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60 years

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LIMITS**



Welcome from the Principal

It is with immense pleasure and genuine excitement that I welcome you to this special 60th anniversary edition of *Hippocampus*.

This year marks a truly remarkable milestone in Trevelyan College's story — one that invites us not only to celebrate, but also to reflect with pride on our shared achievements and to look ahead with confidence and ambition to an inspiring future.

Throughout this anniversary year, we are celebrating the very best of college life: excellence in sport, music, theatre, scholarship, community engagement, and volunteering, alongside the extraordinary global impact of our alumni, students, and staff. Together, these elements capture the vibrant spirit that has defined Trevelyan College for six decades.

This academic year has been shaped by outstanding accomplishments across our community. From sports and music to arts, culture, and service, it has been inspiring to witness the energy, creativity, and commitment of our JCR, MCR, SCR, and staff communities. We have also seen several exciting new initiatives take root and flourish, further enriching the life of the College.

In the Michaelmas term, we were delighted to welcome our newest members to Trevelyan College. They were supported by an exceptional team of FREPs and MCR Representatives who delivered an outstanding programme of welcome and orientation activities. The JCR curated an impressive and vibrant calendar, including the hugely successful *Live on the Hill*, the Winter Ball, Unplugged sessions, theatre performances, and many more memorable events.

The MCR continued its dynamic programme, most recently with the

MCR/SCR Research Talks, featuring fascinating presentations on topics ranging from mycology to generative AI. We were also thrilled to host over 200 postgraduates from across the University at the Inter-MCR Formal. Our SCR contributed two thought-provoking Global Dynamics lectures exploring the theme *Between Life and Death: Warfare and the Environment*, with recordings of last year's lectures now available on the dedicated Global Dynamics webpages. Meanwhile, the Explore Programme offered a wide range of opportunities — from creative sessions such as *Paint a Hexagon* and our Christmas card competition to new initiatives designed to foster meaningful connections with nature.

The festive season brought with it a wonderful array of celebrations, including the Christmas Formal, brass band performances, carols in the bar, and our much-loved pantomime, *Trevelo and Maryet*. It was a particular pleasure to welcome delegates from the Collegiate Way International Conference to High Table and to share the Christmas Formal experience with colleagues from collegiate universities around the world.

The Epiphany term continued this momentum with notable sporting successes, including our badminton team reaching all three Floodlit finals. Our boat club marked its 50th anniversary in memorable style, celebrating with a TCBC Ball, competing in its first international race at the Brugge Boat Race, and setting two new course records at Derwentwater Head.

Music flourished throughout the term, with highlights including the Manglers Charity Gig, the HM Evans Music Prize, the ever-popular Harryaoke, a community *Come and Sing* event, and a special Evensong performance at Durham Cathedral by our choir alongside St Mary's. In theatre, we enjoyed outstanding performances from Sixth Side Theatre, including the student-written play *Lavender*, and TCMS's vibrant production of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*. Our Global Dynamics lecture series continued with an engaging talk on climate change and international politics. We were also delighted to welcome a colleague from Ukraine to speak on the environmental impact of the Russia-Ukraine war.

Our students are shaping an exceptional and vibrant college experience, driving change, creativity, and connection

at every level. We are dedicated to nurturing this ambition by championing opportunity and removing barriers to participation, so every student can fully belong, contribute, and thrive. By easing financial pressures, we empower individuals to pursue their potential with confidence and purpose. This vision is captured in our college ethos — *explore without limits* — a shared commitment that unites our students, staff, alumni, and supporters in building a community where aspiration knows no bounds.

As you explore the pages of this anniversary edition of *Hippocampus*, I invite you to reflect on the stories, experiences, and achievements gathered here. Each contribution is a powerful testament to the talent, creativity, and potential of the Trevelyan community. I hope this issue both inspires and reminds us of what we can achieve together.

My heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated college staff and student leaders for their tireless commitment to providing outstanding support and opportunities for our students. I am also deeply grateful to the College Advisory Board for their unwavering dedication and guidance.

Finally, I thank everyone who has generously given their funds, time, and energy to help foster a more inclusive, accessible, and welcoming environment for all students. I warmly invite others to join us in contributing in whatever way they can. Together, we can elevate Trevelyan College to even greater heights—honouring our distinguished past while building an exciting and ambitious future.

Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and celebrate, as we shape a legacy worthy of the next sixty years.

Professor Adekunle Adeyeye



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WELCOME

JCR President Outgoing

Harry Naylor,
JCR President 2025/26



It has been fantastic to lead the Junior Common Room as President this year. It has been a great year for Trevelyan with a fair amount of change but also very exciting plans for the future.

The academic year began in September with Freshers' Week, as we welcomed a record cohort of over 300 new students to Trevs – there were lots of exciting events going on throughout the week, including a pirate themed bar night, a ghost walk and a freshers fair to showcase the range of societies on offer for students new and old. As always we had a fantastic prep team who dedicated many hours to ensure the new students had the warmest of welcomes to the Trevs family while still managing to keep a smile on their face and have the energy to compete in a tug of war at the end of the week!

The year has been a great mixture of old favourites and new ambitious projects. The third weekend in November is always pencilled into people's calendars as Live on the Hill, this year was no different and over two nights we raised over £4,000 for the stem cell donation register charity Anthony Nolan. On a personal note, it was a pleasure to be able to sing in what will be my last Live on the Hill! From a Trevs classic to something slightly new, the events team did a fantastic job of arranging an external Winter Ball, a first for Trevs in several years. Nearly 300 of us headed off to Ramside Hall for an evening of festive food and music, which hopefully sets a really positive foundation for future committees to build on in the future. On a more personal note, it has been fantastic to launch my own series of karaoke bar nights called Harryaoke – these have been really well received and hopefully my successor Bex can find some play on words to keep them going next year! (Bexaoke anybody...).

It's also been an impressive year for our clubs and societies. The boat club has headed to an international race in Bruges and raised valuable funds in the inaugural ergathon in February – 4 rowing machines were placed in The Cobbles for 24 hours with a rota of hardy souls rowing at all times of the day and night. The badminton society have gone unbeaten in their league, with 3 teams reaching the floodlit finals and the men's futsal team also reached the floodlit final. Trevs is also always famed for its performing arts – the chamber choir have performed in several shows across the year including the easter concert in the Castle, and TCMS put on a fantastic production of *Everybody's Talking About Jamie* in the dining hall. Sixth Side have also been very active and will continue their trend of taking a student written production to the Edinburgh Fringe festival in the summer – *Lavender* will be a very exciting production to look out for.

Looking ahead to summer term – our fantastic welfare team are currently running a Stress Less campaign in conjunction with the college to support our students whilst they are busy with their exams. In the background, the JCR are still working hard to prepare an exciting programme of summer events including a return to Wynyard Hall for Summer Ball, a Renaissance Fair themed Trevs Day and the annual opportunity to decorate the Quad with a Glastonbury-esque aesthetic for Trevstock.

I want to place on record my thanks to all of the fantastic student volunteers who make the JCR what it is – the time you commit to create such a fantastic student experience for your peers and the ideas that you share do not go unnoticed. There has been a really warm and positive feeling about Trevs this year, I truly believe it is a place where everyone can contribute, be heard, understood and valued. As we prepare to celebrate our 60th anniversary next year, there are lots of opportunities for current students, staff and alumni to celebrate Trevs, so please do stay in touch, get involved and remember to “explore without limits” (sorry Kunle I know that's your favourite phrase...).

Incoming

Bex Smith,
JCR President 2026/27



Hi Trevs, I'm Bex, and I'm preparing to be the next JCR President, for the year 2026/27. This year is incredibly exciting as Trevs turns 60, and I am looking forward to coordinating the JCR through this year full of events and connections.

To me, the JCR is the key to a fulfilling student experience. Whilst we are at university to complete a degree in an academic course, we are also here to meet others, try new things, and grow in independence. This is something I believe the JCR does very well, as I have experienced in my 3 years here – I have served as Assistant Welfare Officer and Vice-President, as well as being a Frep twice – these roles have been very rewarding, and my aim is always to show how enjoyable these positions of responsibility can be! I have also tried a range of new activities, including cheerleading, playing drums in a musical pit band, and directing theatre. Through the JCR, I have met some of my closest friends because of our shared interest in developing the student experience, but also in our healthy discussions about what needs to change.

This is something I hope to continue next year. I believe that the JCR should be shaped by every single one of its members, so feedback and collaboration will be at the centre of my term as President. I am very passionate about the JCR and want others to understand and enjoy it as much as I do! Do come and speak to me about what you'd like out of the JCR – my door will be open for a chat or just a simple hello!

MCR President

Luke Bowd-Griffin



It's an honour to write this article for *Hippocampus*. I will try and keep this reasonably short but let's see what I can do!

The first thing that happened this year is that the Mowlam Room refurbishment was finished! This allowed us to move back into our normal home in college, which now has a very well-used kitchenette area. The first few days of Welcome and Orientation Week were spent moving everything back down and beginning to put it into some form of order, and then we began with activities!

As with previous years, we brought back some old favourite events. We had a very successful Beamish trip, alongside a delightful (if embarrassing for me) trip to Lane 7. There were a few additions: the first of many installations of film club, run by Sid and Alex, to this day our most consistently well-attended event. There was also an arts and crafts evening, where our new members painted, folded, and drew the night away. Our welcome dinner and photo were happy highlights of the week, with the clouds this year allowing us to actually see the camera! I would like to thank all our MCR ambassadors this year: for answering questions, helping people move in, and running activities. Without you the MCR would not be the same.

Michaelmas term was a busy one, with elections filling out all but one role on our exec, along with our Hallowe'en themed Inter-MCR Formal, the first of the year. Postgrads from across the University joined us for food, live music and some delightfully devilish dancing in the bar. We also attended a Murder-Mystery! We had an excellent time trying to figure out who had killed the owner of a gallery where great treasures were being sold; thank you to Tim for organising this. Many other events occurred, with members attending the Formals, Winter Ball and Live on the Hill. The term ended in a joyous Christmas Party organised, like the vast majority of our events, by our Social Secretary: Ciara.

Before I go further, I would like to put a special thank you in for the exec this year. You are all wonderful, you make this job infinitely easier and more fun. I could not have asked for a more dedicated or more skilled team.

Epiphany was equally as busy, with our HM Evans Music Prize having a draw for 1st place! Thank you so much to our Music Rep Katie for organising, and to Prof H. M. Evans for judging the event. We also had multiple collaborative events, with other MCRs. We had a Holi afterparty alongside Ustinov, organised by Ramya, our International Rep, and we had a Spring Festival event as well, with Hatfield and Ustinov, that proved to be very popular. The theatre was another popular destination this term, with two trips to watch Shakespeare Live! Thank you to Ciara for ensuring we got to watch stand-out performances of Hamlet and Othello.

Let no-one say research has gone to the wayside this year. Our VP, Max, has run a Research Talk and an MCR Talk: a new format with some very entertaining talks which were about smaller topics. Both were very successful. We were able to learn a lot about a variety of different topics, from Climate Change Discounting to the Ethics of Meat in Stardew Valley. Still to come

we have our G. M. Trevelyan Research Prize, as well as the first Inter-Collegiate Conference, which we are all looking forward to.

My term as president is soon coming to a close. As the end draws closer, I find myself looking back on the year, and I find that the MCR is truly made up of everyone who involves themselves in it. Be it using the Mowlam Room, coming to events, or sending funny messages in the group chat, I want to thank all of you. The MCR would not be the MCR without you, and when I think of you all it feels like the Sun has appeared just over me.

I look forward to talking to you all some more in the coming term, and over the summer (and annoying you all, dearest exec), and I wish you all the best.

SCR President

Professor Anoush Ehteshami



We are just about at the end of another cycle that we mark by the turning of the three terms which regulate the passage of time at Durham University.

It has been another year filled with exciting events and developments. As I noted last year, the vibrancy and dynamism of its Junior and Middle Common Rooms is daily visible 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 fourth year in which I write as the President of the Senior Common Room, a role that I have found most exciting and fulfilling. Over the year we have had a full programme of activities and engagements and partnerships that have added to the College experience. Our successful Global Dynamics Lecture Series continues to grow and has been receiving praise from across the University. Attendance is always impressive and in-event and post-event conversations are always interesting and insightful. Our series this year on 'war and the environment' brought some of the country's leading experts to Treves to enlighten us on this subject of great importance.

The SCR is proud to be able to continue supporting the College's intellectual life in such other ways as providing career-defining bursaries for our JCR members and engaging with the joint SCR-MCR research projects. On other fronts, 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. And then there is the SCR BBQ! The formals and special events also remain signature activities in our calendar. Other opportunities to engage with the wider College have also presented themselves over the year, notably the recovery of cultivable spaces in the College's grounds. First, the SCR has been actively involved in the clearing and replanting of the allotment as a JCR enterprise, and secondly the SCR has led the College's initiative to replant the old garden of reflection and develop it into a beautiful and multi-use space as the Fellows' Garden. It has been marvellous to have the College's two most senior staff 'wellied up' and spade in hand on clearing and digging duties! I do hope that as many members as possible will be able to take advantage of the many exciting events and activities in the College and join us in the College's 60th anniversary in the coming cycle.

Vice-Principal

Dr Martin Brader

Trevelyan Vice-Principal

Welcome to *Hippocampus* 2026! As I write this article, it is an enjoyable opportunity to pause and reflect on all that we have achieved together as a community. This year, we have enjoyed a wide range of student experience activities, including student-written plays, successful music events, charity fundraising activities, sporting successes, and various impactful volunteering initiatives. We have also launched new projects, developed collaboratively between students, staff, and SCR members. You can read more about these various initiatives within this edition of *Hippocampus*.

This year, it has been particularly rewarding to see strong engagement in our activities to develop creative practice, including the paint a hexagon sessions, small art project, and hexagonal Christmas decoration session. In addition, I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting the redevelopment of the college allotment, from an underutilised space to valuable community resource, which now sees regular engagement from many students supported by SCR members. I hope that we will soon be able to enjoy the produce which is being carefully looked after by everyone involved. We have also been able to improve several other areas around the college estate, including renovation of the back terrace, establishment of 60th anniversary meadows, and the rejuvenation of the Garden of Reflection. All these outdoor spaces will be valuable for students to enjoy for both relaxation and inspiration.

Alongside these various projects, our main focus this year has been the preparations for our 60th anniversary celebrations, including opportunities to reconnect with alumni and supporters, celebrate the various aspects of college life, and to plan for our future. The anniversary celebrations will focus around two key themes: community and opportunity. It will enable us both to celebrate the impact of generations of Trevelyanites from our foundation year to present, alongside the enduring connections to our remarkable community long after graduation. In turn, we will reflect on the many opportunities enjoyed by alumni whilst studying here, and our plans to support new, engaging and inclusive opportunities for current and future generations. Whenever and wherever I meet our alumni, I am reminded of the immense pride and appreciation shown for Trevs and I hope that together we can continue to enable our students to *explore without limits*. We have ambitious plans for the celebrations, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our events and taking part in our various initiatives. It is an exciting time for Trevelyan College and thank you for your ongoing support!



Assistant Principal

Kelci Jacoby

Trevelyan Assistant Principal

Thinking back over the 2025/26 academic year, this year was full of growth, exploration, and reflection. From starting my role in Trevelyan College alongside our new students in Michaelmas, hosting our annual Black History and LGBTQ+ History Month guest lectures, and launching new wellbeing initiatives through the Explore Programme, this year has truly been one to remember. I am particularly proud of the nature connection wellbeing initiatives we piloted in partnership with Dr Michael Lengieza, who is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology. We will continue to expand our Explore Wellbeing initiatives during the 2026/27 academic year.

Throughout this year I've had the pleasure of working with and supporting some incredible students, and I've been inspired by the many ways you've all contributed to our community.

Many congratulations to our graduating students. 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 during our 60th anniversary celebrations!



Celebrating 60 years

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In 2026/2027, Trevelyan College celebrates its 60th anniversary - a truly special milestone! This is more than a celebration; it is a chance to reflect on our incredible journey together and to look forward to an inspiring future. Throughout the year, we will honour the vibrant spirit of college life—sport, music, theatre, scholarship, community engagement, and volunteering—while recognising the global impact of our alumni, students, and staff. There will be countless opportunities to celebrate, reconnect, and create new memories. We can't wait to welcome you back to Trevelyan or see you at events across the UK.

Join us and be part of this unforgettable year!

Our priorities

Left to Right: College Officers; Ultimate Frisbee;
The back lawn at Trevelyan College; TCBC

Our vision

Trevelyan College encourages every student to venture out of their comfort zone and to be the best they can be, in an environment of support, inclusion, and curiosity. We strive to enable our students to become future-ready graduates, who are excited to gain new experiences, develop new skills, and explore new ideas. We are committed to providing opportunities for students to challenge themselves, innovate, create, and shape their own student experience. We believe in providing the space, environment, and opportunities for students to realise their full potential.

Our current students are making significant impact across the wider student experience, and we hope to be able to further support them in these endeavours. Wherever possible, we seek to remove barriers to participation to provide everyone the opportunity to engage with, benefit from and contribute to college life. We are committed to supporting talented students by alleviating financial pressures. These principles are reflected in our college tagline – *explore without limits* – which is embraced by our students, staff, alumni, and supporters.

In 2026, Trevelyan College celebrates its 60th anniversary. During this anniversary celebration, there will be an opportunity for us to reflect on what we have achieved collectively and to project into the future. This celebration will be an opportunity to create a lasting legacy to support future generations of students so that they too can *explore without limits*.

Explore Fund

The Trevelyan College Explore Fund has proved popular in recent years, with applications to support a diverse range of activities ranging from entry into national competitions

for sailing, weightlifting championships, and rowing development programmes to journalism conference attendance, language courses, and music masterclasses. Such activities represent the energy and ambition of our vibrant and dynamic student communities.

We propose transforming the Explore Fund into a permanent source of support for students. This expanded fund would enable a greater number and value of individual awards and enhance support for our clubs and societies, as well as providing further support for unexpected financial concerns and for academic-related activities.

To achieve this, we aim to raise **£40,000** annually, with the ultimate goal of establishing a **£1,000,000** endowment, ensuring the Explore Fund can support students in perpetuity.

To establish the Explore fund endowment, our fundraising target is £1,000,000.

“The Explore Fund gave me the freedom to compete at the highest level and discover what I’m truly capable of. Without it, I wouldn’t have had the time, resources, or confidence to fully commit to something this ambitious.”

Melisenta Kozlova

Explore Scholarships

We hope to establish six Explore Scholarships to provide financial support to undergraduate students from underrepresented backgrounds for the duration of their programme of study (maximum four years). Each scholarship would provide £5,000 per year of study and would be paid directly to the student.





The Explore Scholarships will enable students to maximise their time at Durham University by providing support for activities, initiatives or other expenses, such as essential equipment, textbooks, society membership fees or living costs.

To achieve this, we aim to raise **£20,000** per scholarship. This would enable support for an exceptional student to realise their full potential and engage fully in the wider student experience by alleviating financial pressures.

To support six scholarships, our fundraising target is £120,000.

"The Explore Scholarships will have a meaningful impact on students from underrepresented backgrounds by relieving financial pressures and enabling students to realise their full potential at Trevelyan College."



Professor Adekunle Adeyeye, Principal

Enrichment Facilities

At Trevelyan College, our students explore various aspects of the wider student experience, which are enabled by key enrichment facilities. Enhancement of these spaces with new equipment, fixtures and fittings will improve the student experience and enable our students to explore new and emerging interests. We hope to maximise the spaces available to facilitate the ambitions of our student communities, enable our students to develop their skills, and provide spaces for reflection and enhanced personal wellbeing. Through co-creation of these spaces with students, we hope to launch new areas of student activity to further enhance our student experience.

To achieve this, we aim to raise **£125,000** which will be used to renew these spaces with the key equipment and facilities to enhance college life and informal learning opportunities.

To support this facilities enhancement, our fundraising target is £125,000.

"Our students enjoy a wide variety of activities outside their degrees. The enhancement of on-site facilities would enable them to explore new interests and launch exciting new projects for the benefit of the whole college community."



Harry Naylor, JCR President 2025/26

Your Impact

By supporting these initiatives, you will:

- Remove financial barriers to student enrichment and participation
- Support students from underrepresented backgrounds
- Enable transformative experiences that build confidence, skills, and resilience
- Create a lasting legacy for future generations of Trevelyan College students

Together we can empower students to explore without limits.

To discuss these fundraising priorities, please do not hesitate to get in contact with our Principal, Professor Adekunle Adeyeye, at trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk.

Tell Your Story



Inspire the next generation

Our alumni have made significant contributions to various sectors from politics to sport, to art, literature and education, and to communities around the world.

Our current students are having significant impact across the wider student experience. We would like to create opportunities to inspire our current students by learning about the career journeys and wider experiences of our alumni community post-graduation. We aim to build a series of alumni profiles which explore how your time at Trevs shaped your own journey and to share insights with students so that they are inspired to *explore without limits*.

Tell Your Story profiles

For the 60th anniversary, we would like to create 60 profiles of alumni from a range of sectors, industries, and professions to inspire our current and future generations of students. We hope to include both linear and non-linear career paths to demonstrate the range of options available to students following graduation. We will create in an online collection of profiles over the course of the anniversary year, as well as featuring the profiles in other outputs.

To share your story, please visit the dedicated webpages at: durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/our-60th-anniversary/tell-your-story

Tell Your Story events

Over recent years, we have been delighted to welcome alumni and supporters to share their career journeys and experiences following graduation at in-person events with current students. We hope to expand these activities during the anniversary year. We would be pleased to host small

group sessions around particular careers or sectors, as well as coordinate larger networking activities with multiple alumni in attendance. If you would like to deliver a session, please do not hesitate to get in contact at trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk. The dates for larger events will be shared with alumni via email in summer 2026.

Your Impact

When you take part in these initiatives, you will:

- **Connect with and inspire** current students by sharing your story and career journey
- **Highlight possibilities** for future generations, helping them dream bigger and aim higher
- **Empower reflection and growth**, enabling students to see how their own Trevs experience can shape an extraordinary future.

Together, we can create a legacy of inspiration and opportunity, helping every student to truly *explore without limits*.

Ready to make a difference? Get involved today!

To discuss these opportunities, please do not hesitate to get in contact with our Vice-Principal, Dr Martin Brader, at trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk.

"This new collection of alumni profiles will be a valuable resource for students to reflect on the impact of opportunities in college, and to learn about career journeys after graduation."

Dr Martin Brader, Vice-Principal



Events and initiatives

Reunions

During the year of celebrations, there will be many exciting events planned to reconnect with fellow alumni and share in the celebrations for Trevelyan's 60th anniversary.

The highlight will be our Anniversary Reunion Weekend in 2026 - a major event to launch the festivities at Trevelyan College. In addition, informal regional reunions will take place across the UK, including in London and Manchester, offering opportunities to meet and reminisce with fellow alumni and supporters. Other major events will be coordinated to align with dates of historic significance to the college and will focus on areas of student activity.

"We cannot wait to celebrate with as many alumni as possible during this remarkable year - I look forward to celebrating the enduring impact of our extraordinary college community".

Professor Adekunle Adeyeye, Principal, Trevelyan College

Arts

Music, theatre, and visual art have always been at the heart of student life at Trevelyan College, enriching our community and shaping unforgettable experiences. Our vibrant music societies, theatre groups, and art collectives have played a key role in this tradition. During our anniversary year, we will host celebrations of student arts activity co-created with student societies. Key celebratory events include an anniversary concert, promenade play, and student art activities.

"Looking into the choir's archives made it clear that the chamber choir has been well loved for many years and we are so grateful to college for their continual support of the choir and music at Trevs."

Josh and Grace, Trevelyan College Chamber Choir

"TCMS could not be in a better place to continue providing opportunities within Trevs' performing arts scene. We have lots planned for the future for anyone interested in theatre!"

Bex, TCMS

Sport

For many of our alumni, sport was a defining part of their Trevelyan experience - and we are excited to celebrate that legacy during our 60th anniversary. Throughout the year, we'll create opportunities to honour the role of sport in college life. One example is Trevelyan College Boat Club, which will be organising a series of activities during the College's 60th anniversary year, which aligns with their own 50th anniversary.

"For 50 years, TCBC has been a significant force in student life at Trevs. With our novices thriving and seniors competing nationally, we're proud of what those before us have built and excited for what's to come!"

Ed and James, TCBC Co-Presidents

Volunteering

Trevelyan College students and alumni make a real difference - locally, nationally, and globally. In recent years, our community has supported initiatives such as litter picks, beach cleans, foodbank collections, and festive charity craft projects. To celebrate this spirit of service during our 60th anniversary, we've launched a volunteering challenge with an ambitious goal: 600 hours of student volunteering throughout the anniversary year. Together, we can make this milestone truly meaningful!

"Volunteering lies at the heart of Trevs' community impact, as this hands-on involvement transforms good intentions into meaningful change."

Lizzie, JCR Charities and Volunteering Officer



Want to find out more?

Further information is available on our dedicated Celebrating 60 webpages at: durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/our-60th-anniversary/celebrating-60/

Explore Programme



Trevelyan College's Explore Programme was established in 2023 to provide student experience initiatives for current undergraduate and postgraduate students. Since its foundation, the programme has expanded into a broad range of activities which enable students to step out of their comfort zone, gain new experiences, develop new skills, learn from others, and enhance their graduate attributes. Our activities are designed to encourage students to embrace our vision – explore without limits – in an environment of support, inclusion, and curiosity.

This year, the programme has continued to evolve and now features an increasingly diverse range of opportunities. Recently, we have focussed on creative practice through visual art and nature connection activities, alongside our existing enrichment and wellbeing initiatives. Our ongoing collaborations with student leaders have expanded further, with the launch of new projects around the college. In turn, we have developed new connections with academic departments and professional services colleagues in the creation of new opportunities.

In Michaelmas term, we hosted a nature connection walk to the Botanic Gardens led by Dr Mike Lengieza (Department of Psychology) during which students were able to learn about techniques and reflect on their own connection with nature. We also hosted PGR lunches in college as an opportunity for our postgraduate researchers to meet and share their latest research with SCR members and staff. Our Black History Month lecture was delivered by artist and film maker Phoebe Boswell on 'We are Memory and Earth and Freedom and Hope' followed by dinner with students. We were delighted to welcome three city professionals for our first 'Tell Your Story' event of the year. We also hosted writing retreats which provide a day of structured writing and refreshments for participants to work on an assignment or project. Creative activities included Paint a Hexagon and

hexagonal Christmas tree decoration making, as well as our first creative competition of the year – more information about these activities can be found later in this edition of *Hippocampus*. Our wellbeing activities in Michaelmas term included a yoga class, wellbeing goal setting and vision boards, and volunteering activities to support local care homes and charities. We also conducted a hedgehog-friendly litter pick in the local area, with several large bags of rubbish collected by students and staff.

In Epiphany term, our Assistant Principal organised a number of study sessions for students, which provided structured time to work in spaces around college. We also hosted further creative activities, including our poetry competition. Our LGBTQ+ History Month lecture was delivered by Dr Gareth Longstaff (Northumbria University) on 'HIVStory: Exploring Queer Lives, Legacies and Loss'. Hosted during National Storytelling Week, the lecture focussed on Dr Longstaff's research with The National HIV Story Trust to raise understanding and awareness of HIV history in the North East through a series of oral history interviews. We also hosted a session for students in collaboration with DCAD on 'Managing your time, managing yourself', and an interactive session delivered by our Assistant Principal on 'Building your personal brand'. Our second 'Tell Your Story' event focussed on careers in law and provided a valuable opportunity for our students to learn about the experiences of our alumni. Our nature connection activities continued with sessions on gratitude journaling and a nature walk. Throughout the term, we also hosted collaborative sessions in the allotment and college grounds to establish two new major enrichment projects about which you can read more later in this magazine.

During Easter term, our focus turned to the examination period and opportunities for students to take a break from their studies and reconnect. Our ever-popular Cake in



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the Quad continued throughout the examination period, alongside two visits from the ice cream van. The small art session, where students created miniature artworks, saw high levels of engagement and many excellent paintings! Our structured study sessions also continued as an opportunity to study with others in an informal environment. Our Senior Common Room organised a fascinating Explore Lecture from Professor Jan Frode Hatlen on 'Left behind, looking forward: Loss, restoration, and the grassroots of Reform UK in North East England'. The lecture followed the local elections and was well attended by students and SCR members alike despite taking place during the exam period. We were also delighted to welcome Barney from Pets as Therapy for two dog wellbeing sessions – our students greatly enjoyed the opportunity to spend some time with Barney as a break from their studies. Later in Easter term, we organised a beach clean for World Ocean Day in collaboration with Durham Wildlife Trust, which also provided an important opportunity to learn about regional history.

It has been another highly successful year for the Explore Programme. We would like 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 within the Explore Programme during our 60th anniversary celebrations. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at 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



Left to Right: Christmas Hexagon; SCR lecture; Trevelyan College grounds; Beach clean; Cake in the Quad

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 and is generously supported by our alumni. The enhancement of this fund is one of the key priorities for our 60th anniversary celebrations, so that we can support more students to have transformative experiences.

Within this article, we share some of the reports from Explore Fund recipients this academic year, which detail how the support received helped them to explore various interests and opportunities:

National Student Space Conference

Duncan Nicholls



On Saturday 14 March and Sunday 15 March other members of Durham University Spaceflight Society (DUSF) and I attended the National Student Space Conference (NSSC) in London. The event was hosted by UKSeds – a charity that hopes to increase awareness and participation in space-related careers and activities across the country – and was held in KCL's Bush House. This particular event saw members of many universities from all over the UK gathering for a series of presentations and workshops throughout the two days as well as networking events with some of the UK's leading companies in the field and other students who were attending. Additionally, many of the other groups that were there were spaceflight societies like us, so the trip was invaluable for gaining an insight into how other teams are doing in their designs and development of rockets like DUSF. We are a society that is aiming to complete many different projects with the aim of launching both a liquid and two stage solid fuelled rocket in America in September.

The opening keynotes were given by a member of the UK Space Agency (the event's primary sponsor) outreach team, who focused on the path that she took to get to the interesting career that she has today. One of the key takeaways was that there are many different paths into the space industry and you just have to find your passion to get there. Another highlight of the day was a discussion about space sustainability. This focused on the vast amounts of space junk from since outdated space missions, in particular satellites that are currently orbiting the Earth. The panel outlined their companies' current approaches to cleaning it up which involve sending up their own satellites to capture and destroy the waste. I was particularly interested in this topic as it brought to my attention an aspect of sustainability which I had previously not even considered.

The second day of the event held some more interesting talks with a particularly engaging one on space architecture and design. It highlighted to me how a purely practical-based approach may not be the most effective design process and that some things may have to be improved aesthetically as

well as practically to ensure that astronauts enjoy living in a location, not just functionally can. This reiterated the human-based approach of space missions which was shown to be important in the panel from the day before.

In summary, the event comprised of engaging talks and a great chance to network with other like-minded students and companies. I learnt many important skills and was able to further improve and learn from others' mistakes for the design and production of my team's liquid rocket. I hope that this insight gives me a greater chance of successfully gaining a career in the space industry in the future and I am very thankful to all the people who helped this event to happen.

Female Innovation Index and The Gender Index Report 2026

Maisy Ekins-Malcolm



With the support of the Trevelyan College Explore Fund, I attended the soft launch of the Female Innovation Index and the official launch of The Gender Index Report 2026, having been personally invited. These events brought together industry professionals, policymakers, and researchers to examine gender inequality across UK businesses, with a particular focus on leadership, funding, and innovation ecosystems.

As a Geography student currently completing a dissertation on gender inequality in venture capital, this experience directly supported my academic objectives. It allowed me to engage with real-world data, hear from key actors shaping the industry, and critically reflect on how initiatives aimed at addressing gender imbalances operate in practice. This experience was highly impactful both academically and professionally.

From an academic perspective, it allowed me to engage directly with the actors and institutions shaping gender equality initiatives. Hearing from practitioners provided nuance and complexity, strengthening my understanding of how these systems operate in practice.

Professionally, the networking opportunities were invaluable. I connected with individuals working across finance, policy, and entrepreneurship, gaining insight into potential career pathways and the skills required within these sectors. As someone interested in the intersection of finance and gender inequality, this exposure was particularly beneficial.

The events also enhanced my confidence in engaging in professional environments and contributing to meaningful industry discussions. This is especially important as I consider future opportunities within finance and related industries.

I am very grateful to Trevelyan College for supporting this opportunity.

GB FISU Trials (Rowing)

Megan Hadfield



The FISU World University Championships represent one of the highest levels of international competition available to student-athletes. The selection process is highly competitive, requiring athletes to demonstrate high performances on the erg as well as on the water too, across multiple trial stages.

My involvement began with selection in November trials, the first stage of the FISU GB pathway. Success at this stage led to further selection opportunities, including February trials, a March training camp and final trials in April.

I travelled to Boston, Lincolnshire, to attend the November trials. The trial consisted of a 2k erg test followed by a 5k time trial on the water. Attending the trial provided valuable insight into the selection environment. For instance, I was able to gain experience of the competitive environment, a clearer understanding of the performance standards required and reflect on areas for future development.

The support from Trevelyan College played a crucial role in enabling my participation in this opportunity. The funding helped to alleviate some financial pressures, allowing me to focus fully on preparation and performance. Beyond the practical support, the funding also provided a strong sense of encouragement. Knowing that my college supported my ambitions reinforced my motivation and commitment throughout the process.

Fencing

Sarah Cross



Durham University Fencing Club is one of the leading programmes in British University Sport, with the UK's only purpose-built fencing salle. I was very grateful for the Explore Fund which allowed me to join the club as part of their women's third team (W3).

Being part of the club has allowed me to attend training twice a week, go to sparring sessions every other weekend and to borrow any kit that I did not own myself. Subsequently, I have found that my skill, fitness, and confidence on the piste have increased. Not only this but I have had the chance to compete against other universities, try new weapons, and have made many new friends through the club.

Over the course of the first two terms, I attended 8 BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) matches as part of the team. I really enjoyed being able to visit other cities, some of which I had never been to before, to fence clubs from other universities. Fencing is a sport in which women are often underrepresented meaning our team often was competing with fewer than the standard nine members and each of us had to fence multiple weapons.

For me, the most rewarding part of joining W3 was the sense of community that the team provided, which really helped me during my first time living away from home at university. Our captain and the entire team were always incredibly welcoming and supportive, encouraging me to try new things and perform at my best at matches. I am eager to continue training with the club and hopefully earn a spot on a team next year.

Being a part of the club, I have not only improved physically and technically, but I have also built discipline and resilience. The Explore Fund played a crucial role in my ability to continue training a sport that I love, and I feel extremely fortunate that I was able to represent the university at BUCS competitions.

Durham Heart

Rufus Murray



In December of 2025, Durham Heart attended the Heart Hackathon in Vienna, an international competition for student teams to present their total artificial heart (TAH) design. This competition runs alongside the International Society for Mechanical Circulatory Support (ICMCS) annual conference.

We all arrived in Vienna on the Sunday, where we settled into our hostel and descended upon a local buffet where we fuelled up before our presentation day. On the Monday, each team presented their design where we learned a lot about the other teams and their ideas, aiding us in planning out our new design for this year. I presented on the motor and future work of the electrical team to the other teams and judges. Throughout the day and in the evening, we talked to the other teams, who hailed from all across the world: USA, Canada, UK, Romania, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt, Austria and more! Unfortunately, Durham Heart didn't win any awards this year, however as a new team we were up against some tough competition and next competition we will come back stronger.

From Tuesday until Thursday was the ICMCS conference where leading experts in this field presented their research. This was a truly incredible opportunity to hear and talk about this fairly niche area with the scientific community that is working so hard to improve mechanical circulatory support. On Wednesday we were taken around Vienna University's labs, looking at the wide array of work they have ongoing in bioengineering.

All in all it was an incredible experience to go to an international conference with world leaders in their field and present on my own work I have done over the past year there. A big thank you to Trevs for the support for the trip!



Explore creativity

This year, we have organised numerous opportunities for students to explore creative practice and visual art.

In Michaelmas term, our photography competition focussed on *Explore landscapes* and featured a wide range of landscape and location photography. We hosted popular 'paint a hexagon' and hexagonal Christmas decoration making activities with all materials provided free of charge to participants. Our Christmas card design competition received numerous entries, with the winning design featuring on our communications to alumni, supporters, and students.

In Epiphany term, our photography competition focussed on *Explore patterns*, with various interpretations of the theme. The theme of our poetry competition was *Explore belonging*, with the winning and runner-up entries published within this

edition of *Hippocampus*. The judging panel were greatly impressed by these pieces of creative writing. Our second 'paint a hexagon' session provided another opportunity to relax, reflect, and explore visual art.

In Easter term, we hosted further visual art activities, including the small artworks session where participants were provided with tiny canvases and created miniature artworks on a variety of themes ranging from fruit to landscapes. Finally, we hosted our annual visual art competition – the Julian Trevelyan Art Prize – with numerous entries from across our student communities. Thank you to everyone who participated in these activities whether as student participants or judges. We look forward to the further expansion of our creative activities next academic year!

Winning entry

Crow's Nest – Annabel Jasmine Pety

Floundering fingers fumble for a phone,
It is masked among the shrubbery,
"Fancy a drink?"
My electric feathers feeble at the thought.

Yolk lighting paints fuzzy faces below,
Their friendly frowns fading and weaving,
A mob,
Yet no feathers in sight.

I watch from my nest,
A fugitive in a boa,
A fledgeling too frightened of falling,
For friendliness feels false.

The clinking of keyboards is harsh,
The sharing of newfound fabrications,
Fictions of stickers,
Of fickle friendship and formal faces.

Twigs and branches poke my sides,
A careful scramble of persona,
My page of popular opinions,
In shiny, saturated patterns.

Too conventional to blend in,
My nest is a figment of protection,
In ovo,
For my feathers are real.

Runner up

Belonging - Li Zhuhua

I once believed whatever descends from height
must be a way home.

Perhaps belonging is not a light from above,

but the small act of lighting a lamp where no one
said we could stay.

And though it does not warm the whole world,
it is enough to know where we are standing.

Paint a hexagon event



Global Dynamics

Between Life and Death: Warfare and the Environment

Professor Anoush Ehteshami, SCR President

Since 1975 over 150,000 civilians have died in Vietnam from the leftovers of the Vietnam war. Almost on a daily basis echoes of the Second World War are heard across Europe as unexploded munitions and mines from that war emerge to disrupt lives and livelihoods. Our seas and oceans are graveyards of military vessels harbouring dangerous cargo that remain beyond our reach. War makes a lot of mess and the images of war - the death, destruction, dislocation, carnage, helplessness - shown on our screens daily remind us of the toll. We watch in horror as we see lives destroyed and futures wrecked. But what happens to a country, a space, when the guns finally fall silent? What do we find when quiet returns?

In this year's Global Dynamics lecture series we looked at a much-neglected part of the crisis of war, the environmental legacy and impact of war. How do militaries impact the environment and what do they leave behind following conflict? In the lectures this year we heard from leading commentators, scholars and experts on how war machines and conflicts are degrading the very land survivors tread - not just in terms of unexploded munitions and landmines, but in the damage caused on a much bigger scale.

This year, we were delighted to welcome colleagues from Durham University, Newcastle University, University of Leeds, and Ukraine War Environmental Consequences Work Group, Ukraine. All lectures are recorded and available on the College website.

Scorched Earth: An Introduction to the Environmental Dimensions of War

Dr Oliver Belcher, Durham University

Dr Belcher is a prominent human geographer based at Durham's School of Government and International Affairs. He is a leading scholar on global environmental politics and is currently engaged in a major collaborative research project that is examining the role of military emissions in global environmental change. In this lecture, Dr Belcher provided the contextual and analytical introduction to this important subject area. Dr Belcher has spent years researching and studying the impact of war, and indeed militaries, on the environment and helped us acquire the tools for comprehending the ways in which the preparation and the conduct of war is scaring the living planet.

Left to Right SCR lectures: Scorched Earth - Dr Oliver Belcher; How Russia Has Wrecked Ukraine's Landscape - Valeriia Kolodezhna

The War May Be Over, Now the Complexity of the Cleanup

Dr Mark Griffiths, Newcastle University

In this lecture we hosted Dr Griffiths from our sister institution in Newcastle. Dr Griffiths is a political geographer and has extensive experience of investigating the fallout from war. His interest in understanding what he calls 'military ecologies' and the 'beforemath' and 'aftermath' of war and his hands on research have led him to conduct pioneering research on the aftermath of the war in Mosul in Iraq, in Palestine, and in Rwanda. His research is informing our understanding of the 'aftermath' in new ways. Dr Griffiths' collaborative work through 'War and Geos' project (warandgeos.co.uk) is breaking new ground and is widely used as a major source of information and analysis.

Climate Change and the Coming Transformation of International Politics

Professor Jan Selby, University of Leeds

Professor Jan Selby has devoted his career to studying the impact of climate change and natural resource scarcity on human life. Indeed he is so immersed in this important field of study that he holds the chair of International Politics and Climate Change at Leeds. In his lecture, Prof Selby showed us the links between climate and other environmental changes, and structures and dynamics of politics and power. He explored both the political - including international political and political-economic - causes of environmental changes and crises, as well as the consequences of environmental changes and crises for politics, and the political responses to them.

How Russia Has Wrecked Ukraine's Landscape

Valeriia Kolodezhna, Ukraine War Environmental Consequences Work Group

In this final lecture in our GD lecture series we spent our time looking at the environmental impact of Russia's conduct of war in Ukraine. We examined Russia's battlefield tactics as well as its strategy of degrading Ukraine's agricultural capacity and power. How has Russia's efforts to diminish Ukraine as a major provider of food for the world been done, and how successfully?

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/global-dynamics



Events

Back in September, we were delighted to welcome a record cohort of over 300 new students to Trevs. As ever, our fantastic team of volunteer freps had worked incredibly hard to create an exciting programme of events, ably lead by Head Freps Luke Taylor and Emilia Harcourt.

Highlights of the week included the freshers formal - it was great for me personally to talk to the new students and answer their questions that inevitably come with

your first experience of a Trevs formal; it reminded me a lot of my first experience of a formal 3 years earlier! We also enjoyed a welcome ceremony at the Cathedral, two excellent bar nights with live music and a packed out dining hall at the Freshers Bop which the events team did a super job of organising.

For me personally it was great to lead another edition of the ghost walk having done so twice in

freshers week previously, and it was great to see lots of interest in our end of week JCR meeting; a great chance for the new students to engage in student democracy.

I'd like to thank all the freps for their hard work and dedication in making freshers week so successful.

Harry Naylor
JCR President



Music

Live on the Hill 2025 The Manglers

Once again, Live on the Hill has been one of the highlights of the Trevs year, bringing together a band of around 20 musicians, with a dozen different singers to perform a wide variety of music to over 500 attendees of the event over both nights, to raise well over £4,500 for Anthony Nolan.

This year's set opened with a truly special performance of Meat Loaf's Bat Out of Hell, performed by the JCR President, Harry Naylor, which captured people's attention before the rest of the diverse set list, including Writing on the Wall, Pink Pony Club, Defying Gravity, Livin' on a Prayer and Shut Up and Dance. Each night culminated with multiple encores, including Country Roads, where all of the singers came back on stage for the final song, embracing the true Trevelyan spirit with a song that has captured the hearts of Trevelyanites for generations.

The event was in support of Anthony Nolan, who do incredible work supporting those with blood cancer. As well as raising money for the charity, many people signed up for the stem cell register to hopefully allow the life-saving work to continue.

As ever, the event was a true testament to the hard work of the whole Live on the Hill exec, from Niamh and Freddie who looked after the musical side of things, Oli and Seb who managed the logistics and money, and Hugh who did an amazing job representing Anthony Nolan to the crowds.

Dan Wattis
Co-Producer

The Manglers have had a standout year, performing many gigs around Durham including Trevs Boat Club's anniversary dinner, the Inter-MCR formal, and most importantly our very own Dan Scobbie's wedding, where we were trusted with the first dance, which remains one of the highest-risk student music bookings known to man.

Over the year we've expanded our repertoire, refined our sound, and welcomed some extremely talented new members who have immediately raised the musical standard. A lot of credit for keeping rehearsals vaguely structured and turning chaos into something performable goes to Niamh Connellan.

A particular highlight was the charity gig at Trevs Bar, where The Manglers played three one-hour sets to a packed bar. We raised £556 for Mind, with a huge amount of credit going to Alice Wentzell, who organised most of the event and did the behind-the-scenes heavy lifting that made it all happen.

Tour this year took us to Liverpool, which was essentially three days of busking held together by spoons dinners, breakfasts and occasionally lunches too! A special mention must go to Sam's important tour role as Watermelon Man, a job he approached with commitment but unfortunately not much success.

Outside of music, Daisy and Harry have perfected the perfect social, bringing The Manglers closer together. Luke Ricketts has perfected the serious fincomm application for a pair of Bongos and Mary Bray has helped with the biscuit selections and general running!

The Manglers have had a great year and look forward to another successful year!

Oli Matthews
The Manglers President



Theatre

Sixth Side Theatre has had an excellent year. We kicked off the first term with our annual Hallowe'en production – Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, directed by Joshua Brooks and co-directed by Darcy Kent. They brought the haunting setting of Soldier Island to life in the Dowrick Theatre, selling out both shows yet again. It was a fantastic production, with a strong cast and crew that fully captured the spooky tone that a Hallowe'en show demands.

In contrast, Christmas time brought our traditional panto – *Treveo and Maryet*, a not-so-tragic tale of intercollegiate romance, with the ever true message that Trevelyanites would do well to avoid Mary's. This hilarious show was written and directed by Darcy Kent, following her success at Hallowe'en, alongside co-director Finty Hefron. Performed after the Christmas formal, it was enjoyed by all and proved a great way to get the college into the Christmas spirit.

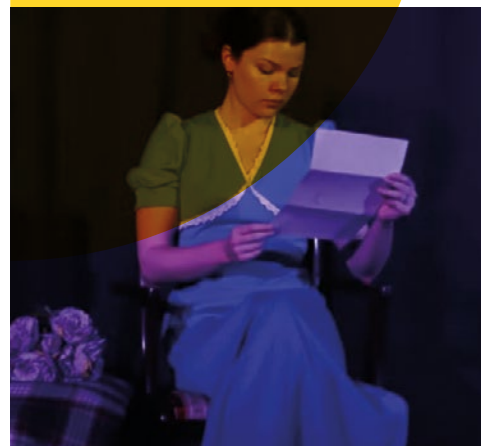
Epiphany term saw Sixth Side's student-written entry for the Durham Drama Festival. Written and directed

by Bex Smith, and co-directed by Roz Crompton, it follows Edward, a soldier in the First World War who is sent home to recover from injury. While staying with his fiancée Eleanor, he develops an attachment to her stable boy, Sam. This thought-provoking, character-driven play was full of emotion and tugged at the heartstrings. A huge well done to the cast and crew for delivering such a powerful performance.

We concluded Epiphany term with our Annual General Meeting, and it was great to see how much the society has grown over the past year. New roles and responsibilities were assigned, with Joshua Brooks taking up the mantle of President for the coming year. Looking ahead, we have our Shakespeare production – *A Midsummer Night's Dream* – which will be performed in the Trevs Quad on 18 June. There is plenty to look forward to in the coming months, and for the future of Sixth Side Theatre overall.

Oscar Dunfield-Prayero,
President

Sixth Side Theatre



Sport



Left to Right: TCBC; TCBC; Trevelyan Badminton

TCBC

TCBC has continued its remarkable rise this year, remaining one of the largest clubs in Trevs and a competitive force in Durham College Rowing. Throughout our time in the club, we have seen it transform from one that could barely field a complete 8 to one that, 4 years later, has over 60 members and attends more races than ever before.

We started the academic year with a bang, with our men's 1st 8 ending Collingwood's 4-year dominance over college rowing at one of the North East's biggest races, Rutherford Head. Michaelmas term was not finished yet, however, as our senior squads were invited down to Cambridge to compete for the first time in the Fairbairn Cup against Oxbridge colleges. This was a fantastic experience and laid the foundations for some big plans to come in the new year...

2026 marks the club's golden anniversary, and in the space of one term, we packed in so many fantastic highlights! Our novices had been training hard for novice head and had an impressive showing, coming 3rd and 8th in the men's and women's categories, respectively. At the same time, plans were afoot to revive a 90s tradition, the TCBC Ball, which came together perfectly for a night of speeches, awards and live music. We hope to see this event thrive in the years to come! In mid-February, we ran a 24-hour Ergathon to raise money for a competitive new 4+ for our senior squads. Members of the club turned out to row at all hours of the day and raised over £1700. Thank you to all who donated and participated!

In late February, we took the club on its first-ever international tour to race in Belgium at the 31st Brugge Boat Race. Our rowers competed side-by-side against crews from across Europe. Durham University was well represented, with Collingwood also in attendance.

Despite the torrential downpour in the middle of racing, one would be hard-pressed to find a Trevs member not enjoying themselves. We will remember it as one of the greatest races in our time at Durham. Brugge was an immense success, and we are very grateful to the college for their support in making it a reality. The question now is, where will TCBC go next year?

Just one week later, TCBC made its debut appearance at Derwentwater Head in the Lake District, easily one of the most picturesque courses in the North of England. On that bright and brilliant day, TCBC claimed a double course record as the fastest men's and women's 8s ever recorded down the course, a massive achievement for all involved. This momentum continued into the next weekend as our women's squad travelled to London to compete in the Women's Head of the River Race. What followed was monumental. After a long, gruelling race, the TCBC women's 1st 8 emerged as the fastest Durham college, dethroning Collingwood once again.

Finally, to finish off the term, the senior men competed in the 100th edition of the Head of the River Race. The competition was fierce and the 1st 8 rowed well, clashing blades with Oxford Brookes, but unfortunately falling just shy of Collingwood in the college ranking - the wait goes on for now. The 2nd 8 stepped up to the challenge and, after just a handful of training sessions, took to the Thames and finished as the eighth-fastest college boat, notably beating the Hatfield 1st 8 by 0.1 seconds!

It has been a wonderful year for TCBC, and we have both had a fantastic time as Presidents of the club. We look forward to seeing what's to come for the future of Trevs rowing and wish the incoming Presidents, Alena and James, the best of luck.

James Robinson and Ed Cleeve,
Co-Presidents 2025/26

Badminton

This year has been historic for Trevelyan Badminton, with exceptional performances across all squads.

After losing 7 of our 16 players to graduation, expectations were low at the start of the season, yet the team exceeded all predictions in remarkable fashion.

After securing promotion from Division 1 to Premiership, the men's team went on to finish 2nd remaining unbeaten except for one loss. Similarly, the women's and mixed A teams delivered an equally outstanding season, both finishing 2nd with one defeat. Meaning across all three A teams, badminton recorded an impressive 16 wins and 3 losses, securing 262 college points. This is 30% of the college total, the highest of any sport and 2.5 times more than the next closest, earning a well-deserved place in the Floodlit Premiership Finals in every format.

The introduction of a new Mixed B team also proved to be a major success. Designed to give first-year players valuable match experience, the team showed rapid development, picking up impressive wins against several colleges' Mixed A teams by the end of the year.

This success of the club reflects both the incredible skill of the players and several club improvements: enhanced training sessions, a women's only taster session to improve inclusivity, repairs to court lines, and creating new social events. The club also successfully secured the college participation fund twice, supplying all players with free team kit and new racquets, keeping costs low for members.

Beyond the intercollegiate league, Trevelyan Badminton expanded beyond Durham through not one but two varsity fixtures against York and Loughborough offering a valuable opportunity to test ourselves against high-level opposition and showcased the strength of the team.



Left to Right: Trevs Cheer; TCBC Ergathon; Trevelyan College Netball

This year reflects not only competitive success but also the growing ambition of Trevelyan Badminton, setting a solid foundation for the next season.

Jasmeet Dhillon and Sami Malik
Co-Presidents

Trevs Cheer

In Michaelmas term, we recruited 8 new members, bringing us to a team of 20. After lots of taster sessions, we started our regular twice weekly training, and lots of fun socials.

In October, many of us took part in a charity run for Breast Cancer Now, organised by the Wildcats cheer team. We ran a 3km route around the racecourse and the centre of Durham, wearing pink to represent the charity. With everyone that took part, a total of £475 was raised for the cause.

In November, our entire team took part in the 'Sweat for 30 minutes every day in November' challenge, raising money for Stand Up to Cancer, which we documented daily on our Instagram. This included training sessions, other daily sports and exercise and also organised group activities, such as a spin class that a few of us attended. As a team we raised £275 for the charity.

Also in November, we hosted a joint session with the Collingwood cheer team, where we got to meet lots of new people and enjoy swapping skills and training with another group of great cheerleaders.

In Epiphany term, we began rigorous training ahead of the March Intercollegiate competition. We competed in three categories, Co-ed Main Stunt, Co-ed Group Stunt and All Girl Group Stunt. On competition day, we won first place in Co-ed Group Stunt for the third consecutive year. We also placed third in our Co-ed Main routine, and fourth in our All Girl routine.

We are continuing to train this term, as we are currently putting together a routine ready for Trevs Day. We are so incredibly proud of all of our achievements this year, and all the members of our team for the hard work they have put in throughout the year.

Sophie Langlands
Media Secretary

Netball

This year has been an outstanding season for Trevelyan College Netball Club (TCNC), marked by both competitive success and a continued strengthening of club spirit across all teams.

A particular highlight has been the promotion of our A Team to the Premiership League, following an impressive second-place finish in Division 1. This achievement reflects the team's consistency, resilience, and determination throughout the season, winning 8 out of 11 matches. Alongside this success, our B Team has also enjoyed a strong year, re-establishing themselves as regular and competitive contenders in Division 4, demonstrating excellent progress and development across the squad.

The season began, as is tradition, with a series of introductory training sessions and the much-anticipated 'Princess and the Pea' social. This event set the tone for the year ahead, allowing players from across both teams to build a strong sense of camaraderie and community that has been evident throughout the season. This unity was especially clear during several standout match weekends, where both teams secured well-deserved victories in their respective divisions.

In Michaelmas Term, the club came together for a well-attended Christmas Dinner, celebrating both sporting and social contributions. A number of players were recognised for their commitment

and impact on the club, highlighting the importance of both on-court performance and off-court involvement in TCNC's culture.

TCNC also proudly took part in the 24-hour charity netball marathon in support of Sport in Action. This event provided a unique opportunity to come together as a club for a cause, combining endurance, teamwork, and a great deal of enthusiasm, even if slightly less competitive intensity than seen in league, cup, and plate fixtures! It was definitely a first, playing netball at midnight but our 'Men in Black' themed attire definitely kept spirits up.

At the annual Sports and Societies Formal, TCNC was delighted to see individual achievements recognised, with A Team Captain Annabel Petyt receiving Sports Person of the Year, and fresher Zara Mason awarded Most Outstanding Fresher. These accolades reflect both leadership and the promising future of newer members within the club.

The season concluded on a high note with an impressive 29-18 victory against St Mary's in the annual Trevelyan vs Mary's Varsity Match. This result was a fitting end to a successful year and showcased the strength, skill, and determination of the squad.

Looking ahead, TCNC is excited to see both teams continue to grow and compete in the Premiership and Division 4 next season. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the TCNC Executive Committee, whose dedication has significantly increased participation across the club and ensured a wide range of enjoyable and well-organised socials throughout the year.

Overall, 2025/26 has been a memorable and successful season for TCNC, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Maisy Ekins-Malcolm and Carys Crowther
Co-Presidents

Explore sustainability

The Allotment Project

In 2026, we have transformed various outdoor areas from underutilised spaces to valuable community resources, with the aims of improving biodiversity across the college estate and providing opportunities for students to spend time in nature. Our first project was the rejuvenation of the college allotment, located behind Houses 1-3. In recent years, the space had seen limited use, with only a few beds actively maintained and large areas overgrown with brambles, overhanging branches, and nettles. Thanks to incredible support from the Gardens and Grounds team, the space was cleared and prepared for wider use by a group of interested JCR, MCR and SCR members.

Following initial discussion with the JCR Environment Representative, the students quickly mobilised to establish a JCR Allotment Society and to join in collaborative sessions with SCR members. In the first session alone, we cleared numerous beds and planted seed potatoes, onion sets, garlic, lettuce, carrots and cabbages. These were later followed by peas and beans, strawberries, sweetcorn, leeks and more. In Easter term, the renovation of the allotment pond improved the space further. The installation of a new greenhouse enabled tomatoes, cucumber, and chillies to be added to the collection of produce. We regularly welcome over 20 students to the joint sessions between the three common rooms, and the allotment society now meets every Sunday afternoon. It has been incredibly rewarding to see the space transform into such a positive community project across our entire college community.



Trevelyan Terrace

60th Anniversary meadows

For our 60th anniversary, we have also established two new wildflower areas around the college estate. The main area is located along Elvet Hill Road, with a smaller meadow at the rear of G/J Block. In collaboration with the Gardens and Grounds team and Biodiversity Manager, we selected perennial woodland wildflowers to reflect the prevailing light and growing conditions. Students and staff were involved in sowing the seeds in both areas and we look forward to the establishment of these spaces over the next few months. Our plan is to establish a third meadow – an open meadow environment – at the top of the back lawn in the autumn, with students actively engaged in the design and implementation of the scheme. These projects will be a lasting legacy of the 60th Anniversary celebrations.

Garden improvements

Our Senior Common Room has led the redevelopment of the Garden of Reflection from an area dominated by wildflowers into a more established formal garden featuring a blue and white colour palette. This space had been underused in recent years, and we hope that students and SCR members will now make greater use of the garden as a place for reflection and contemplation. The Principal and Vice-Principal enjoyed the opportunity to support the weeding and planting, alongside members of the SCR. The project was generously supported by both the SCR and our alumni.

In Easter term, we also made significant improvements to the borders on the back terrace. In recent years, the borders had contained established shrubs with limited aesthetic and biodiversity value. Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, we were able to redesign these borders and replant with a range of pollinator-friendly perennial plants. This has transformed the terrace into another valuable community space, which can be enjoyed by all.

Top to bottom: College allotment; Garden of Reflection; college allotment; Garden of Reflection



Volunteering

Clockwise from top right: Beach clean at Blast Beach Seaham; Volunteers on the litter pick; Christmas Wish Tree

Trevelyan College students have actively engaged in volunteering throughout the academic year. In Michaelmas term, we participated in the Christmas Wish Tree initiative, which aims to collect food and other essential items for local foodbanks during the festive period. Thank you to our students, staff and SCR members for their generous contributions to this impactful initiative. Students also supported local care home residents during the festive period through the creation of handmade Christmas cards. Each card included a Christmas message and was hand decorated with festive designs.

Throughout the academic year, our focus for volunteering has been litter picks in the local area to improve our local environment. Our regular litter picks take place on a Sunday morning, followed by brunch in the dining hall. Over the various litter picks, we have collected many large bags of rubbish, including glass and plastic bottles, crisp and sweet packets, food cartons, paper, and even old taps! We hope that through these small scale actions we are able to have significant impact on our local area.

We were also delighted to see the return of our annual beach clean this year, with students travelling to Blast Beach in Seaham. Organised in collaboration with Durham Wildlife Trust, the beach clean provides an opportunity for students to learn about regional history, local environmental action, and spend time outdoors. Following the litter pick, many participants enjoyed fish and chips in Seaham, before their return to college.

Next year, as we celebrate 60 years of Trevelyan College, we have an ambitious target of 600 hours of student volunteering across the academic year. We hope that this will feature our established initiatives and new projects developed by our students – we look forward to continued positive impact through our voluntary contributions!



Scholarly activity

MCR/SCR Research Talks

The MCR has continued its termly Research Talks this year with strong interest and participation. We have heard a broad range of talks, including on the effects of discounting climate change, a materialist analysis of *Stardew Valley*, and the wonderful world of mycology. The talks allow people to polish their upcoming academic presentations or to share an interest.

Many thanks to all of the speakers who have taken part so far this year for showcasing the broad range of students we are lucky to have in the Trevs postgraduate community. I would also like to thank the rest of the exec for their help in running the talks, especially Luke, Sid, and Ray, who each gave talks.

In third term, we will be holding the annual G. M. Trevelyan Research Prize. The prize is a long-running event which sees four of our members presenting to a panel of judges from a range of disciplines. The judges will then ask questions, followed by questions from the audience. There is a cash prize, and the winner gets to have their name on the prize board in the Mowlam Room.

I have thoroughly enjoyed organising the talks this year. I hope that they continue to be a success in the coming year and provide a way for members to share their work and interests.

Max Goodwin

MCR Vice-President



MCR/SCR research talks



Trevs Bar

This year at Trevs Bar has been one of renewal, marked by both challenge and change. With renovations now complete, the bar has firmly re-established itself as a central social space within main college, hosting everything from Paint and Sip to darts nights. It has been encouraging for both of us to see the space consistently busy and well-used across the year. While rising costs across the food and beverage sector have required a more deliberate approach to pricing and supply, these pressures have been met with practical adjustments that allow the bar to remain both accessible and well-stocked without compromising the atmosphere people expect.

In response, we have made targeted changes to the product range. On draught, Black Sheep Smooth has established itself as a reliable favourite, while Easter term sees the introduction of Ripe, a peach-based lager suited to the warmer months. The bottled selection has also been broadened, with additions such as Asahi and Corona, and plans to introduce Mythos, offering a wider mix of international options. Alongside this, the spirits range has been adjusted to include more cost-effective alternatives that still meet expectations on quality. For the first time in over a decade, crisps and bar snacks will also be introduced, adding a small but meaningful improvement to the overall bar experience.

The bar has continued to support a wide range of college events throughout the year. This has included expanded cocktail offerings for both nights of Live on the Hill, extended hours after Winter Ball, and hosting events such as the Mangler's charity gig and Six Nations screenings. Smaller events have remained equally important, with regular use of the space for informal socials and society-led activities.

Looking ahead, the focus shifts to Easter term, with Trevs Day and Trevstock providing opportunities to extend the bar beyond its usual setting. Both events will feature a curated selection of limited-time cocktails, craft beers, and ciders, designed to suit the more relaxed setting of the Quad and Back Lawn.

It has been a pleasure for both of us to see consistent engagement with the bar and to meet a wide range of people over the course of the year. The positive feedback reflects the collective effort behind what the bar has become.

We would like to thank Oli Matthews for his work earlier in the year, particularly in preparing for Freshers' Week and managing a difficult staffing transition. Most importantly, thanks go to the entire bar team, whose reliability and approachability have ensured the bar continues to run as it should.

We look forward to the term ahead and hope that the bar continues to exceed the expectations of all Trevelyanites.

**Gabe Wilson and
Nathan Unsworth**
Non-Sabbatical Bar Stewards



The Buttery

Hello readers, I'm Titas the new buttery chair for the 2026/27 year.

This new position of mine has been for a lack of a better word interesting. It's been a busy 2 weeks, and I've already started to fulfil or have fulfilled some of my plans for the year ahead. Firstly, I oversaw the hiring and training of 12 new staff members, which besides being a goal already met, has also given me the numbers needed to work towards the second goal of the year, which was to keep the buttery open every day of the term.

As well as that, I've been involved in 2 motions within the JCR. The first one from last term has allowed me to eliminate some of what I felt were redundant roles within the buttery exec, those being of social media and internal events manager, both roles that have now been merged with buttery chair and external manager respectively. The second one related to the raising of the levy has allowed me to secure a safety net for the buttery, in case the buttery faces future deficits.

Lastly, I've been in meetings with the current JCR President Harry and Treasurer Cody as well as college staff in which we discussed an action plan for how we can continue to operate one of the last remaining independent toastie bars within Durham. This mainly concerned how we can prevent the buttery from operating at a deficit and the importance of sustained health and safety for the future.

Speaking of the future, I look forward to hiring once again at the start of Michaelmas term and for a potential renovation that may be coming soon.

Overall, it's been a successful few weeks and I expect a very good year for the buttery.

Thank you for reading.

Titas Uzemeckas
Buttery Chair 2026/27



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

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

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