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Greetings from Trevs

It is my distinct pleasure to warmly welcome you to our latest edition of Hippocampus.

I am continually excited by the passion and dedication of our students to every aspect of the college's wider student experience.

Our vision is to inspire and empower students to explore opportunities without limits. College life is much more than academic achievement, it is about discovering and developing one's passions and skills. As the principal of the college, I am amazed by the incredible resilience and determination of our students who are exploring all aspects of college life with tenacity.

Throughout the academic year, our students have been exploring and excelling in wider student experiences across a range of themes, including sport, music, art and culture, and volunteering. I am proud of their extraordinary achievements. I must acknowledge the remarkable support of our college staff and student leaders, who work tirelessly to provide the highest level of services to our students. I would like to thank the College Advisory Board for their dedication and tremendous support.

As you turn the pages of this edition, I would like to encourage you to reflect on the stories and experiences that are shared. Each contribution is a demonstration of the potential that exists within the Trevs community. May this latest edition of *Hippocampus* be a source of motivation to all of us.

Many thanks to those who have stepped forward with their generous support and time commitments to ensure that the College is more inclusive and accessible for all students. I would like to encourage others to get in touch and contribute to the college in any form so that we can collectively take Trevelyan College to the next level. By getting involved, you will be playing a vital role in shaping the future direction of the college and supporting its continued growth and success. We can collectively create a legacy that not only honours our extraordinary past but also ensures that our college future is even brighter.



WELCOME

Professor Adekunle Adeyeye,
Principal, Trevelyan College

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Outgoing JCR President



Dorian Held, outgoing JCR President

This past year in Trevs has been marked by an incredible resurgence in student activity. We have been very fortunate to see only minimal effects of the pandemic, and it has been wonderful to see the Trevs community bounce back in full force right from the start of the year.

There has been a revival of almost all aspects of college life. We have reintroduced events such as the Charity Ball and Sports Dinner that have been sorely missed in recent years, as well as familiar events like our monthly Unplugged nights, our college musical, and Trevs Night.

In particular, the college Christmas Formal returned bigger than ever. Members of the common rooms came together to bring back the joint JCR, MCR, and SCR brass band, and our resident theatre company marvelled us with the triumphant return of the Christmas pantomime!

None of this would have been possible without a fantastic Freshers' Week, in which the exec and Frep team worked tirelessly to bring the best of welcomes to new students! This year, Freps broke off into groups to organise and plan their own activities and games, leading to a Welcome Week calendar bursting with things to do. Examples included a ghost walk around Durham, an escape room in the Dowrick, and a James Bond themed night.

This year hasn't been without its challenges, however, and the cost-of-living crisis has greatly affected the JCR's activities. In response, the TBAGS student support fund was bolstered, and we are currently paving the way for greater collaboration with college to support the Trevs community as much as possible. This year, we have also launched a free tea and coffee (and hot chocolate!) service in the bar that has run throughout term time. Our welfare team has also worked incredibly hard to give consistent campaigns throughout the year, such as the new 12 days of 'Welfaremas' in Michaelmas term. With the change from one to two Welfare Officers, student welfare will remain a priority in the future.

There has been a considerable increase in engagement with college life which has brought along numerous student initiatives.

Spaces such as the bar and the Undercroft are seeing day-long use, the month of February was filled with events in celebration of LGBT+ history month, our Charity Committee worked around the clock to include charity events at many events throughout the year, our sixth side theatre company rose up to produce 3 amazing shows with more underway, the new 'people of Trevs' initiative has successfully launched on Instagram, and much, much more. This was all achieved thanks to a complete reform of JCR communications. With the help of a new whiteboard outside the JCR office, and an increasing focus on platforms such as Instagram, our comms and online presence have never been stronger.

I am excited to see Trevs head in such a positive direction after three years marred by the pandemic. I look forward to assisting everyone involved with all that is planned for Easter term, it's shaping up to truly be the highlight of the year! I have been working closely with my successor, George Little, throughout the year, and I have no doubt in mind that he will continue steering Trevs to grow even further, carrying on initiatives that have been set up this year, and innovating and supporting Trevs in its period of regrowth.

Incoming JCR President



George Little,
Incoming JCR President

Hi! My name is George, and I am the incoming JCR President for next year.

The college system is one of the best things about studying at Durham University. It allows students to form a tight and welcoming community and there is no better example of this than Trevs JCR.

Despite the pandemic, the Trevs spirit was apparent from the moment I arrived. My first year was heavily affected by COVID, but I have seen the community grow and develop into what it is now. I became involved in the JCR at the end of my first year taking on the role of Buttery Treasurer.

As I got more involved, it was hard not to get swept up in the infectious spirit of the JCR and what it does for Trevs and its students. It was this that convinced me to run for JCR Treasurer which I have been doing for the past year.

It has been fantastic to see the JCR return to its former glory this year whilst adding new and exciting ideas. Trevs is constantly adapting to represent its students better and overcome new challenges.

I am really excited for next year and feel I have a lot to offer Trevs and the wider community.

I have seen the community grow and grow over my time at Durham and I hope to continue the feeling of college spirit not just between students but between students and college staff.

I will continue Dorian's efforts to make the JCR and college welcoming and accessible to all.



MCR

MCR President

The MCR has continued to thrive this academic year. Every year we see a new cohort of students, each bringing their own insights and expertise to the college.

The community is built on our members, especially the wealth of postgraduates that really get stuck into helping with events and the community!

This is really exemplified by some of our main MCR events, for example I would like to thank our music representative, Katie Vishwanath, for recently organising an exceptional HM Evans Music Prize to truly display the musical talent we have at Trevelyan. Audience turn-out was excellent, and the high standards of all the musicians meant that judging a final winner was exceedingly difficult!

Likewise, we have also had multiple opportunities to showcase the research excellence of the postgraduate community, with two excellent MCR/SCR research talks organised by our vice president, Shweta Saraf.

We are particularly excited for the GM Trevelyan Research Prize later in the year, wherein we will have a series of talks by MCR members (and cash prizes to be won!).

We have also had several MCR social events; really building the sense of community within the college. This ranged from a trip to Edinburgh organised by our social secretary, Dillon Downie, to events in the Mowlam Room overseen by our services officer, Ceara Messana, to our inter-collegiate MCR formal at the beginning of the year. We even had a whole team working on origami for formal decorations! We've also been able to work with the welfare team of the college, in particular our welfare officer, Shivam Saksena, has been working hard to ensure the community is in the best mindset to showcase their abilities.

It has truly been a pleasure to be President of the MCR for the last two years, and see the community thrive and go from strength to strength. I look forward to the summer period; for more events in the (I hope...) sun!



Rhys Proud,
MCR President



SCR President

As I approach the 30th year of my service at Durham University as an academic, and also celebrate my long association with Trevelyan College through the Sir William Luce Fund and the College Fellowship it provides, it is with huge pleasure that I find myself elected as the new President of the College's Senior Common Room.

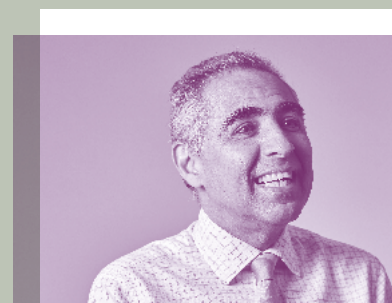
The College is going from strength to strength and the College community of common rooms is buzzing with energy and the SCR will be no exception. I come into this role with a passion for education and an irrepressible desire for building opportunity for our communities, and it is with these ambitions in mind that I look forward to working with the SCR membership and the MCR and JCR College communities to deepen our engagement with the wider world. The new SCR VP, Martyn Berry, well-known to many of us, will be keeping me on the straight and narrow, I am sure, and we together look forward to 're-welcoming' (is that even a word?!) our members into the SCR.

Since my election, I have had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with the College Officers and also Presidents of the JCR and MCR to discuss some of my plans and am delighted to report that the SCR has the support of the College as a whole for the next steps it intends to take as we look forward to the next academic year. My aim is to bring the SCR more closely involved with the life of the College, contribute to the College's ambitious objectives, and help build its scholarly community. With that in mind, following a very enjoyable evening of conversation punctuated by the rotation of delicious cheeses and a selection of hot and cold beverages in December, I have suggested that we launch and host a new series of College lectures, to be known as the 'Trevelyan Global Dynamics Lectures', starting with five lectures on China and its place in the world by invited guests next year. Following its first year of delivery, the future themes of this Lecture Series will be

agreed with the JCR and MCR communities. I have also proposed that the College hosts an annual conference, again driven by the subject interests of all three common rooms, starting in 2023/24. The JCR and MCR presidents have expressed a strong interest in this and I will be working with their executives to agree a theme for next year and start planning it early next academic year.

I do hope that we can gather more often as a community in the College, to work, rest and play as it were, and to deepen our engagement with the College communities.

As a first step, I am looking forward to meeting as many of the new members of the SCR as possible in Easter Term and to showing them the value of SCR membership and belonging to a College community.



Prof Anoush Ehteshami,
SCR President

SCR

VP

Dr Martin Brader,
Vice-Principal

Welcome to the latest edition of Hippocampus!

This is my second academic year as Vice-Principal at Trevs, and it has been a pleasure to see our community continue to flourish, with the return of several signature events and the development of exciting new initiatives within the student and SCR communities.

In October, we enjoyed an uninterrupted Welcome and Orientation Week, including the Landing Formal, College matriculation, JCR and MCR photographs, and events for our newest Trevelyanites. Our JCR Exec, MCR Exec and the Frep team provided an incredible welcome to our College community, including the traditional return to College from University matriculation, with a wide range of musical instruments (and saucepans) outside Reception! Michaelmas Term also saw the return of the Sixth Side Theatre who delivered an incredible performance of *Dracula* at Hallowe'en. I greatly enjoyed the opportunity to experience my first full Trevelyan College Christmas Formal, complete with Chamber Choir performance, brass band in the Bar, and the College pantomime - *Trevella!*

In Epiphany Term, it was a privilege to attend the HM Evans Music Prize, which included a series of excellent performances from student musicians. I enjoyed supporting our sports teams across a range of matches, including the Floodlit Cups at Maiden Castle. It has also been great to attend the wide range of scholarly activities organised by our students, including the MCR/SCR research events, Trevs Talks, and language cafés. In February, I had the opportunity to meet our alumni for our first London After Hours event after the Covid-19 pandemic and it was a pleasure to hear about their experiences and memories of Trevelyan - I very much look forward to further alumni events in London and Durham later this academic year.

As I write this at the start of Easter Term, we have just entered the examination period. Many of our regular events pause during this time, but I look forward to Trevs Day, Trevstock, Shakespeare in the Quad, and the End of Session Formal for an opportunity to celebrate the end of the academic year. To our graduating students, I send my congratulations on your success and best wishes for the future - Trevelyan is your College, and I hope you will keep in touch with us after your graduation.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our students, staff, SCR members and alumni for their many significant contributions to Trevs. It has been a privilege to work alongside you this academic year and I look forward to the next.

Dr Martin Brader



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Dr Hannah Martin

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Dr Hannah Martin,
Assistant Principal

I cannot quite believe that it is that time already when we pause to reflect on the year and write our Hippocampus content.

It feels like only a moment ago we were welcoming our new students to college at the start of Michaelmas term and all sitting together for the Landing Formal in our dining hall. Looking back at Welcome and Orientation Week I am still in awe at everything that our wonderful Frep Team achieved, and I am excited to see what our incoming Head Freps plan for our next new cohort.

Over the festive period, it was wonderful to see some of the traditions of Trevs, which had to be paused due to COVID, be revived enthusiastically. From post-Christmas Formal carol singing in the bar with a brass band, to watching the hilarious and witty college pantomime, Trevella, in the Sir James Knott Hall, it is clear that old traditions and new are being woven together to restore the fabric of college life we all know and love.

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.

The outgoing JCR Exec has been an absolute pleasure to work with and (if I had more space) I could list all of the amazing achievements and contributions they have all made both independently and as a collective. Our MCR Exec has also achieved so much already this year and for the second year in a row we have had a full MCR Exec committee!

This year has certainly not been without its challenging points. The cost-of-living crisis has affected our students significantly and demand for student support is higher than ever, but as a community we have come together to ensure that everyone can access the support they need.

As we hurtle towards the end of my second academic year in my role at Trevelyan, I have come to reflect and to know that I am genuinely grateful for the opportunity I have been given here to work with such wonderful students and staff in the most welcoming and inclusive environment.

I want to take a moment to congratulate all of you who are graduating this year and I wish you all the very best in the future. To those of you who are returning to us in October, I am so excited to see what 2023/2024 has in store for all of us Trevelyanites! I'm already looking forward to updating you all in next year's edition of *Hippocampus*.



Chaplain

Hi, I'm Rebecca Amoroso, the Hill Colleges' Chaplain.

You'll be seeing me and hearing from me rather a lot. This is because I am one of a lot of things you'll be encountering and experiencing here at Trevelyan College, and I don't want to get lost in the crowd.

I am here as your chaplain, to support the whole community. Whether you are a person of faith, or none, or not sure, don't get lost in the crowd, come and say hello.

I started out in chaplaincy not so far from here, at HMP Durham, where I had the challenge and joy of spending time with people I would not have otherwise encountered. I am an Anglican - Church of England - priest, a Christian. I believe in the worth and value of everyone, in all our glorious diversity, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all.

I have also worked as an NHS chaplain, in hospice and hospitals, where I learned more about hope and despair, resilience and care. People always amaze me, and I'm excited to get to know the amazing people of Trevs. I have already met some of you, and we are working together to plan opportunities for outreach and volunteering, as well as support of various kinds, including listening, and of course, prayer and worship.

I am pleased to see a Beekeeping Society at Durham, as this is one of my passions, and I am always looking out for spaces which could benefit from a happy hive. And a happy dog, namely my Zoe, who you'll meet.

Trevelyan is a welcoming and inclusive college, and I am already feeling at home. I will be based at Trevs usually on a Monday, or a Friday when there is a bank holiday. But I'll never be too far away.



Rev Rebecca Amoroso,
Hill Colleges' Chaplain



This year, we have enjoyed a wide range of student-led events and activities across art and culture, music and theatre, sport, volunteering, scholarly activity, and wellbeing.

COLLEGE LIFE

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Music

Hello, we are Rowan and Lyn, the Trevs JCR Music Reps for the last year.

Darcie, the previous music rep, had done such an awesome job that she left a very high standard to upkeep! We had a really busy year; the role of music rep involves organising events, booking bands, hiring out equipment to societies and other colleges and generally making sure everything is running smoothly in the busy Trevs JCR Music community! We were thrown in at the deep end when looking after the musicians for Trevs Summer Ball 2022, which went really well. Another highlight of the summer term is Trevstock, when we have 10 hours of performances from Trevs musicians where anyone can perform; it was a massive success, with help from Darcie!

After a long summer break of planning, we welcomed lots of keen, musical freshers to our many music societies, from Orchestra to Chamber Choir, A Cappella to the Manglers Jazz Band. They were enthusiastic in signing up to our Unplugged events every few weeks, where once again anyone can sign up and play in the bar. These were all great events, giving some people the opportunity to perform for the first time, and providing a space for experienced bands to showcase their skills.

Possibly the largest event for Trevs Music in the entire calendar is Live on the Hill, where a full band plays pieces arranged by Trevelyanites; this was once again an amazing night which we both agree is our personal highlight of the year!

We also held concerts to show what the societies had been working on, with record attendees at the Christmas concert.

A summary of the year wouldn't be complete without mentioning Musicians' Dinner, when we come together as a community to celebrate all that we've achieved. Although earlier than usual, this was an excellent experience, with awards being given for special recognition of people's dedication and love for Trevs Music (have we mentioned we love Trevs Music?).

As you can tell, we have had as busy year as ever in Trevs Music; we haven't been able to mention so many other events that were all spectacular. None of this would be possible without the people that make up Trevs Music; everyone that turns up to a rehearsal and enjoys making music is contributing to the best college music scene in Durham! A special mention goes to Trevs TechComm, without whom no events would go ahead; thank you so much! And finally, one of us, Lyn, is continuing this role into next year alongside Dan. Lyn lives and breathes Trevs Music; without her nothing would be possible, so thank you to Lyn from all in Trevs Music! Another great thanks to Rowan for all his work this year, he's basically been involved in every single music society we have!

With all that being said, although we'll be saying goodbye to a lot of truly amazing musicians who have been carrying Trevs Music on their backs for the past 3-4 years next term, we're excited for incoming freshers to join us, bringing even more notes to this large symphony! This amazing community will be passed on as it has been through generations of Trevs Music, and we're so glad to have been a part of it!

Carolyn Leung and Rowan Wood,
JCR Music Representatives



HM Evans Music Prize

This year's HM Evans Music Prize commenced on the 6 March 2023. The event was very well attended and we had some amazing musicians perform various pieces of music ranging from the likes of Johann Sebastian Bach to self-composed items from our participants.

The event kicked off with a small reception at our very own Trevelyan College Bar, where the musicians and audience members could converse before moving to the Sir James Knott Hall for the performances.

The performances began soon after with our six musicians who played a range of instruments such as the cello, piano, flute, guitar, and voice.

The judges for this year's prize were our two JCR music representatives, Carolyn Leung and Rowan Wood, myself, and the namesake of the prize, Professor H. Martyn Evans, who attended via Zoom. I would like to thank all of the judges for attending and giving their time and expertise to the prize.

After some time for deliberation, the judging panel announced our winner and runner-ups for the prize. The winner for this year's HM Evans Music Prize was Constance Froment, who played an exquisite piece on the flute by Philippe Gaubert. Our runner-up prize was determined to be a tie and was shared between Theo Breeze and George Little, who played wonderfully on cello and piano respectively. I would like to thank each musician that participated in the prize for their outstanding performances!

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

like to thank our MCR President, Rhys Proud, our Vice President, Shweta Saraf, and our Secretary, Megan Huang for their help and support leading up to and throughout the event. Lastly, I would like to thank our audience members who came out to watch and support their friends and peers.

It has been a pleasure to be the MCR Music Representative this year and I look forward to the summer and all of the future events at Trevs!

Katie Vishwanath,
MCR Music Representative



Musical Theatre

Hello everyone! My name is Milly and I am the current president of TCMS.

TCMS is Trevs' resident musical theatre society, and I have had the best time this year being involved in a producer capacity. Firstly, I'll try to separate my roles and express how they both impact TCMS.

As president of the society, I am responsible for representing the society at University DST meetings and presidents committees. This has introduced me to lots of new people, and really opened my eyes to how a big umbrella society like DST runs year on year.

As president, I was able to have final say on our show. Luckily this year it was a pretty unanimous vote for *Gypsy*.

Beyond all the societal admin, I then took up the role of producer, which is basically organising the show to ensure it all runs smoothly. Booking rooms, creating posters and all social media content and ensuring team welfare and morale is of the utmost priority. Again, I thoroughly enjoyed working in this capacity, as it let me be involved in all aspects of the production.

This years show was *Gypsy*. *Gypsy* is a Sondheim musical, which, to anyone unfamiliar with that term, basically translates to very, very hard music to both sing and play. Therefore, it's safe to say it was a challenge. However, if you came to see it as over 350 of you did, you can hopefully testify that the show was absolutely worth it! *Gypsy* has always been one of my favourite shows as it perfectly balances the lighthearted fun (in the form of talented children and a particularly lacklustre cow costume) to the serious portrayal of our two leads.

In Act 2 we see Mama Rose getting increasingly manic, and poor Louise completely changing to fit the narrative and limelight her mother has placed her in. From the music to the characters, it's safe to say this show is particularly close to my heart.

Before I came to uni, I had no idea what a producer even did, and I'm so thankful to TCMS for giving me the opportunity to produce one of my favourite shows.

All I can say, after being involved in both a cast and team capacity within TCMS, is that I would really recommend anyone to get involved with the society next year. We have roles backstage, in the band, in costuming and obviously onstage and in the creative team. I cannot wait to see what you put on next year!

Milly Wicks,
TCMS President



Theatre

Sixth Side Theatre Company was re-established in college this year after two years of being inactive.

To date we have presented three productions, with another three in the works for the Easter term. Six shows for Sixth Side!

Our aim since the beginning has been to create fun and inclusive theatre for all, providing a platform for people at Trevs to get involved in college theatre.

Something we have certainly achieved as we have had over fifty people involved in our productions. We started the year with a Freshers' Week workshop, the aim of which was to encourage new participants in theatre.

This was brilliant fun and many of the people who attended have since been involved in our other productions or joined our exec!

Our first production of the year was *Dracula* at Hallowe'en. This proved immensely popular with every single audition slot being taken! This production also saw the Dowrick Suite back in use as a theatrical performance space for the first time in a few years which was incredibly exciting for all involved. Thanks must go to Tom Pickford, Samantha Wong and the rest of the tech team for their fabulous work getting to grips with the Dowrick's unfamiliar lighting and sound system. The production was a great success,

with many first-time actors working with a number of old-timers and selling out the venue on both nights.

At Christmas we re-launched the college pantomime, a tradition from years gone by. This production involved over twenty-five people from college including a writing team of four who created the hour-long script. The team took the story of Cinderella and 'Durhamified' it - Trevella was sent on a mission by the JCR to King Jimmy's Palace to woo the handsome Hatfield prince! The performance took place in the JKH with a large crowd of very merry Christmas Formal-goers - so large in fact we ran out of seats and many had to stand at the back! Our second JKH production of the year was a Sitcom Night in February. Episodes of *Yes*, *Prime Minister* and *Blackadder* were performed on the Trevs stage much to the excitement of the shows' fans. Some of the fans took to the boards for the first time since primary school in order to have a part in their favourite sitcom.

What has been the biggest joy is seeing first-time directors and performers being involved in our productions - and in such large numbers.

Some students had never done theatre before our Freshers' Week workshop and now have three shows under their belts which is something we, as an exec, are very proud of.

As we move into the Summer Term, we hope this interest is sustained. In week two, we have Yazmina Reza's play *Art* in the Dowrick Suite (4-6 May). This is a hilarious play about three friends whose relationship falls apart because of an entirely white painting. On 11 June we have two performances (matinée and evening) of Alan Bennett's 40-minute

monologue *A Chip in the Sugar* (part of his Talking Head's collection). In the final week of term, there will be Summer Shakespeare in the Quad. This is another of college's by-gone traditions we're resurrecting. This year the production will be *Merry Wives of Windsor* - one of his lesser-known (but still incredibly funny) plays. Casting for Summer Shakespeare will take place at the start of the Summer Term - we really hope to see lots of you there!

We would like to thank college, the JCR and students for their continued support with our theatre company. As the outgoing president, I would like to thank the rest of the exec for their commitment and hard work to make our productions a success.

Ben Cawood,
Sixth Side President



Above: Sixth Side Theatre.

Volunteering & Charities

Volunteering, fundraising and outreach have always been a central component to college life at Trevelyan, and this year has been a chance for us to come together to expand and develop our volunteering and charity efforts.

Festive volunteering

During November, the JCR Charity Committee worked in collaboration with the JCR Communities Officer and college to collect donations for the Feeding Families County Durham Foodbank Charity.

They set up a Christmas Wish Tree on The Cobbles which had tickets with items from the charity's 'wish list' on and students could take a tag and make a donation in the box provided. This initiative provided an opportunity for students to donate to charity without it being explicitly financial as they could donate items from their cupboards which were not going to be used. We filled two large boxes which totalled over 100 individual items donated to this local charity.

We also participated in our annual Care Home Christmas Card Campaign. Trevs Bar once again became a crafting hub and over 50 cards, handmade and written out by our students, were then sent to care homes across the county. Alongside the Christmas cards, our students contributed to making festive crafts (Reindeer Food and Snowman Hot Chocolate) which were donated to local charities for resale at Christmas fairs or to give to their service users as a gift.

Dr Hannah Martin,
Assistant Principal

The Manglers

In March this year, The Manglers, Trevs' house jazz band, held their 3rd annual charity gig (or 'gigcert' as the band refer to it) to raise money for a local charity.

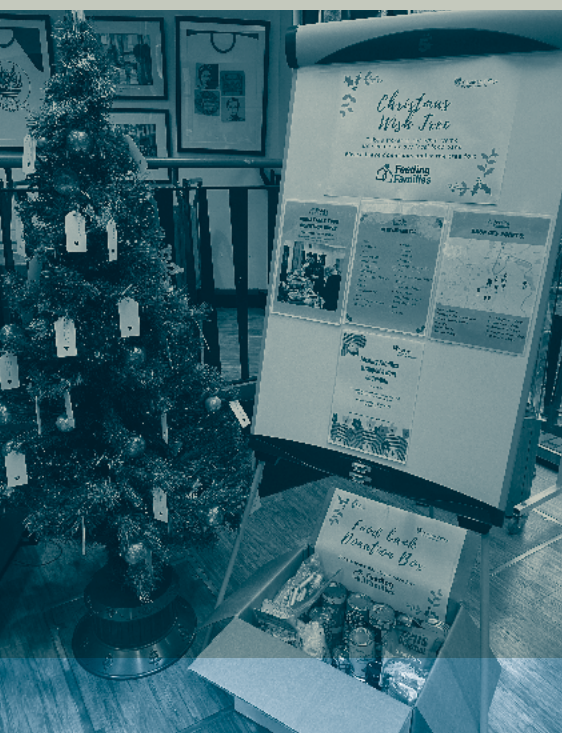
This year money was raised for Durham Music Trust, an organisation that provides access to instrumental lessons and musical ensembles to children from all backgrounds across County Durham and Darlington. Over the course of an evening The Manglers showcased their repertoire of trad jazz, pop and funk covers to a packed Trevs bar.

Particular highlights included a trombone solo battle, the famous Manglers dance moves and of course the entire band getting up and dancing into the audience during the Soul Bossa Nova solo section.

The atmosphere was amazing with people singing along with the talented singers, but it was something else when the entire bar shouted 'TEQUILA' at the appropriate moment! Not only were musical talents on display, The Manglers also rolled up their sleeves to provide a bake sale! Combined with profits from their charity cocktail, The Manglers celebrated their most successful charity gigcert yet, raising over £200 in one night! They can't wait to do it again next year!

Hannah Raddings,
The Manglers President 2022-2023

Below: The Christmas Wish Tree.



Below: The Manglers in action.



Charity Ball and Formal

Our JCR Charity Committee has been busy raising funds for various charities throughout the academic year.

In November, we held our annual Charity Formal to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness. We sold pink ribbons and glowsticks, had a 'guess the weight of the teddy' competition and had a charity cocktail for sale in the bar. In total we raised almost £300 from the Charity Formal. Another annual event organised by our JCR Charity Committee was the Trevelyan Charity Ball which took place this year at the Raddison Hotel. We raised £1700 for Jonathan's Voice, a charity which aims to reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues.

LGBT fundraising

Both the LGBTQ+ Society and LGBT JCR Welfare Rep at Trevs have taken pride in their dedication to the community as a whole, including raising money for charity through running events and working with other groups and societies.

The termly LGBT Bar Nights at Trevs hosted by the LGBT Society raise money for AKT, a charity supporting LGBTQ+ young people who are facing homelessness or living in hostile environments. For LGBT History Month, the LGBT Rep worked with the Trevs Games Society and hosted a charity games afternoon, raising £80.10 for Mermaids, a charity focused on supporting transgender, nonbinary, and gender-diverse children and young people. The LGBT Society and LGBT Rep also helped with a collaborative hill-wide fundraiser at South College doing karaoke, which raised £50 for Mermaids.

Emma Rohe,
JCR Welfare Officer and Trevs LGBTQ+ Society President 2022-2023

Below and right: The beach clean up team



Annual college beach clean

Our flagship college volunteering event of the year is our annual beach clean on the Durham Heritage Coast in collaboration with County Durham SeaScapes.

The week after the end of the exam period saw 55 Trevelyan students and staff spend the day cleaning up the coastline to make a positive impact in the wider region in which we live. We removed over 30 large bags of rubbish from the beach before being able to spend some time exploring the local area and enjoying some fish and chips.

Dr Hannah Martin,
Assistant Principal

Looking ahead to 2023/24 we are excited to be launching some new volunteering opportunities and increasing the number of local charities and community organisations that we work with, and we can't wait to share these with you in the next edition of Hippocampus!



Sport

Women's Rugby

Our College Women's Rugby Team has had many successes this season, including coming second in the league and making it to the semi-finals of the Floodlit Cup.

For the first time, our team comprised of players from both Trevelyan and Grey College as a joint team - the Pegasus.

We encouraged students who had never played to try the sport and created an inclusive atmosphere. This enabled us to field teams with subs each week which has not been the case in years. The team is coached by players from the Men's rugby team.

We were honoured by winning 'Team of the Year' for Trevelyan College and were asked to play York in the College Varsity! Despite not making it to the final this year, most of the players are continuing and the team looks hopeful for a win next year!

Chloe Roberts,
TCWRFC Captain

Below: The Women's Rugby Team.



Trevelyan College Boat Club

In October 2022, Trevelyan College Boat Club (TCBC) welcomed a cohort of 35 rowers into its novice programme.

The novices have thrown themselves into the club. They have trained hard and achieved great results to show for it in the Novice Cup (turned erg race due to poor weather) and placing 6th overall in Novice Head.

The Senior Men headed to Tyne Head and smashed out their first long race of the season coming 13th overall and 4th fastest College.

TCBC then ventured down South to compete in the Eights Head of the River races (HoRR and WEHoRR) on the Tideway in London. A composite women's crew formed of Trevelyan College, Stephenson College, and John Snow College worked hard throughout Epiphany Term, travelling to Newcastle to train on the Tyne each week. The crew had a last-minute hiccup, having to borrow another college's boat and also row it bow rigged (for non-rowers this means that the position of each seat in the boat is swapped around). Despite this setback, the women came away with 4th place out of the 11 Durham college crews. Two weeks later, a full Trevelyan College men's crew followed the women down South to compete, this time with the correct boat! The men pulled off a brilliant finish of 9th out of the 19 Durham college crews.

The year is not over yet, in fact the regatta season is yet to start. In Easter term TCBC plan on sending crews to races such as Hexham, and filling up the iconic Durham Regatta with as many entries as possible!

Alice Lane,
Captain of Boats

Below: Trevelyan College Boat Club (TCBC).



Cultural Events

The JCR and MCR have constantly collaborated to provide cultural activities and intercultural exchange opportunities such as the language café, and different events.

From freshers' week, the JCR International Students' Representative hosts monthly language cafés throughout the academic year, giving opportunities to those who want to practice their language skills while exchanging cultural knowledge and customs, along with themed snacks, and a mah-jong set provided by the MCR for a light game.

We currently have French, German, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Cantonese, and Japanese. The expansion of languages available has made this event more popular, and we are also hoping to incorporate English for students who are not first language English speakers and would like the opportunity to improve their skills throughout the academic year as well.

Visual Arts

This academic year, Trevelyan College has provided a number of opportunities for students to explore visual arts.

In Michaelmas Term, we hosted a photography competition on the theme of 'Explore Nature', which received over 50 entries from current Trevelyan College students. In Epiphany Term, our second competition on the theme of 'Explore College Life' received many entries and showcased the range of activities that students engage with whilst at Trevs.

Submissions for both competitions were reviewed by a panel, who awarded First Prize, with the Highly Commended prize voted by students in an online poll.

In Easter Term, we organised the annual Julian Trevelyan Art Prize, which accepts artworks in any media, including print, paint, drawing, collage, photography

For Diwali, the International Students' Committee put on various activities such as the street chalk Rangoli drawing competition, paper crafting Rangoli, henna hand art, and a Diwali themed bar night (with Tim Fowler as our wonderful DJ) for this event following Diwali Formal.

It was similar for the Lunar/Chinese New Year Formal and event in collaboration with different colleges such as St. Aidan's, and South College. The MCR helped with the calligraphy art station, and various mini games were held, such as picking up marbles with chopsticks, mah-jong, and Chinese traditional water sleeve dancing.

The experience was enriched with students wearing their own country's traditional costumes and clothing for these events and sharing their stories and culture with others. This made Trevelyan College a place filled with worthwhile experiences and new opportunities for many students, and there are many more to come.

Clementina Vong,
International Representative

and sculpture. Thank you to all of the participants, and to our judges for their support in selecting the winners.

To facilitate engagement with the visual arts, we provide free art materials for students to use in the Upper JCR, including paper, pencils, watercolour and acrylic paints, and clay, alongside a range of art books and resources for inspiration. We have also installed a new sink in the Upper JCR to support art-based activities. We hope to develop our programme of visual arts activities next year to include workshops with artists, and engagement of students with the College's extensive art collection. I look forward to continuing to see the visual arts flourish at Trevs!

Dr Martin Brader,
Vice-Principal



Above and centre:
Participants
at the Language Café.



Above: The winning entry
from our photography
competition.

Games

Following on from the pandemic, Trevs Games Society has continued to grow in numbers and resources, with a vast array of games available to both paid members of the society and others who wish to join for a game or two.

A new cohort of freshers brings with it not only a rapid increase in numbers, but also a fresh wealth of games and knowledge.

This has seen the society branch out from Saturday's general gaming to also running weekly sessions of *Blood on the Clocktower*, a social deduction game similar to classics like *Mafia* or *Werewolf*, as well as online games such as *Divinity* and even multiple *D&D* campaigns set in the same world.

The society also collaborates often with other groups in order to improve student experience and raise money for various causes and charities such as Mermaids.

One example of this was a collaboration with the LGBTQ+ Society where we saw over £80 pounds raised across both a general gaming set up in the bar and the subsequent *Mario Kart* tournament.

Truelyan isn't the only college with their own Games Society, with surrounding colleges such as St Mary's also having groups too. This has enabled a few inter-collegiate events with St Mary's, South and Josephine Butler where we can pool our favourite games and play with some different people too.

Emily Wilkinson,
President of Games Society



Research Talks

MCR events

The MCR has organized the SCR/MCR Research Buffets each term. During these buffets, current postgraduates and SCR members present three or four 15-minute talks, providing an informal setting for them to share their research interests and outcomes.

The MCR also organizes the GM Trevelyan Research Prize, an annual competition that brings together some of the brightest minds from Trevelyan College.

During this event, MCR members present their research to a panel of judges, which includes representatives from the University's Faculties.

The event takes place in the Dowrick Suite and offers attendees a comprehensive insight into the significance of postgraduate research at Trevs and its contribution to advancing knowledge in the academic community.

The GM Trevelyan Research Prize not only recognizes achievements but also offers an excellent opportunity for scholars to network and share their knowledge. Overall, these initiatives have enhanced the academic experience for postgraduates at Trevelyan College and contributed to advancing knowledge in their respective fields.

Shweta Saraf,
MCR Vice-President





Wellbeing & Welfare

Creating opportunities for students to meaningfully explore ways to proactively manage their own wellbeing is a clear strategic priority for college.

This year, our College Student Support Team and the JCR and MCR welfare teams have delivered a wide range of events and activities to not only provide access to support and signpost to key resources, but also celebrate key annual events to ensure that our initiatives are relevant to students across the entire college community.

This year we have further developed a culture of wellbeing in college, through both proactive and reactive events and campaigns and we look forward to expanding this further in the future.

Dr Hannah Martin,
Assistant Principal

Update from the JCR Welfare Officer

As the 2022/2023 Welfare Officer, I have had the pleasure of working alongside college staff, the welfare team, and the JCR Exec to support students.

We began the academic year with a renewed interest in welfare, especially the Welfare Campaigns Committee, and even elected the JCR's first-ever Working Class Students Representative.

The Welfare Campaigns Committee helped run several campaigns, including Alcohol and Drug Awareness, Sexual



Health and Guidance, and Mental Health Awareness, and some new campaigns, like the Welfaremas Campaign and GYN Week, which focused on gynaecological health.

The Assistant Welfare Officers and Minority Reps also ran their own events and campaigns. Matthew, one of the Assistant Welfare Officers, began hosting weekly crafting sessions which were held in collaboration with the conversational English group; and Sarah, our other Assistant Welfare Officer, began running Meditation and Mindfulness sessions in our B Ground Welfare Room. The People of Colour Reps, Akshita and Aparna, hosted a Trevs Talk in Freshers Week about microaggressions and held a termly PoC book club; their final session was in February and focused on *The Colour Purple* by Alice Walker to coincide with LGBTQ+ History Month. The LGBT Rep, Alysia, spent the majority of February running a variety of events for LGBTQ+ History Month, which she'll share more about, and we launched new college LGBTQ+ stash.

As for my own role within welfare, I've spent a large portion of my time revitalising and adjusting the welfare system at Trevs, especially in the post-pandemic world. These changes included renaming the Welfare Awareness Committee to Welfare Campaigns Committee, creating an entirely new welfare position, Livers Out Rep, rearranging how we hold drop-ins to better reflect how they were being utilized, and most notably, making the Welfare Officer a shared position between two people. I've had an incredible time getting to work with each and every single member of the team and having the opportunity to speak with and help students with anything they may have been struggling with throughout the year. I am immensely grateful for everything I have learned this year and the work that everyone in college has done to support student well-being!

Emma Rohe,
JCR Welfare Officer 2022-2023

LGBTQ+ History Month

This year's LGBTQ+ History Month was filled with a wide variety of events. We kicked off the month with a fascinating talk organised by college from Dr Diarmaid Kelliher titled 'Sexuality and Solidarity: Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners 1984-5'. We ran a movie screening of the film *Pride* which was very topical and connected to the talk. The following week, welfare campaigns committee ran an LGBTQ+ welfare campaign which covered topics including What is homophobia?, How to promote inclusion, Safe sex and Coming out. As LGBTQ+ rep, I gave a Trevs Talk explaining who Harvey Milk was and ran an LGBTea session with the discussion topic of 'Behind the Lens'. Other events included a bar night DJed by the one and only Tim Fowler, a charity games afternoon and an LGBTQ+ themed SNQ (Sunday Night Quiz).

Alysia Orbell,
JCR Welfare LGBT Rep 2022-2023

The Buttery

As toastie bar manager and Buttery chair I have been able to play an important role in college life for those living in as well as students returning to college and those from all other colleges at the university.

My job as toastie bar manager involved making sure the toastie bar was fully stocked and that the Buttery was a clean and safe place to prepare and serve food. Now as Buttery chair I sit on the JCR exec and coordinate with them all aspects of Buttery operations. From external events to working with the bar I am involved in all aspects of improving the service the Buttery offers. I really enjoy organising external events for the Buttery and it is especially amusing finding members of Trevs popping up at various student balls and events around Durham and further afield. It is also great to be able to ensure that the Buttery offers the great personable service it always has to Trevs. We recently invested in a new toastie machine and waffle machine which will ensure that we can keep serving delicious toasties and waffles reliably for years to come.

Being involved in the Buttery is a very rewarding experience and one that I would recommend for anyone who is interested in future years. The Buttery committee is a great way to both influence how the Buttery is run and also a good way to get to know some really nice people. As ever at the Buttery we are always looking to improve your offering and it is great to get student ideas of how we could make your student experience even better!

James Taylor,
Buttery Chair



Trevs Bar

This year has been an exceptional one for Trevs Bar. We have revamped the draught selection, keeping some old friends such as Guinness and Amstel but changing out many of the products we offer.

We now offer a great range of premium products such as Moretti, Thatcher's Gold, and Neck Oil, at our usual student prices. We have also had many cask ales on such as Wainwrights and Timothy Taylors, which have gone down a treat. In terms of spirits, we have kept our wide selections of rums, gins, and vodkas, but have worked on re-diversifying our whiskeys - our most successful whisky being Talisker 10 - which we have been struggling to keep up with how fast it goes.

Our biggest success story however has to be our new college mocktail the 'Hex On Fire' which has become super popular with our JCR Exec and the wider student body in general as a great non-alcoholic option while still experiencing something unique to Trevs.

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, specialist drinks for Winter Ball and Trevs Night, as well as charity drinks for The Manglers and LGBTQ+ Bar Nights, which have elevated the nights to being something special.

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 bar experience. It has been great to see so many people staying to the end and all joining in for 'Country Roads'.

Looking to Easter 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. For Trevstock, I am already looking at getting a wide selection of craft beers and ciders to go along with our usual range.

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 providing the friendly welcoming atmosphere that Trevs is known for.

George Scholey,
Bar Steward

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Events

In 2023, we relaunched our programme of events for alumni, including our London After Hours events. We have missed the opportunity to connect with alumni in-person over the last few years and so greatly enjoy these opportunities to hear about your experiences of Trevelyan and to provide insights into College life today.

In February, the Principal, Professor Adekunle Adeyeye, and Vice-Principal, Dr Martin Brader, joined over 30 alumni for an informal gathering at The Counting House, Cornhill, London for the first regional alumni event since the pandemic.

Alumni gathered to hear about recent developments at Trevs, our plans for the future, and to network and connect with fellow Trevelyanites.

A second London After Hours event took place in June at Shaws Booksellers, St Andrew's Hill, London. We plan to host regular events in London throughout the year and look forward to engaging with alumni and supporters of the College at these informal gatherings.

Get involved

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

- Share your professional insights with our students
- Start a regular gift to support current students
- Make a contribution to a specific programme or fund
- Offer expertise or advice on our initiatives

Contact us at:
trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk

In addition to our relaunched events in London, we will host a Durham Reunion Weekend on 7-9 July 2023, which will include a reunion dinner in College. We are very much looking forward to the weekend of celebrations.

We would be interested to hear about any ideas or venues for alumni events. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to contact us at trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk.



Keep in touch

We are always delighted to hear from our alumni, especially when sharing news and achievements 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 details online. For further information, visit the Trevelyan College alumni webpages:

www.durham.ac.uk/colleges-and-student-experience/colleges/trevelyan/alumni-and-friends

On these webpages, you can find information on 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 and activities on social media:

Facebook - @trevelyancollege

Instagram - @trevelyancollege

Twitter - @trevscollege

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

Tell your story

In 2023/2024, we will launch a new initiative to enable alumni, supporters, and friends of the College to share their experiences with current undergraduate and postgraduate students - Tell Your Story.

Tell Your Story involves short student-led interviews, where interviewees will be asked to reflect on their career journey and their own student experience whilst at Trevelyan College. Depending on the time of year, alumni may also be asked to reflect on their experiences of welcome and matriculation, experiences of student societies and events, memories of graduation, and the transition from University life to the workplace. We hope that the series will provide valuable opportunities for students to reflect on the opportunities available at Durham, but also to learn about possible career options after graduation.

Interviews will be released throughout the academic year, as well as at points of major celebration, such as Welcome and Orientation Week, International Women's Day, and Congregation.

The interviews will be conducted by current students either in-person or virtually, and will be recorded and released online.

We would like to hear from alumni from a wide variety of sectors as part of the programme. If you would like to take part, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact us at **trevelyan.development@durham.ac.uk** to express your interest.

In addition to these interviews, we hope to organise a series of in-person Tell Your Story events for current students to meet with alumni to discuss their careers to date. We plan to organise these events by sector and will release further information about how alumni can get involved over the coming months.

Thank you for your support of this new initiative. We look forward to hearing about your career journeys and experiences to date.





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