusion, and curiosity."

Accompanied by Principal Prof Adekunle Adeyeye and Vice Principal Dr Martin Brader, it was an honour to receive the award on behalf of our institution. The evening also offered a fantastic networking opportunity, allowing us to engage with academics from various backgrounds and discuss future collaborations.

As the night unfolded, several other awards were presented, including the Global Student Experience Awards for students and staff, the Global Sustainable Development Goals Award, the International Research Collaboration Award, the Global Curriculum Award, the Professional Services Award, the Local to Global Award, the Respect, Fairness and Equity Award, the Global Alumni Award, and various individual awards. Witnessing these awards being presented and learning about the nominees' passion and dedication to their work was truly inspiring.

Each presentation not only highlighted the impressive achievements within our global academic community but also reinforced the spirit of innovation and commitment that drives us all.

Saidakshesh Kalingarajan

MCR International Representative 2023-2024

EXPLORE PROGRAMME



In October 2023, Trevelyan College launched the Explore Programme, which provides student enrichment and wellbeing opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students at Trevs. The Explore Programme aims to enable our students to develop new skills, gain new experiences, and explore new interests, aligned with the College's tagline – explore without limits. All Explore Programme activities are free and open to all Trevelyan College students, promoting an environment of support, inclusion, and curiosity.

In the first year, we have trialled a wide range of enrichment and wellbeing activities, and it has been great to see high levels of engagement from the student community. We have also integrated some existing initiatives into the Explore Programme to ensure coordination and increased awareness of the opportunities on offer. Explore Programme initiatives complement the wide range of student-led activities organised by the JCR and MCR, and often involve collaboration between student leaders and college staff. As the programme develops, we hope to include additional opportunities for our alumni to engage in and contribute to our Explore Programme activities.

In October, we welcomed Professor Donna Chambers (Northumbria University) to present our Black History Month Explore Lecture on 'All God's children need travelling shoes: critical reflections on race, gender, identity and belonging', followed by dinner with students to continue the discussion. We also hosted an information session for postgraduate research students on The Brilliant Club Scholars Programme, which provides opportunities for PhD students to deliver sessions in local schools. Our first Explore Wellbeing activity was a popular dog wellbeing session, with two beagles, Odin and Zeus, visiting the College and spending time with students for relaxation.

In November, we hosted a careers-related session with alumna Claire Wilkinson on 'Exploring City careers', our first photography competition on 'Explore Autumn', and a writing retreat for finalists and postgraduates. Our Hill Colleges Chaplain, Rebecca, hosted the first 'Tea and Talk' session, which is an informal group support session for students with light refreshments in E Meeting Room. Rebecca also organised our first interfaith café, with students and staff from across the university joining us for lunch and conversation. Odin and Zeus returned for a second dog wellbeing session in November, following the popular first session earlier in the term.

Before the Christmas vacation, students engaged in a range of volunteering and community engagement activities, including our Christmas Wish Tree to collect food and other essential items for local community members, the Christmas Cards for Care Homes scheme, and Christmas craft sessions.

In January, we organised a second photography competition with the theme of 'Explore Durham', with a wide range of images submitted of locations across the city. Other activities included finalist study sessions, a poetry workshop, Tea and Talk sessions, and a dog wellbeing session.

In February, we welcomed Dr Craig Griffiths (Manchester Metropolitan University) to present our LGBTQ+ History Month Explore Lecture on 'Queer History, Social Justice, and Human Rights Language'. Following the lecture, students were invited to join the speaker for dinner and continue the conversation on the key themes explored within the talk.

In February and March, our programme of Explore Wellbeing activities expanded. In addition to a dog wellbeing session, students joined Explore Yoga, Explore SoundBath, Explore Glow Dance, and Explore Box HIIT classes. These proactive wellbeing initiatives were popular new initiatives with both undergraduate and postgraduate students alike.



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We hosted our first PGR lunches in Epiphany Term, which provided an opportunity for our postgraduate research students to meet over lunch on High Table and to discuss their research with the College Officers. We have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to hear more about the breadth of research undertaken by our postgraduate community. During Global Week, we were delighted to host a Global Interfaith Lunch in collaboration with the Durham Interfaith Student Network and Durham University Chaplaincy Network. Following lunch, students and staff enjoyed a game of a global interfaith jenga to promote interfaith conversation.

In Epiphany Term, we launched our first poetry competition on 'Explore Community'. Entries were judged by a panel, including members of the Senior Common Room. The judges were extremely impressed by the quality of submissions to the competition, which reflected various aspects of the theme. The winning entries of the competition are published within this edition of Hippocampus – congratulations to the prize winners!

Students enjoyed additional proactive wellbeing sessions in Easter Term, including Body Weight Circuits, and Glutes and Abs, as part of the Explore Wellbeing and Stress Less activities organised during the revision and examination periods. In addition, we organised weekly Cake in the Quad and two visits from an ice cream van as opportunities to take a break from their studies. We also hosted a petting zoo, which proved incredibly popular with students, and the College staff!

Our final creative competition of the year was the Julian Trevelyan Art Prize, which this year accepted submissions on any theme and in any medium. Students were able to vote for their preferred entry for the highly commended prize, with the winning entry chosen by a panel. Students are able to access free art materials in the Upper JCR, and we hope to expand our range of visual art activities next academic year.

Our final Explore Programme activity of the academic year will be the college beach clean on the Durham coastline in June. Our annual beach clean is an important opportunity for students to explore the local area, as well as learn about important environmental concerns. More information about our local environmental initiatives can be found in this edition of Hippocampus.

In our first year, we have hosted over 50 Explore Programme activities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken part in the first year of the programme either as a participant, supporter or organiser. We are already planning our activities for the next academic year and if you have any ideas or suggestions, we would be delighted to hear from you.

You can contact us at trevelyan.explore@durham.ac.uk. Further information about our student enrichment and wellbeing activities can also be found on our student SharePoint (current students only) or on the College webpages at:

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.

British Rowing Student Development Programme

Oliver Greenhalgh

Through the support of the Explore Fund I was selected and able to become a part of British Rowing's Student Development Programme, part of the British Rowing Olympic Pathway, a programme designed to support students rowing at university, in my case having learnt at university, to prepare for GB U23 Trials and beyond.

One of the manifestations of this was a week-long sculling camp held at the National Water Sport Centre. The experience started with a great degree of uncertainty, arriving in Nottingham alone with no boat, a duffle bag, and weeks of physical preparation. Within two hours of arriving, we were briefed and out on the water for our first assessment. Within three hours of arriving at the camp, I had capsized three times and started to question whether I was here to row or to swim. After this we were given our first rest of the day, 30 minutes to shower and change before a round of erg testing, it was as tiring as it sounds. The ergs were short, only 250m rate 40-44 and 1k rate 24, as 2k test predictors, but gruelling nonetheless.

The following days followed a fairly similar pattern, 6.15 wake up, 6.30 briefing, 6.45 on the water for a UT2 paddle (low intensity higher mileage) followed by a shower and breakfast at 8.30. After breakfast would be a lecture to give us some time to digest food, such as a health and hygiene lecture, centring around maintaining health and avoiding infection from water based hazards. The lecture would be followed by a higher intensity racing piece and then lunch. After lunch at around 2 o'clock we would have an hour of one-on-one video review and then have an hour and a half tech centred UT2 to apply what we had learned, followed by a short erg, and then dinner.

The final day saw us pitted against each other in a time trial and some side by side racing, mainly in singles (as this was the focus of the camp) but with the addition of some crew boats such as quads and doubles. Within the side by side racing, I managed to win my side by side heat, and side by side quad racing, however unfortunately lost in the double after my crewmate caught a colossal crab, better described as a lobster. The final results displayed a significant improvement in a very short period of time over the camp.

Rowing is a sport which is exceptionally difficult and I aspire to take as far as I physically can with the hope of trialling in 2024 for the U23 squad in November. I would like to thank Trevelyan College and the Explore Fund for its ongoing support.

Transitioning from Rowing to Weightlifting: A Personal Enrichment Journey

Evelyna Davies

In the final year at university, I decided to participate in a transformative personal enrichment project: transitioning from competitive rowing to competitive weightlifting. Having enjoyed considerable success as a member of the GB U23 Rowing team, resulting in selection for the World Rowing Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, and winning the European Championships in Krefeld, Germany, I found myself at a crossroads upon aging out of the U23 category. Recognizing the need for a new challenge, I decided to attempt to apply my high-performance athlete experience to a different sport as I took up Olympic Weightlifting.

I began training in October, however my first competition occurred in January where I competed at 'Durham University Lifting Club Winter Open' in the F71 category. This was a brilliant experience unlike anything I had done before. I managed to snatch 59 kg and a clean and jerk 71 kg, giving me a total of 130 kg, thereby securing qualification for the British University Weightlifting Championships.



Oliver Greenhalgh



Evelyna Davies

Participating in BUCS proved to be a profoundly enriching experience, as I found myself pitted against esteemed competitors, including an Olympian amongst other national-level athletes. Beyond the accolades and achievements, this journey has been marked by invaluable lessons and personal growth.

I would like to express my appreciation to Trevelyan College for their generous financial contribution, which facilitated access to essential resources such as gym memberships, coaching, and travel expenses associated with this endeavour. Their support has been instrumental in enabling me to pursue my passion, and develop my independence, resilience, and determination. Weightlifting has given me structure during a high-pressure academic year, and facilitated my mental and physical wellbeing.

Music Masterclasses

Henry Saunders

As a musical finalist, most of my time here at Durham has been spent performing in various concerts throughout the university. From my first concert at Trevelyan College in my first year to singing in the Chapter House of Durham Cathedral and the Glasshouse International Centre for Music with Durham University Chamber Choir in my third year, singing has been a massive part of my undergraduate life. I have immersed myself in music inside and outside of my degree. I have also worked with an outreach programme, Samling Futures, and visited local schools in County Durham.

The Explore Fund was instrumental in allowing me to receive intensive rehearsals with my accompanist and masterclasses outside of my singing lessons. The coaching I received allowed me to perform with more confidence and engaging stage presence. I gained a deeper understanding of the music and the ability to connect with the audience on a new level. The opportunity to meet world-class singers who shared their career advice and discussed their professional journeys was also incredibly inspiring. It reminded me that pursuing a career as a professional musician is entirely possible. I am extremely grateful to the Explore Fund for giving me this opportunity.

Cue Sport Competitions

Tom Wilkinson

With the generous support from the Trevelyan College Explore Fund, I had the incredible opportunity to represent Team Durham in both snooker and pool tournaments this year. This initiative not only helped me enhance my competitive skills but also allowed me to engage with a broader community of cue sports enthusiasts.

Receiving this funding enabled me to cover the entry fees, accommodation and travel expenses associated with the tournaments. Snooker and pool, while often lumped together, test different sets of skills and strategies, offering unique challenges and learning opportunities. As vice president of the University Cue Sports Society and a first team player for 2 years, my attendance at tournaments was vital.

The snooker tournament was an excellent experience. Held at Tamworth Snooker Club, the event drew university teams from across the UK, providing a platform to measure my skills against the best university players. The tournament entailed an individual trophy and a team trophy, allowing for lots of play time for everyone.

Shortly after the snooker tournament, I participated in the BUCS league pool tournament, which took place across 3 pool venues around Stoke and Newcastle-Under-Lyme. This event is the biggest on the university Cue Sports calendar with the team championship being the most coveted prize.

In my past 2 years attending with the university B team (2022) and subsequently A team (2023), we have been knocked out in the last 16. The last Durham team to win the BUCS championship was over 20 years ago so it was a tall order for the 5-man A team going for the trophy this year. The team were playing as well as we'd all ever played, and the final vs Keele was a comfortable 6-1 victory to bring Durham the BUCS championship title.

The Explore Fund has enabled me to significantly improve my skills under pressure in both snooker and pool, whilst playing a major role in the winning of Durham's first BUCS trophy in the sport for over 20 years. This has laid a strong foundation for the society, and I look forward to going to defend the title next year.



Tom Wilkinson

The Explore Interns

Biodiversity

Helena Brown



At Trevs, we are so lucky to have lots of green spaces to enjoy around college. I applied to be the first biodiversity intern, as I

am passionate about nature and biodiversity and plan to have a career in plant conservation! I was also keen to explore how we can better utilise these green spaces within college both for our benefit, and for the environment.

My first aim is to survey all the outdoor spaces in college to assess the plant, mammal, bird, moth, amphibian and invertebrate diversity. I will also categorise the habitats based on their physical conditions such as water availability and type of soil. These data will provide a useful baseline and help us create achievable goals! Some ideas I have in mind are planting of native County Durham species, improving the water sources for animals, and developing the allotment.

Wellbeing

Lottie Vango



I am excited to be launching initiatives to bring more welfare-based activities to our college!

Working alongside the Assistant Principal, I will be releasing a survey to all of the students, to find out what people want to see more of at Trevs in terms of extracurriculars next year. I think it's quite unfortunate that we have such good space in the Undercroft and it's often empty - perhaps this could change if we used it for group classes! I want everyone to feel they can get involved, whether that's for one of the activities,

or to come along for an ice cream when the van is rented to college for a couple of days in the summer term. I'm also going to be arranging for a few academics to come in and chat on key dates on the EDI calendar, to be continued.

I look forward to working with you all!

Tell Your Story

Joe Sheldon



Tell Your Story is our new initiative to encourage and inspire current students by enabling our extensive network of alumni, supporters, and friends of the college to share life experiences. We would particularly like to hear about college and university life and career journeys.

The programme will seek to produce a mix of short and longer-form content to be accessible to our students. This may include story publications in college magazines and newsletters, virtual interviews, or in-person events.

If you would like to participate, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact us at **trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk** to express your interest.

Global Challenges

Rosie Rochester



I'm hoping we can develop a new forum for students to engage with issues of global relevance: termly panel discussions, bringing academics in multiple departments here at Durham together to discuss issues that are important not only for the world, but also for students.

By focusing on highly interdisciplinary topics, such as climate change, the refugee crisis, or the prevalence of AI for example, the hope is that these panels might appeal to all students studying at Trevs: from sociology to economics, or biology to computer science.

Over my internship, I am developing and sourcing speakers for the first of these panel discussions to take place over the next academic year, with the hope that this structure might facilitate similar forums for years to come.

Outreach and Community Engagement

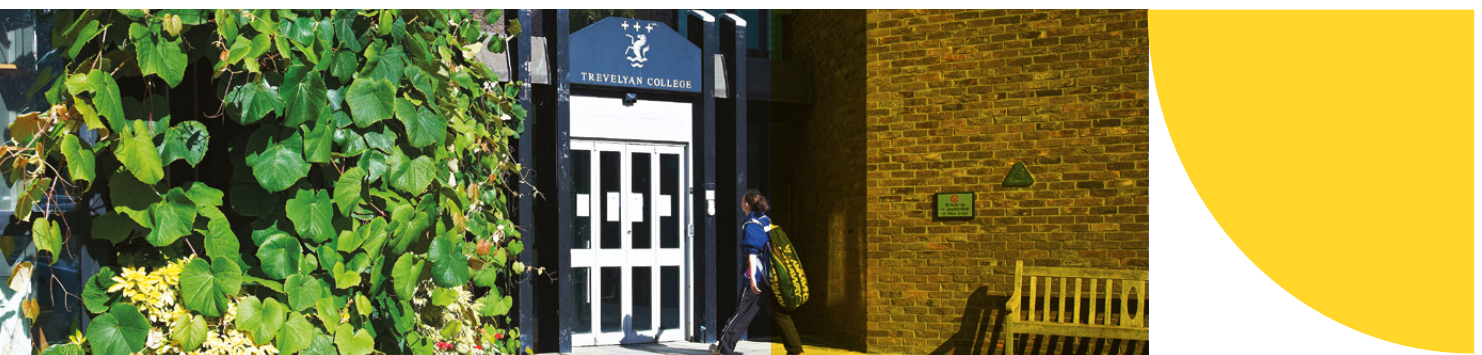
Serena Clyde



For my internship project this year, I'm leading the launch of an environmental programme at Trevelyan College. This initiative aims to foster a culture of environmental stewardship through diverse and engaging activities and volunteer opportunities within the community.

Starting with brainstorming numerous ideas, I am in the process of trying to organise the most impactful activities and initiatives to promote environmental awareness and conservation. I'm eager to see the difference I can make, and hopefully, it will begin with an environmental workshop day at the college in partnership with a local school.

By forging partnerships with local groups and organisations, our aim is to pool efforts to address environmental challenges and effect meaningful change in our community. This project will provide a platform for individuals to collaborate, learn, and collectively strive towards a more sustainable future for our environment.



Poetry & Photography

Explore Poetry competition

In Epiphany Term, we launched our first poetry competition of the Explore Programme. The poetry competition focussed on the theme of 'Explore Community', with the aim of encouraging students to engage in creative writing and reflective practice. Thank you to everyone who submitted a poem to the competition, and to the judges for their contributions.

Winning entry

The Allotment table - Matthea Erasmus

I never liked the water trough
The lid was heavy and the surface rough
I earned many grazes getting water
My dad trying to bond with his only daughter
'We must have food enough to survive'
And so we helped the allotment thrive.
Through the chaos of life one thing was stable;
There always would be the allotment table.

When spring dawned upon my twenty-first year,
My father no longer came to a place once so dear.
The peas shot up, I watched the asparagus sprout
At what point, I wondered, had I become so devout?
I still didn't like the water trough
The lid still heavy and the surface still rough
But I grew an appreciation for the allotment table
That bore food plenty for those unable.

The next year I burnt in the summer sun
As I worked to make sure the spring's work was not undone
By the drought that caused the plants to wither
And I found my father's passion became clearer
I had mixed feelings about the water trough,
The lid less heavy and the surface less rough
When my allotment neighbour gave me a hand
I felt that I began to understand
Why there was always food on the table
To help our friends in need without any label

Autumn came and my plants declined
I looked about my plot and sighed
Until my neighbour offered me some advice
And loaned me a net to deter the mice
That season I started to like the water trough
Although the lid was heavy and the surface rough
It gave a place to chat with a friend
And gain tips from a lifetime of people who tend
Beds of soil in weather unstable
In order to cover the allotment table.

The frost set in and the weather greyed
My breath clouded out over leaves decayed
The allotment now seemed deserted
Only a few small signs of effort exerted
I've come around to the water trough
Especially when a neighbour helps me lift the lid right off
And despite the harsh weather there is still the table
To feed the allotment community who may be unable.

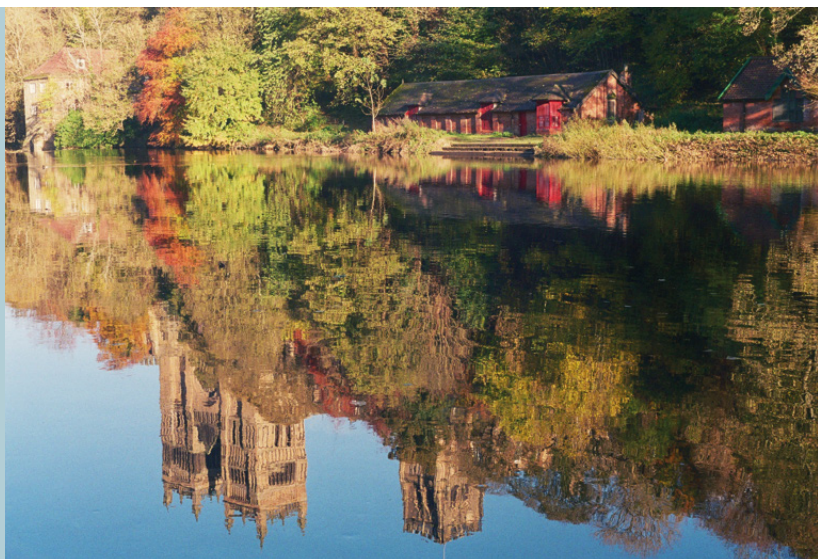
Runner up

Community - Dan Wattis

The serial port interface
on my 2006 PC
without aim
without function

The lonely cow
in the field
round the corner
out the way

The pesky headlice
atop my head
in my hair
in my way
The English brew
in my mug
with milk
no sugar
Is this what it means?
COM-moo-nit-tea.



Explore Photography competitions

This year, we have promoted visual art activities through two photography competitions as part of the Explore Programme. The winning entries were selected by a panel of judges, with students voting for the highly commended prize. The theme for Michaelmas Term was 'Explore Autumn', and the theme for Epiphany was 'Explore Durham'. Here we share the winning and highly commended entries from this academic year. Congratulations to the prize winners!

Images clockwise from top: Winner - Leopold Helgert, Winner - Yichen Lu, Runner up - Wendy Weeling Lee, Runner up - Lijie Zhou

Global Dynamics

In 2023, the Senior Common Room launched the Global Dynamics lecture series, starting with six talks on China's place in the world by world-leading experts from the Universities of Oxford, Warwick, Durham, Naples 'L'Orientale', London School of Economics, and 3Sixty Strategic Advisors Ltd, London. Global Dynamics explores topics of international significance across the four faculties and provides a key opportunity for our students, staff and SCR members to engage in interdisciplinary discussion with leading authorities on changing global dynamics.

The lectures are free and open to all, and we are delighted to welcome participants from across the University and local community to join us. Each lecture is followed by dinner with the speaker, with complimentary places available for students, to promote further discussion. We hope to be able to make next year's lectures, which will focus on electoral politics, available online to facilitate participation from our alumni community. For further information about Global Dynamics or other SCR activities, please visit the Senior Common Room webpages durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/college-life/senior-common-room/

An overview of the lectures from the Academic Year 2023/2024 can be found below:

Why China? Putting China's resurgence in context (Professor Anoush Ehteshami, Durham University)

We began the Trevelyan College Global Dynamics Lecture Series by asking the question 'why China?'. Professor Ehteshami explained the global significance of China's return to the centre of the international system. He looked at the reasons for China's resurgence and the geo-economic and geopolitical implications of the country becoming the second largest economy on the planet and the United States' near-peer power this century.

China as a civilisational power (Professor Vivienne Shue, University of Oxford)

With her deep knowledge of China and its history, Professor Shue is best placed to discuss why China is in many ways a unique power. Professor Shue provided her own expert overview of China's modern history, as she examined some of the key relevant events and episodes (over the last 100 years or so of China's own political history) which she believes have helped shape political perspectives in Beijing today, answering why they want (or feel they need) to advance their own narratives about civilisations, civilisational power, and global order.

China's worldview: the international system from China's perspective (Professor Shaun Breslin, University of Warwick)

In this lecture, one of the country's foremost authorities on China's international relations, Professor Shaun Breslin, explored how China views the current international system, its policy priorities, the forces that shape Beijing's worldview, and the key drivers of China's policies in Asia and beyond.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (Mr Ali Borhani, 3Sixty Strategic Advisors Ltd, London)

Mr Borhani brought a business perspective to the forum in reflecting on one of China's most talked about economic and foreign policy priorities, notably the vaunted Belt and Road Initiative, which since 2013 has been creating a dense web of connectivities across Eurasia and Africa, and is now also reaching the shores of South America. In assessing the importance of the BRI, Mr Borhani discussed the origins of the BRI in Chinese strategic thinking, its goals and achievements thus far, and its future.

PRC-US relations in a new world order (Professor Michael Cox, London School of Economics)

For both the United States and China, the biggest strategic issue of concern is not Russia or another war in the European theatre, but the creeping tensions in their own bilateral relations. Observers will have noted bilateral relations worsen under President Trump and also the covid-19 pandemic, but there are deep structural roots to this and Professor Cox discussed what the sources of tensions might be and also how each party views the other and the emerging global order.

PRC-European relations in the Xi Jinping era (Dr Enrico Fardella, University of Naples 'L'Orientale' and Director of ChinaMed Project)

We ended this year's lecture series with a sharp focus on Sino-European relations. Dr Fardella discussed China's reasons for cooperation and collaboration with Europe and the place of Europe in China's global vision. He explored the significance of China for European economies and the evolution of China's policies with regard to Eurasia in the era of China's current president and CC Party leader, Xi Jinping.



Events

Welcome and Orientation Week

Hello, we're James and Clemie, and we were Head Freps this academic year. Our role is to represent the JCR in helping freshers integrate into Durham University during their Freshers' Week by providing guidance and events that we organise, hence the name 'Frep'.

We plan early on from the term before the summer, including working with the JCR executive members in planning their specified events such as the Freshers' Bop, International Freshers' Week, and also hold interviews for general Freps that help us make all these events happen in September.

Our Welcome and Orientation Week execution starts the week before Freshers' Week, with some Frep training and International Freshers Week, alongside the preparation for events such as painting props and getting supplies for activities. As freshers arrive on move-in day, Freshers' Week officially starts. All of us welcome them by helping to move their things into their rooms and give them a quick run-down of the next few days. For the rest of the week, we lead the freshers to various college activities and events, like tours around Durham to get them familiarised with the area, sports sessions and music jam sessions, the Freshers' Bop night in college where all students dress up for this year's theme, as well as important university events such as college and university matriculations, sports and music freshers fair etc.

Both of us having been society executives, and/or JCR exec members prior provided us very good knowledge of how to run the week that is the most important for freshers to integrate into Durham student life, and be able to make each Freshers' Week better than the last one. We've done much more non-alcoholic and quiet events to accommodate everyone as much as possible, as well as started a 'first point of contact' team for some executive members that may have much more

workload during this week to provide them with the support they need. Overall, the freshers this year were very engaging and we hope our role as Head Freps has helped them with a fresh start in a new environment.

James Koo and Clemie Vong
JCR Head Freps 2023-2024

Inter-MCR Formal

At the start of November, Trevs had the pleasure of welcoming 270 postgraduates from across the University at the year's first Inter-MCR formal.

Decorations! The formal's theme was "The Witching Hour" (it was the week of Hallowe'en, after all), so some suitably spooky fare for the Bar and Dining Hall was in order. A slightly daunting prospect at first, seeing as my artistic skills haven't advanced much since primary school! We were helped out by members of Trevs MCR, over 30 of whom came along for an evening of pumpkin carving and origami making the night before the formal.

The formal itself was a great success, with an outstanding three-course meal of soup, chicken with potato dauphinoise and seasonal veg, and sticky toffee pudding. Guests were also treated to all the unique features of a classic Trevs formal, including the traditional spoon-banging, live music from The Manglers, and a set from the ever-brilliant College DJ Tim Fowler.

I'm hugely grateful to everyone who helped to organise the event, in particular our Operations Manager Janice Ware, the MCR President Dan Scobbie, and all of our fantastic catering and bar staff.

David James
MCR Social Secretary 2023-2024



Images from top to bottom:

- PG welcome
- Halloween MCR Formal
- Matriculation
- FREP thank you dinner
- College welcome

Music

Live on the Hill

Hello! We are Dan and Lyn, the Trevs music reps for 2023-2024 and producers of Live on the Hill 2023.

Live on the Hill is a charity black-tie concert which features a Jazz Orchestra composed of Trevs' best musicians accompanying a collection of fantastic singers performing student-arranged music from various artists across different genres. For the first time in recent years, Live on the Hill was held across two nights from 24-25 November, and we were able to host over 350 guests including students, alumni, parents, and friends, in our own Dining Hall.

This year, we continued our aim to select a music-based charity which directly benefitted the Northeast and partnered with the charity Nordoff & Robbins, the leading music therapy charity in the UK with a centre in Newcastle.

Not only do Nordoff & Robbins focus on providing music therapy based on collaborative musical participation for those facing all sorts of challenges, but they also provide training and education for aspiring music therapists as well as carry out research in the field. With all our proceeds going to Nordoff & Robbins and generous donations from guests, we were able to raise a total of £1730 for the organisation.

With a total of 19 instrumentalists involved, our band and singers performed a total of 15 songs arranged by six students and Trevs alumni from pop and jazz to rock and showtunes. Showcasing the talents of our 13 vocalists, we performed hits from music legends, which were enjoyed by all who attended the nights. Trevs' own Chamber Choir additionally performed an a cappella piece, which had the whole audience clapping along.

This would all have been impossible without the organisation of our amazing Live on the Hill exec, who worked hard across summer and Michaelmas Term to ensure a smooth-running event. We must also extend our hugest thanks to Henry Laughton and the Trevs Tech team who helped settle the sound, lighting, and stage-building, George Scholey and the bar team with whom we partnered to create themed cocktails for the night, the catering team who graciously lent us use of the dining hall, the team of porters for their assistance, and Janice Ware and all college staff for their continuous support in helping with the organisation of the event. Finally, we must thank all participants and guests who have supported Live on the Hill throughout the years, which allowed this event to continue until today.

As we step down from the position of Music Rep, we thank all musicians in Trevs from society members to those who come to our Unpluggeds and concerts who have been the true pillars of Trevs Music, continuing this thriving community to welcome new Trevelyanites to come. We extend our best wishes as we hand over to Emma and Oli, who will no doubt be taking this role to the next level and continuing this inclusive and accessible community which we are so glad to have been a part of!

Dan Wattis and Carolyn Leung
JCR Music Reps 2023-2024

The Manglers

The Manglers have had another very successful year! Having had lots of gigs last summer, we were ready to welcome new members and go again...

The new exec were raring to go in September, when we had a large intake of musical freshers. We now have over 20 regular members (we think it's a record), so form quite a large band with a loud sound! It has been great to get to know them over the year and watch them become more confident in their playing.

We played at the inter-MCR formal, allowing new recruits a first performance opportunity, followed by winter ball later in the term. These both showed the aptitude of Jordan, our MD, who led them expertly.

Always a highlight, our annual tour was brilliantly organised once again by Rosie, our VP and tour manager. We went to Edinburgh, busking in the streets by day and sampling the food and drink on offer by night – it was really nice to spend more time with bandmates, as always. A particular highlight was spending time with some of our alumni who still hadn't had enough of The Manglers after 4 years.

Our best and longest gig of the year (sorry trumpets) is the Annual Charity Gig each March. This year we raised over £300 for The Brain Tumour Charity, another record number. But just as importantly, we filled Trevs Bar and sounded amazing – thanks to all Manglers for a great year, keep up the good work!

Rowan Wood

The Manglers President 2023-2024

Below left: Live on the Hill

Below middle: Chamber Choir

Below right: The Manglers



Theatre

Frankenstein

Sixth Side Theatre has been working hard to bring together all the brilliant and creative people of Durham University. Our commitment to entertain Trevelyan College has driven us since the beginning.

This year, we have endeavoured to bring a variety of shows and workshops to our college community. Our most notable event was a Halloween production of Frankenstein. It's a yearly tradition to excite and fright in the Dowrick Suite, and we're glad to have kept it going.

We brought together a dynamic set through a variety of props, sound, lighting, and costumes, which created one of the best atmospheres in Trevelyan's recent theatrical history.

As always, this could not have been achieved without our incredible team. From our fantastic actors to Henry Laughton's mastery of the lighting; one of our greatest achievements was bringing together such a varied team. We have a real commitment to our company's emphasis on the familial nature of theatre and the lasting bonds it can create.

Moving forward into the summer term, we aim to bring the Dowrick to life once again, with the absurdist tragicomedy 'Waiting for Godot'. We're looking forward to engaging with a lighter tone of play that exhibits all the ridiculous idleness of Samuel Beckett.

On top of this, we will be performing our annual Shakespeare in the Quad event in June, bringing everyone together for some theatre (hopefully in a nice bit of sunshine too). We'd love to see you there!

As always, we would like to thank the wonderful staff and students of Trevelyan College, from the JCR to college officers. We are grateful for your continued support of student theatre, and we hope to carry on providing amusement for all involved in the years to come.

Charlie Eddison

Sixth Side President 2023-2024





Images clockwise from top left:

- Netball Club, Ultimate Frisbee, Boat Club

Boat Club

Over the past year Trevelyan College Boat Club (TCBC) has seen a year of excellent racing, training and the intake of many new members.

Established through our training on the River Wear is the unifying passion, commitment and fierce determination which defines TCBC. This continues to establish TCBC as a high achieving and top college boat club in Durham.

Last summer the club achieved 4 wins across Durham Regatta and Hexham Regatta, with the novice squad taking Durham College rowing by storm. This ended the academic year of 2022/2023 on a hugely positive note and set everyone's aims high for the following year.

The new academic year in September saw the intake of 48 new novice rowers and a handful of new senior rowers. Training kicked off strong and momentum was carried throughout the 1st term with a mix of water and erg-based sessions. This term was the time for everyone to knuckle down in their training and set up the rest of the year.

At Christmas 2023, TCBC saw two new boats into the fleet to help update old, failing equipment ensuring the longevity of the club and maintaining the ability for sessions to go ahead. Additionally, TCBC has been able to secure funding of a new stroke coach, club all-in-ones and other equipment through the college JCR, to whom we are very grateful as it has been a significant boost to the running of the club. We have further aspirations for acquiring a new single, double and additional cox boxes to replace current kit which is not suitable for the surge in members and demand in training.

The start of the second term saw a win for a men's 4 at York Small Boats Head, kicking off the term on the right note. Racing on the Tyne for the senior squads and races for the novices placed TCBC in the mix for achieving highly throughout the rest of the year. Towards the end of second term, the weather brought uncertainty to the women's squad when Women's Eight's Head of the River Race was unfortunately cancelled, leaving them now only the chance to show their strength in regattas in the summer term 2024. The men's 1st eight were fortunate

enough to race Head of the River Race and proved their strength and ability by winning the prestigious Small Academic Pennant category and being the second fastest Durham College boat. This term has brought new levels of recognition and respect to the club for what we can achieve, which we aim to carry forwards into the regattas line up for the summer term.

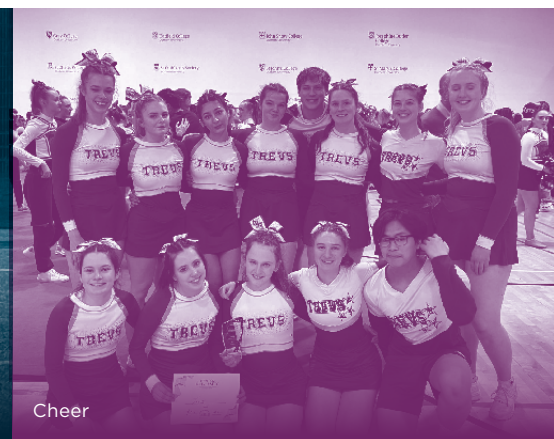
Looking into the summer term 2024 TCBC is set to attend Durham City Regatta, Hexham Regatta, Durham Regatta and York Regatta. We are looking to replicate the successes from earlier in the year and last summer, helping to reinforce TCBC's place as a top college boat club.

Thank you for the unwavering support which we continuously receive from the college, JCR, alumni and all students. It is hugely appreciated by every member of the club and in every way contributes to our successes.

Will Long and Tom Brown
Co-Presidents 2024-2025



Men's Rugby



Cheer

Men's Rugby

This year was tough for Trevelyan Men's Rugby team as a reshuffling of the league system meant there were no easy games, and certainly an abundance of difficult ones. All of our matches were extremely well fought as we went toe-to-toe with colleges of a greater rugby pedigree, but unfortunately we find ourselves relegated to Division 2 for next season. However, it is not all doom and gloom for us. This year we had a fantastic influx of freshers who all made a serious impact on our team. Injuries plagued many of our senior players and so it was necessary that our freshers stepped up, which they did greatly. It was also evident that our rugby progressed throughout the season as we scored with much more freedom in Epiphany compared to Michaelmas. Hence we look forward to next year with great optimism that our young squad will further improve, and yo-yo straight back up into Division 1.

Ben Rickard

Captain 2023-2024

Ultimate Frisbee

Trevs Ultimate Frisbee has had a new burst of life enter it this year with a large selection of freshers signing up to join the club. We encouraged everyone to give it their all and stay committed no matter how sporty a background they had come from. This has led us to become one of the strongest college teams in Durham, coming third in the university beginner's tournament and second in our league's pool progressing us to the knockout stages. Many of the players have also achieved great things in the frisbee world by playing for the Durham University team at regional and

national level competitions, with some even having the privilege of captaining a Durham team.

In preparation for Easter term, we have been training for our upcoming match in the league final which if won will secure our promotion to the Premier League. The festival of sport also awaits us and with the form we are in we can really show the other colleges how far we have come as a team.

Being the president of this society has been an honour and seeing us bounce back after almost two years without a league win is a true pleasure. I can't wait to see what we accomplish next year!

Isaac Williams

President 2023-2024

Netball

Trevelyan College Netball Club has had a brilliant year, with both the A and B teams performing incredibly well in their respective leagues. The A team succeeded in reaching the league final, as well as the Floodlit Cup quarter finals, although were unfortunately beaten on both occasions by Mildert As. However, we have high hopes for next year!

The A team were also selected to represent Durham in the annual York vs Durham Varsity, in which they played a brilliant neck-and-neck game - a testament to the brilliant year the team has had!

Additionally, we have been very pleased to see a strong turn out to training sessions each week and lots of new faces joining the club! The B team has welcomed many new students to the sport, providing a friendly and more relaxed environment to meet lots of new girls in college, while also acting as a well-deserved break from busy

academic schedules. Our regular Wednesday night socials have also been a hit, acting as a great excuse to wear some fancy dress, with themes ranging from après ski to princess and the pea.

I cannot wait to see what the club has in store next year!

Abigail Peel

President 2023-2024

Cheer

Trevs Cheer has had a fantastic year so far! Our team competed in the Durham University Intercollegiate Competition in February, competing against all other colleges cheer teams. Despite being one of the smallest teams, the team placed third in Coed Main Stunt and an incredible first place in the smaller Coed Group Stunt and hit zero (no legality deductions) which is an extraordinary achievement.

The team has trained extremely hard throughout the year to get to the level it is at. Members train twice a week; however, on the run up to college comp many individuals trained up to five times a week!

Trevs cheer is proud to have members on Galaxy (DU performance team) along with a special mention to last year's Trevs cheerleader Elsie who made it onto Eclipse (DU Level 2 competitive team).

The club offers a fun and welcoming atmosphere and welcomes anyone who is interested in the opportunity to join at any point throughout the term. We are currently training in preparation for the Trevs Day performance in which we will showcase new and creative high-level stunts.

Mary Tomblin and Megan Staley

Co-Captains 2023-2024

Volunteering

Litter Picks

As JCR Environment and Sustainability Officer this academic year, I've been really keen to put on environmental-minded events to get students interested in sustainability here at Trevs.

Alongside attending events and protests, and organising a clothes swap in Michaelmas, this included a Litter Pick which took place in February.

We had 11 students volunteer their time on a Sunday morning to walk through several Hill colleges and into Neville's Cross to pick up litter, filling eight large bin bags (not including the bags that were disposed of along the way because they got too heavy!). Alongside many plastic cups, vapes and beer cans, other notable finds included two pairs of glasses, a 2ft stuffed toy Santa, and a car wing-mirror.

I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who was able to help out for this litter pick, as well as College for providing the equipment. The plan is that Litter Picks will become a more routine part of the Trevs Environment Officer role, so if you'd like to get involved, there will be more opportunities to reduce litter in Durham in the future!

Rosie Rochester

JCR Environment Representative
2023-2024



Volunteers on the litter pick

Beach Cleans

On 22 March, a team of Trevelyan College staff completed a beach clean at Seaham Harbour in collaboration with Explore SeaScapes. In total, we collected 21 bags of rubbish from the beach, which included large quantities of rubber, plastic bottles, and cans.

In June, we will return to the Durham coast for a second beach clean with a group of 70 students, SCR members, and staff. The annual beach clean in June is a great opportunity to explore the coast, undertake environmental volunteering, and enjoy some fish and chips! We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in our beach clean activities this academic year for their positive impact on the local environment.



Scholarly Activity

Trevs Talks

The JCR has hosted a series of 'Trevs Talks' each term to give students the opportunity to speak about issues they are passionate about.

These short talks, each around 10 minutes long, encourage the development of public speaking and communication skills to a non-specialist audience in a friendly, relaxed environment.

We have had a whole range of exciting and thought provoking talks this year.

During Freshers' Week, members of the Frep Team introduced new students to life in Durham with talks on places to visit in the North East and a guide to studying in Durham cafés, as well as a topical talk in the wake of Liz Truss's mini budget on the possibilities and difficulties in reforming British Constitution. In Michaelmas Term, we travelled back in time through the history of Durham via five city locations, and heard about 2020 Leighton Buzzard earthquakes. During Epiphany Term, our series celebrated LGBTQ+ History Month with a talk on LGBTQ+ pioneers in medicine, as well as other talks on trickers in folklore and climate refugees.

This year's series of talks culminated in our Dissertation Open Mic Night, where finalists spoke about their research, with talks on the decline of the British Aristocracy during the twentieth century, and the legal process behind extradition. Thank you to all our amazing speakers for their talks this year!

Thomas Hewitt

JCR Vice-President 2023-2024

MCR/SCR Research Talks

Every term the MCR hosts research talks, an opportunity for members of the MCR and SCR to share their research interests with the Trevelyan community.

These talks can be longer, up to 15 minutes, or shorter form, 1-2 minutes, and provide experience presenting without a more intimidating formal setting.

These talks have been attended by MCR, JCR, and SCR members and are a fantastic way to discover the diverse and exciting research carried out by the Trevelyan community. The addition of short form talks this year has also provided a new way for our members to share their work while maintaining a snappy pace and up to five speakers.

Up and coming we also have the GM Trevelyan Research Prize, the third research talk. This event is an opportunity for some of the most exciting projects to shine – with speakers presenting to a panel of judges for the prize.

These events are a fantastic way to draw together the academic side of the MCR, providing opportunities to network, practice speaking, and have fun. We hope to see everyone at the next one!

Cyrus Edcombe

MCR Vice-President 2023-2024

Images from top to bottom:

MCR/SCR research talks

Trevs Talks

MCR/SCR research talks



Trevs Bar

Trevs Bar has had another great year with many changes, but a continuation of the friendly welcoming atmosphere that we are known for. We have continued updating the range of products we offer, especially in our spirits selection. We have updated and re-expanded our whisky selection bringing in brands such as Monkeys Shoulder, and Makers Mark, while also keeping favourites such as Talisker, and Laphroaig. We also now stock alcohol free Gordons Gin, as well as an increased range of Dead Man's Fingers flavours such as cherry and mango. In our craft beer fridge, we now stock Tiny Rebel cans and alcohol free Guinness.

We have seen continued success from the Hex On Fire, our college mocktail launched last year still providing a popular non-alcoholic alternative for students on nights out or just socialising with friends in the bar.

As usual, we have played our part in many of the events put on within college such as premium cocktails for Live on The Hill now run over two nights (still possibly my favourite event of the year!). We also provided specialist drinks for Winter Ball, and Trevs Night, as well as charity drinks for The Manglers, and LGBTQ+ Bar nights, which have provided an extra cherry on top for some already excellent nights.

I must also thank our brilliant college DJ Tim Fowler for the excellent bar nights we have had this year which have only added to the enjoyment, it has been great to see so many people staying to the end and all joining in for country roads!

Looking to summer term, we have several big events coming up that are already being planned. Pimm's has already been ordered for Trevs Day so many can look forward to a refreshing drink on the back lawn while listening to some excellent live music. With Trevstock fast approaching, I have been sampling a lot of exciting craft beers and ales to provide an excellent selection of some brilliant but lesser-known products.

Overall, it has been great seeing so many people enjoying what I consider the heart of our college, and generally just meeting new people. Finally, I must thank our exceptional bar staff for keeping the bar running and being the friendly faces of our bar.

George Scholey
Bar Steward
2022-2024



The Buttery

The last year at the Buttery has been (once again!) busier than ever. We have focussed on expanding our presence, catering various university events such as winter balls. We have been able to do more university events than ever before and we have even incorporated a new role on the exec to manage them. I have enjoyed working alongside our events team to make sure we have been able to cater for Trevs as much as possible including rolling out a new event service in the form of waffles. The waffles have been incredibly popular especially during Trevs Night!

Despite the focus on event catering, the core toastie service has gone well this year and proved to be as popular as ever - both for people in Trevs and the wider university community! We emphasised multiple different events by creating special toasties such as a duck wrap for Lunar New Year and a haggis toastie for Burns Night. This is something we look forward to repeating and expanding in the next year!

The past year as Buttery chair has been extremely challenging but working alongside our fantastic buttery exec as well as the JCR exec has made my job a lot easier. We have been able to deliver a consistent service to Trevs and we have remained popular throughout the year. This is rewarding in itself but there are still improvements to be made in the future as well as some significant challenges to be met. I look forward to continuing on the exec for the next year while at the same time allowing Freddie to take charge and bring some new ideas to the table. I wish him the best of luck for the upcoming year!

James Taylor
Buttery Chair 2023-2024



Celebrating 60 years of Trevelyan College

In 2026, Trevelyan College will celebrate its 60th Anniversary.

The anniversary will provide significant opportunities to celebrate the many successes of our College community, recognise the important contributions of former and current students, and to establish new transformational initiatives for the future. We have already made some exciting discoveries in the University archives, and look forward to reflecting on our history, and how it shapes our future aspirations.

We are currently planning the celebrations for the 60th Anniversary and we would like to hear your ideas and suggestions for the anniversary year.

Events

As we progress towards the College's 60th Anniversary, we continue to explore opportunities for alumni and friends to meet and reconnect with the College. We greatly enjoy these occasions to hear about your experiences of Trevelyan College and provide insights into college life today.

On 5 March 2024, we were delighted to meet alumni and friends for an informal gathering at The Counting House, Cornhill, London. We hope to organise these informal events on a more regular basis next academic year, including additional locations around the UK. We will circulate information to alumni about upcoming dates and locations as soon as possible via our usual communications channels.

We hope to align major events with significant dates in the College's history, with opportunities for current and former students to engage in the celebrations across a range of areas. We will soon be contacting alumni and friends of the college to outline our initial proposals, and to seek feedback on possible cultural, artistic, scholarly, and musical activities to mark this significant occasion.

Alongside the celebratory events and activities, we hope to create a lasting legacy for future generations of Trevelyan College students via a significant increase in available funds to support participation in the wider

student experience. Once our plans are finalised, we will be sharing further information with alumni and supporters to gain your views and comments.

We will soon also be engaging current students in the planning process, as they will also benefit from the significant programme of activities in the anniversary year. We are very excited about the possibilities ahead and look forward to celebrating with you in 2026/2027.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for anniversary activities, please do not hesitate to contact the Vice-Principal, Dr Martin Brader, via email to trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk



In addition to regional events, we are excited to welcome over 100 alumni back to Trevelyan College for our Annual Reunion Weekend on 5-7 July 2024.

We are very much looking forward to the weekend of celebrations, which will include a hot fork buffet, bar quiz, afternoon tea, reunion dinner, and

after dinner entertainment. There will be an opportunity for participants to hear about our plans for the College's 60th Anniversary in 2026/2027, as well as recent updates from the College Principal.

Reunion Weekends provide a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and this year, we are particularly pleased to welcome a large group of Trevelyanites who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary - congratulations!

If you would like more information about future alumni events, please visit our alumni webpages, which detail the latest opportunities.

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/

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:

Facebook - @trevelyancollege

Instagram - @trevelyancollege

LinkedIn - Trevelyan College

X - @trevscollege

If you would like any further information about our alumni activities, please do not hesitate to contact us at 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:

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