

TERM TWO - FEBRUARY 2026

CSU NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK!

It's a brand-new term and we are so back! We're bringing you clear updates, useful info, and a sense of connection across our student community.

This termly newsletter is here to give you the inside scoop on everything happening at CSU and across the wider University. Our goal remains simple: to keep you informed, connected and inspired. From upcoming events and student campaigns, to updates on our officer manifestos and the feedback you've shared with us! This is your go-to space for all things CSU.

In this issue, you'll find a look back at the highlights from Term 1, updates on what your elected officers have been working on behind the scenes, and a preview of everything coming up in Term 2, from events and campaigns to new initiatives designed to support you academically, socially and personally.

Let's make this term a celebration of our commitment to being proactive, collaborative and inclusive in everything we do here at CSU.

Lily, Luis and Will :)

OUR FIRST TERM



MANIFESTO

REVIEW -

LILY

Take a collaborative approach in working with the local community to allow CSU to develop its growth strategy

IN PROGRESS

I will look to find opportunities for CSU to expand its footprint by working with local businesses and exploring new funding opportunities that allow us to explore new and diverse income streams to support student initiatives. We are diversifying our income streams here at the union even more from merch, partnerships and external events. We know how much community matters to you so we are making that our priority by working with the local authority to strengthen our connections.

Create more inclusive student-owned spaces

IN PROGRESS

I have been working closely with the estates team here at the university to ensure your feedback is implemented into upcoming plans. We plan to do a walk around the campus with the estates team and fellow students so we can collaborate together and they can hear student feedback directly from you.

Be proactive in identifying campaigns that matter to you

IN PROGRESS

From anti-spiking, to sexual health, my fellow Officers and I will be bringing you campaigns that matter and endeavour to make institutional change. We hosted SHAG week - thank you to everyone who got involved! More campaigns are coming around student safety and more - so keep an eye on our social media!

MANIFESTO REVIEW - LUIS

Strengthen student voice mechanisms

IN PROGRESS

Working closely with our Student Voice Coordinator, CSU has now trained 169 Student Voice Representatives (SVRs) who are helping to champion your voice. Alongside this, we are introducing new and exciting ways to gather your feedback through low-pressure activities, such as casual check-ins with students as we move around campus. We're also launching our bright pink feedback boxes, giving you the opportunity to drop your thoughts about your student experience into an anonymous, easy-to-use service.

Advocating for teaching and learning that meets diverse needs

IN PROGRESS

From student-led forums to gather lived experiences to partnerships with university departments. Planning is underway for student-led forums to gather lived experiences and co-create inclusive learning recommendations that reflect the realities of our student community.

Supporting you through your academic journey

IN PROGRESS

Planning is underway for a new campaign aimed at reducing academic pressure during assessment periods. To make this happen, I'll be working closely with a range of university services to help create a smoother, more supported assessment experience for you. This will include promoting the full range of support available across the university so you know exactly where to turn when you need it.

MANIFESTO

REVIEW -

WILL

Being collaborative and working alongside my fellow officers

IN PROGRESS

Movember campaign centred around men's health in the month of Movember and also I have loved working with Lily who has led a magnificent SHAG week campaign. The pre night social at the start of the year was another example where anti-spiking equipment was given out, these are also available within CSU along with other sexual health products such as condoms.

I have also had a pleasure of working with the purple flag working group who work towards a safe night time economy. This group is lead by the council and has members from the university, police, the street-angels, pub watch and many more to ensure Chester is a safe night out!

Being proactive to create more opportunities for sports and societies

IN PROGRESS

Made a weekly round up for all sports fixtures in collaboration with teamCHESTER, CSU newsletter about to launch with a society and sports section, partnership with Cool It events offering opportunities for sports and societies, whilst working with catering has led to team teas after games!

Ensuring student spaces are inclusive

IN PROGRESS

We have been very happy with the new CSU Studio which has been refurbished behind the bar - this has come after consultation with students. You said you need more student space and this is a step towards that. This space is a win for the student voice and we want to keep using your voice to make change.

EVENTS



Officers on Tour



Bingo Night



Elections!



CSU Awards



Battle of the Bands

**CHECK OUT ALL OUR
EVENTS**

Let us know what events you want to see next!

SOCIETIES

Our societies have been active with a range of inspiring events. The Chester Paediatrics Society successfully hosted the Chester Paediatrics Conference, bringing professionals together to share knowledge and strengthen collaboration in child health care.

The Sanctuary Ministries added energy to our calendar with their Pump and Praise Fitness Class, promoting both physical well-being and spiritual upliftment.

Looking ahead, the Walking Wanderers will be enjoying a nature walk at Delamere Forest on 7th February, offering members a chance to stay active and connect with nature.

Meanwhile, Evergreen will be collaborating with multiple societies for their Menstrual Health Week Campaign, aiming to raise awareness and encourage open conversations around menstrual health.

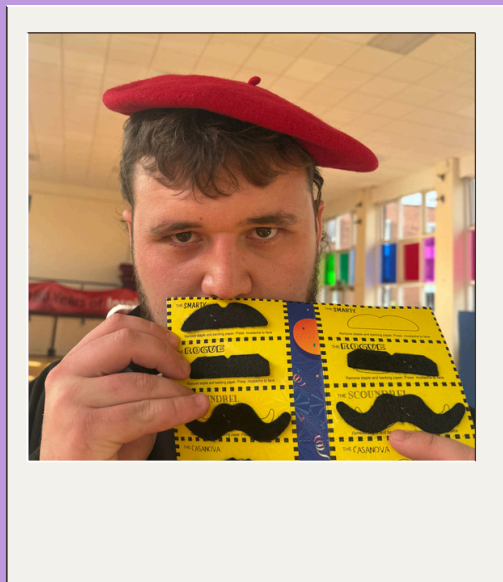
A big shoutout to all our societies, we'd love to hear what you've been up to! If you've hosted events, launched projects, or have updates to share, let us know so we can feature you in the next newsletter.

We're also excited to announce that a Part-Time Society Officer will be joining us next year, bringing extra support and fresh ideas for our societies.

Plus, don't miss our upcoming Big Society Social, a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and give feedback in a relaxed and friendly setting.



SPORTS



Varsity season is well and truly underway, and the excitement is building as we gear up for some big fixtures over the coming weeks. A quick heads-up for everyone supporting teamCHESTER: Varsity Away fixtures take place on the **22nd of April**, before we return to familiar territory with Varsity Home on the 29th of April.

Make sure to mark your calendars, plan your travel, and bring the noise.

As always, the support from our students makes all the difference. Whether you're competing or cheering from the sidelines, your energy keeps Varsity special.

We also want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to all our sports teams who have been working incredibly hard on their charity efforts. From fundraising events to community initiatives, the commitment and passion shown across the board has been outstanding. You're not just performing on the pitch; you're making a real impact off it too.

We are also adding a sport officer to our union assembly. Please keep an eye out for more information on this!

STUDENT VOICE

This term we are bringing new and exciting ways to tell us what you think!

Our bright pink feedback boxes have now officially launched across all sites, giving every student the chance to share their thoughts anonymously and at any time. These are checked regularly, and your feedback directly shapes the decisions we make. Alongside this, our new Student Voice noticeboards are launching soon, each featuring a monthly question to spark reflection and conversation. This term we are asking: “What’s the best part of your student experience so far?”

Your voice is important!

A recent example comes from one of your submitted Change It ideas: switching student lanyards to red with the University logo. Thanks to your feedback, a budget has now been allocated and the new designs are currently in development. This is exactly the kind of tangible impact your voice can have.

We encourage all students to keep sharing their ideas, no matter how big or small. Every piece of feedback helps us build a better, more responsive university experience.

OFFICERS ON TOUR

It's that time again - we are hitting the road to come and see you! Officers on Tour is a campaign designed to help us connect with as many students as possible to bring you a bubble of activity on your site, while also collecting your feedback for us to action with the relevant teams here at the University.

You might be thinking why are we doing this, well, we know that not every student engages with the Students' Union in the same way. Some of you are commuters, some study part-time, some live off campus, and some simply don't have the time to seek us out. Therefore Officers on Tour is about making the SU more visible and accessible to ensure every student feels heard and represented - so we can understand what's really happening across different courses and campuses and build a stronger community.

Where and when can you find us?

- Queens Park - 20th Jan
- Kingsway - 3rd Feb
- Warrington - 5th Feb
- Wheeler - 17th Feb
- Queens - 3rd March
- Birkenhead - 5th March
- Kingsway - 17th March
- Wheeler - 31st March

Keep an eye on our social media as we will be running a series so you can get to know us all better see exactly what we are up to.

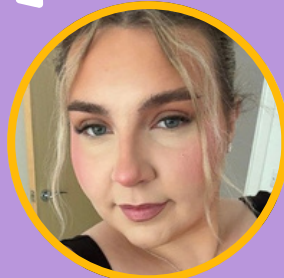
See you all soon with a bag of goodies!

Lily (SU President)

WHAT OFFICER ARE YOU?



WILL - VP STUDENT LIFE



LILY - PRESIDENT



LUIS - VP EDUCATION

GET TO KNOW YOUR OFFICER TEAM



ABOUT ME

Lily

Degree studied: BA Acting

Favourite film: The Grinch

Dream Job: Singer

The way to win me over is: Feed me

The one thing I'd love to know about you is:

Does your timetable work for you?

All I ask is you: Get involved in CSU!

Try to guess this about me: My favorite costume I wear



ABOUT ME

Will

Degree studied: Sports and exercise science

Favourite film: Money Ball

Dream job: Professional Golfer

The way to win me over: sausage rolls

One thing I want to know about you: do you like sausage rolls?

All I ask you: please bring me a sausage roll

Try to guess this about me: what my favourite food is



ABOUT ME

Luis

Degree studied: BA Acting

Favourite film: Scream 2

Dream job: Actor

The way to win me over is: Food.

One thing I want to know about you: What's the best thing about being a student at Chester?

All I ask of you: Try Feijoada

Try to guess this about me: What musical have I been in?

GET INVOLVED

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