



# NEWSLETTER



# WELCOME BACK!

Hello, hello, hello, we hope you've enjoyed the Easter break, and we are so excited to have you back! It's now Term 3 and we are so excited for what we've got in store for you.

Starting with Varsity this 22nd and 29th of April, where teamCHESTER will face the University of Salford, and this year, we are celebrating at home!

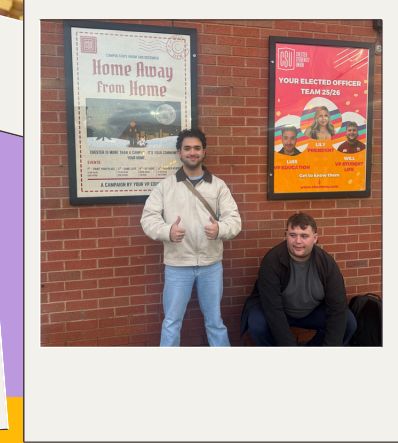
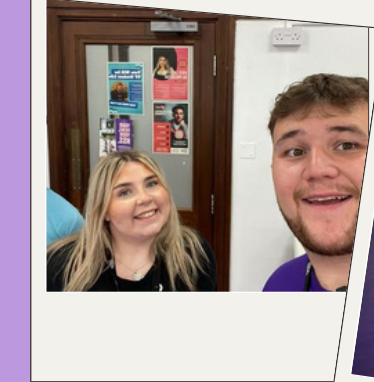
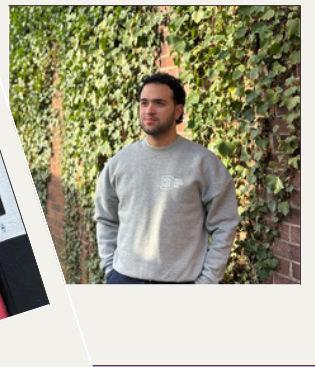
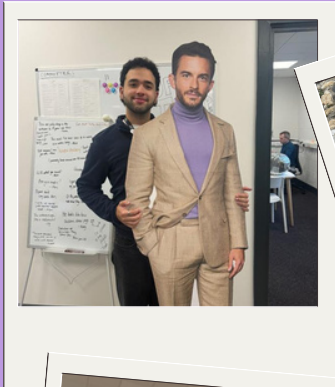
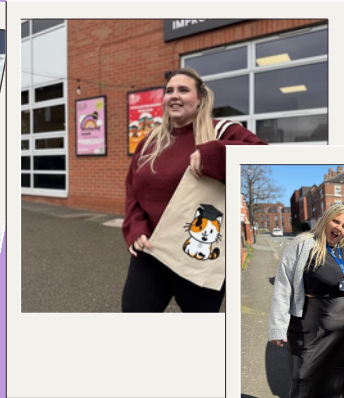
CHESTIVAL is coming back this 6th of May and this year we are taking you to the Wild West with our end of year extravaganza, so expect a day full of fun activities, but more on that later ;)

This 20th May we are also bringing back our annual awards where we celebrate all the amazing achievements our students have accomplished throughout the year.

In this issue, you will be able to look back at all the fun stuff we have been up to in Term 2 such as our Officers on Tour, a preview of what's coming this term, and all the ways you can raise your student voice! We are very excited for what's to come.

Luis and Will :)

# OUR TERM



# LILY FAREWELL

Dear Students,

I am writing to announce that I will be stepping down as my role of President for the remainder of the 2025/26 term.

This has been such a difficult decision for me, but due to an exciting new opportunity, my time as President will come to an end. I am immensely grateful for the trust you have all placed in me and for the opportunity to advocate for our student community.

Being President has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, and I am so proud of everything we've achieved together.

I would like to thank the CSU team and the UoC, but most importantly, I want to thank you, our students. Thank you to every one of you who shared your ideas, concerns, and ambitions with me. Your passion helped us to create lasting, meaningful change.

While I may be stepping down from this position, I will always remain thankful for the experiences, friendships, and lessons this role has given me.

I have complete confidence that Chester Students' Union will continue to create an inclusive, collaborative and proactive environment.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President – your support has never gone unnoticed.

Lily x

# MANIFESTO

## REVIEW - LUIS

**Strengthen student voice mechanisms**

### IN PROGRESS

Working closely with both the Student Voice Coordinator and academic staff at the university, we are implementing new ways of gathering your student voice, such as the bright pink feedback boxes. We will deliver your voice to the decision makers.

**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

#### **Rainbow Laces Campaign**

The Rainbow Laces campaign was successfully delivered to promote inclusivity, equality, and visible allyship within sports teams. The campaign aimed to create a safe and supportive environment for LGBTQ+ students and raise awareness of inclusion within clubs.

Engagement was positive, with students actively participating in discussions and showing support for the campaign's message. The initiative strengthened CSU and SAL's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

**Being proactive to create more opportunities for sports and societies**

### IN PROGRESS

#### **First Big Society Social**

The first large-scale Society Social of the year was delivered successfully, providing an opportunity for members from different societies to connect, collaborate, and build community.

The event engaged 29 students, creating a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere. Feedback indicated that students valued the opportunity to meet peers outside of their own societies, strengthening cross-society relationships and enhancing the overall student experience.

#### **Club Connect Forum**

The Club Connect Forum was delivered to provide sports club representatives with a platform to share updates, raise concerns, and collaborate on development opportunities.

The Forum was well attended throughout the year and I would like to thank all students for their engagement.

# MANIFESTO

## REVIEW - WILL

**Ensuring student spaces are inclusive**

### IN PROGRESS

#### Introduction of Wellbeing Officers

This year, the introduction of a Wellbeing Officer role within societies is being implemented as a recommended position. The purpose of this role is to strengthen student support structures, promote positive mental health awareness, and ensure that wellbeing remains a priority within all student-led groups.

Training will be provided to students undertaking this role to equip them with the knowledge and confidence to signpost peers appropriately, foster inclusive environments, and respond effectively to wellbeing concerns.

The long-term objective is to review the impact and uptake of the role this year, with the intention of making the Wellbeing Officer position mandatory across societies in the next academic year. This phased approach ensures adequate preparation, feedback collection, and ensures we don't lose societies who don't have the capacity for this role now.

# EVENTS



**CHECK OUT ALL OUR EVENTS**

Let us know what events you want to see next!

# SOCIETIES

It has been a busy and vibrant period across our student community, with a wide range of events bringing students together and showcasing the strength and diversity of student life.

Our Holi celebrations in collaboration with the Indian Society on the 14th welcomed around 75 attendees and were a great success, offering a colourful and engaging experience for all involved.

The Mature student's society hosted a Taskmaster-style event alongside a cake sale on Friday 20th, successfully raising funds for Comic Relief.

The Islamic Society concluded their series of Iftar events with a Grand Iftar on the 18th, providing a meaningful opportunity for community reflection and connection.

Café Society marked St Patrick's Day with a creative plant pot painting session, encouraging student participation in a relaxed and social setting.

During their romance book event, Book Club also hosted a bake sale to raise money for Cats Protection Wirral.

It was also encouraging to see collaboration between the Pakistani, North African and Arab societies, who jointly hosted an Eid celebration in the Studio.

Looking ahead, the Society for Physical Sciences in Medicine will be holding their first meet-up this Thursday at Wheeler, marking an exciting start for the group.

Finally, congratulations to Drama Society for their weekend performance of "Lost in Song", which was a fantastic showcase of student talent.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to everyone elected in the recent society elections. We look forward to working with you over the coming year and supporting you in your role.

Thank you to all students and societies who continue to contribute to such a dynamic and inclusive student experience.



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**VARSAITY**  
2026**SPORTS**

Varsity is just around the corner, and excitement is building across campus as teamCHESTER prepares, in collaboration with sportCHESTER, to bring you one of the most anticipated events of the year.

This is more than just a series of matches - Varsity is a celebration of team spirit, community, and university pride. Whether you're competing, supporting from the sidelines, or simply soaking up the atmosphere, it's a chance to come together and back teamCHESTER in full force.

Alongside the sporting action, we will be bringing the day to life with a range of entertainment to keep the energy high throughout. Keep an eye out over the coming days for announcements on entertainment, activities, and the full fixture list From @UOCSAL for the home leg so you can plan where to be and when to cheer on teamCHESTER.

Make sure you come dressed in your colours, bring your friends, and get ready to be part of an unforgettable day. Let's show our support and make some noise for teamCHESTER see you at Varsity!

A huge congratulations as well to all of the newly elected committees taking over their societies and sports clubs following the recent AGMs. Your hard work, ideas, and dedication will help shape an exciting year ahead.

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# STUDENT VOICE

You have been raising your voice and we have been listening; here are the latest key themes and updates on what campus is saying:

## Faulty Equipment and Furniture

Students have raised concerns about damaged equipment and furniture on campus. If you see something that isn't working as it should, report the issue to LIS or Facilities. LIS: [lis.helpdesk@chester.ac.uk](mailto:lis.helpdesk@chester.ac.uk)

Facilities: [facilities.helpdesk@chester.ac.uk](mailto:facilities.helpdesk@chester.ac.uk)

You can also contact them through your portal page.

## Stronger Community

Many of you have shared that you're looking for a bigger sense of community and a livelier atmosphere on campus. To help make that happen, we've lined up events that'll help you get stuck in and feel part of something.

## Meet Your SVPs

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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OUTSIDE CSU

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OWEN HURST  
TOM ROBERTS  
LILLIAN WATSON  
MOTHEO MALOMA





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# CHESTER FESTIVAL

**06.05.2026**

**RODEO BULL.**

**CACTUS RING TOSS.**

**NERF GUN SHOOT OUT.**

**COSTUME**

**COMPETITION.**

**SPORTS DAY GAMES.**

**CORK SHOOTING.**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS.**

**BBQ FEAST.**

**MARKET STALLS.**

**LIVE MUSIC AND**

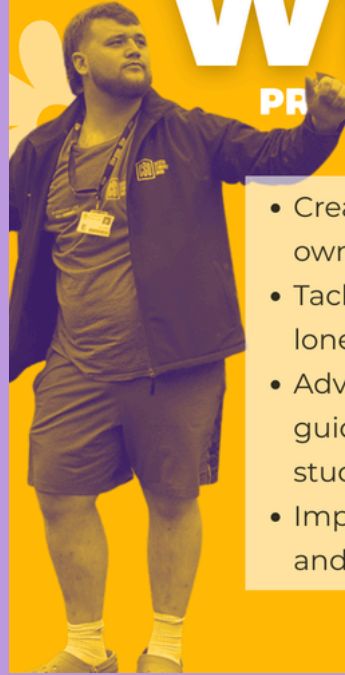
**PERFORMANCES.**

# MEET THE NEXT OFFICER TEAM



WHAT YOU VOTED FOR

## WILL PRESIDENT



- Creating more student-owned spaces
- Tackling student loneliness
- Advocating for clearer guidance for international students
- Improving accessibility and disability support



## ABI VP STUDENT LIFE



- Creating inclusive and accessible events
- Lobbying for more funding and facilities for sports and societies
- Pushing for clear signposting for support services
- Advocating for new students with a buddy scheme



## LUIS VP EDUCATION



- Pushing for consistent, student-focused timetabling
- Advocating for more accessible teaching
- Expanding support systems for faster access
- Creating stronger representation for international students

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