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Dear Readers,
Thank you for opening up our first issue of Phantom Newspaper for the academic year 2021/22. We have a lot of new committee members this year including myself, who have been working really hard to get the first issue of the year out for everyone to enjoy. After a tough past 18 months living in a world with a pandemic, this issue of the paper is focused on what a post COVID-19 world and University feels like. In this issue you'll find out what Derby has to offer for its students both through the University and through the city. This issue will also touch on what's happening in the wider world now we are learning how to live, deal and adapt to a world with COVID-19.

I want to thank the whole of the committee for pulling together to organise this first issue, introducing the paper for this year. I also want to thank Alex at the student union for putting this great committee together and supporting us in releasing our first issue. As a committee, we all hope you enjoy reading our first issue of the year and come back to read our future issues.

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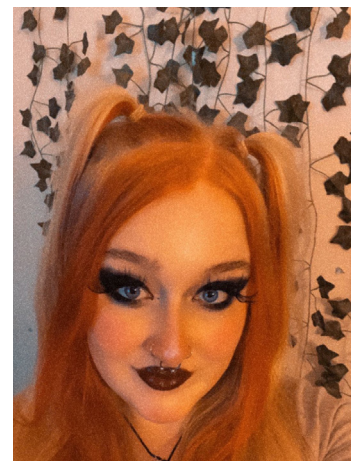
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5 ways to make the most out of *OUR* city!

For many of us, the significant disruption to campus life over the past year has meant studying in odd places, attending 9 am lectures in bed and only seeing our fellow course mates from behind a screen. However, we are finally free from lockdown and headed back to campus for face-to-face teaching. Whether you are a first year and you are new to the city of Derby, or you are a returning student or a commuter, here are five things you can do to navigate student life around the city and make the most of Derby during your time living here.

Go and see a show!

You don't have to be a lover of live theatre to enjoy a show at the Derby Theatre! The theatre, which is tucked away in the Derbion centre, offers inspiring professional shows and presents the best of touring theatre from across the UK. From the classics, such as Dracula, Macbeth and A Christmas Carol to West End shows there is something for everybody to enjoy.

The shows on offer at Derby Theatre are a perfect way to relax and enjoy a bit of escapism, and the best part is that you can enjoy hundreds of shows for only £5 when you book with your unimail email address or present your student ID when purchasing your ticket at the box office! Even better, if you decide to go and enjoy a show with a friend or family member who isn't a student at the university but is aged 16-25, they can also get tickets for £5 on Friday evening performances.

Make the most of student nights with your friends.

If you really want to celebrate post-lockdown freedom and venture into Derby to enjoy the nightlife and entertainment that the city has to boast, most venues offer student-friendly prices at selected times or dates. For example, if you have a craving for a boozy drink and wings and decide to visit Bunk cocktails on Sadler Gate, you can save 1/3 on your food and enjoy all house cocktails for only £5.50 seven days a week before 10 pm!

However, if you fancy something a bit different, you can check out Derby's very first adult-only crazy golf venue located on Babington Lane, House of Holes, where you can play all eighteen holes for half price on Fridays if you present your student ID on arrival.



Try a new sport or activity.

Sports are great not only to stay active but also for your wellbeing, and it has become increasingly important to practice self-care. So, if you're a regular cyclist, swimmer, golfer, or tennis player, or if you're interested in giving a new sport a go, then the student leisure card that the Derby city council offer is great, as it gives you 40% off all the leisure activities and gyms at all five of Derby's leisure facilities. The annual cost of a leisure card for students is just £5.55, and all you have to do is show your University of Derby ID upon purchase of your card.

Alternatively, if you're feeling up for a challenge, for just £6 every Saturday, you can bring along some friends to the Atlantis Splash Run challenge, an inflatable obstacle course that features slides and giant obstacles and stretches the length of the Gala pool at the Queen's Park leisure centre.

Experience the culture that Derby has to offer. Named on the UK City of Culture 2025 longlist, Derby is a city of cultural ambition and therefore has a treasure trove of culture for you to explore and enjoy. Derby QUAD, the international centre for engagement in contemporary art and film, is a great place to start off.

QUAD is located at the Market Place in Cathedral Quarter and offers major exhibitions (all free to visit) and independent film screenings where students can get discounted tickets at just £7.20. QUAD's latest exhibition, Danielle Brathwaite-Shirley's *Haunting Alongside Our Shadows* records the "lives of Black Trans People in the present to imagine our existence in the past through immersive storytelling" and is free to go and visit until the 9th of January 2022. Alternatively, if you fancy travelling back in time to discover Derby's history, then the city has handfuls of museums and historical sites of interest, most of which you can visit for free! Find yourself in a maze of historic architecture and world collections at the Museum and Art Gallery, follow the story of making throughout Derbyshire at the Museum of Making or visit Pickford's House, the elegant 1770 Georgian town house where you can immerse yourself in the home of an Enlightenment family.



Embrace the Christmas spirit.

Finally, if you're celebrating the countdown to Christmas this year, Derby is hosting lots of festive fun, such as Derby Arena's annual Christmas pantomime *Sleeping Beauty*, showing from Friday 10th December to Saturday 8th January 2022. In fact, they insist that students enjoy their brand-new spin on a much-loved yarn this Christmas as they offer lower concessions when you show your student ID upon purchase; Oh yes they do!

However, if that's not for you, why not visit one of Derby's traditional Christmas markets. Head down to the Market Place between the 1st and the 24th of December to visit Derby's outdoor Christmas market, offering a host of festive stalls selling unique gifts, food, and drink.

Written by Annabel Herbert

Letter From An International Student: My First Month

‘Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. We are about to land at Heathrow Airport. The local time is 8:05 pm.’ My excitement was palpable and I was more than ready to start a new chapter in my life, Masters in Publishing at University of Derby. Immigration was surprisingly quick. The sweet middle aged lady at immigration smiled at me kindly and suggested unknown apps like Deliveroo and UberEats for food. At 8:15 pm, I stepped out into the cool British air. After a pleasant cab ride with a wonderful Romanian man (shoutout to Valentin), I was standing outside a building that was to be my home for the next 10 months.

10 days later, I completed my self isolation and made my way to the city centre of Derby with my favourite app, Google Maps, directing my every step. The weather was crisp and there was a slight nip in the air, with the rare sun shining upon me. The cathedral of Derby loomed magnificently, as if it was reassuring me ‘don’t worry, you belong here’.

People passing by smiled at me and the wonderful man at Tesco asked me ‘all right?’. For a second, I thought he could tell I just cried from homesickness. But when I heard two-three other shopkeepers asking me the same question, I started to understand that it was the British way of asking ‘how are you?’. That two word question melted me. Coming from a city like New Delhi, where people are too self consumed and busy in their own lives, let alone ask other people how they are; this simple gesture made me feel like I was cared about. I saw a man play the bagpipes, saw people walk around with their dogs, saw an old couple sitting on a bench holding hands, and people exiting Primark with their new shopping. In short, a slow Thursday morning.

The days started going by quicker and before I knew it, it was induction week. There was still that unsettling feeling about the uncertain future: will I like my classes, will I like my professors, and the most important one: *do I belong?*

I entered the classroom along with a few Indian friends, saw many new faces, smiled awkwardly at everyone and sat at a table, which I affectionately call the Indian table (you know who you are, RST!). We were all told to bring our favourite book to class and tell everyone why it was our favourite book. While some spoke confidently and some spoke nervously, there was one commonality in the room: We all LOVE books. That was when it struck me, *I do belong.*



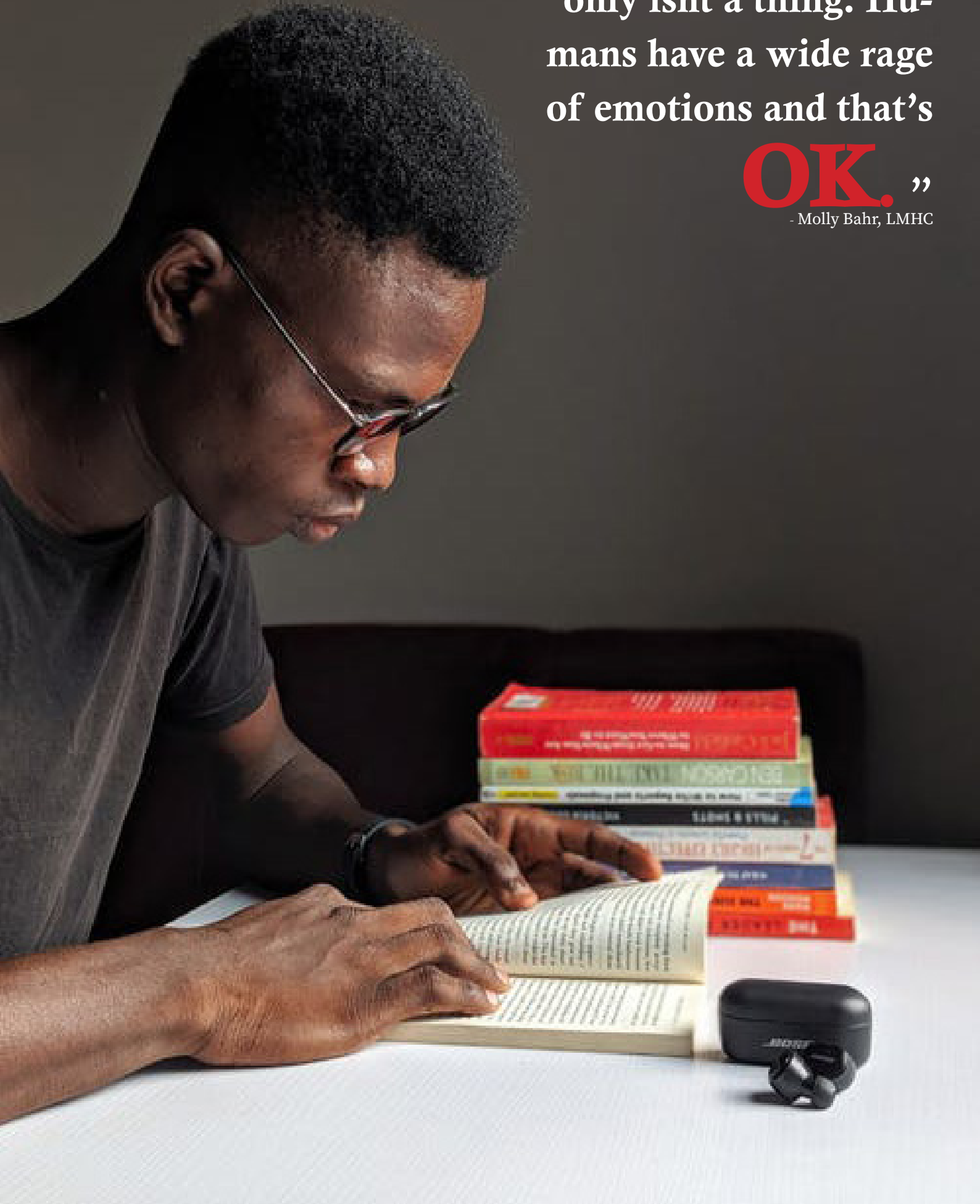
One by one, everyone I’d spoken to back in India started completing their self isolation. Self isolation is a great way to make friends as it was how I got my first friend here (shoutout to Priya!). Depositing covid tests became a way of walking about and exploring the neighbourhood. It was a sunny Saturday when we decided to visit the uni to see the university during the Freshers Fair. We got window seats on the bus and looked eagerly outside the windows (cue the meme of a doggo sticking its head out the window) and even missed our stop. When we turned the corner we saw the university nestled on a small hill, a glass building in a town of brick buildings, as if it knew it was prepping minds of students who will change the future. We did all the new student things, clicked pictures in front of the #DerbyUni, met two wonderful classmates (Hey Charlotte & Charlotte), and sat in the garden eating burgers and chips (fries for non British people. You’ll get there, it took me a while as well).

I’d finally found a place where without a shred of doubt, I knew I fit and I knew I had a seat at the table.

Within an eyeblink, my one month at Derby was soon up and I was excited to see what is in store for me in the future. People here are welcoming, a simple ‘all right?’ makes me feel cared about, and I’m more well versed about British dishes introduced to me by my wonderful flatmate (my favourite being the Sunday roast which I had the pleasure to try out a few days back). *All in all, this small town has people with a heart of gold and I’ve felt so welcomed and accepted here.*

“ Positive Vibes
only isnt a thing. Hu-
mans have a wide rage
of emotions and that’s
OK. ”

- Molly Bahr, LMHC



The world post- pandemic, what is it like?

The Coronavirus Pandemic became a huge issue for the nation in March 2020. It affected people, business, life. Pretty much everything. With spending most of the last two years in various lockdowns, it makes us wonder. What is lifelike post pandemic? The UK is currently in the recovery stage of the pandemic and have now reached a point of being fully out of lockdown. However, that does not mean that the pandemic still isn't affecting the UK and here's how it is.

Business

Businesses suffered greatly due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. All retail and non-essential stores shut their doors during all three Covid-19 lockdowns in March, November, and January. With no money being brought in store, it was down to online sales to keep businesses running. Stores like Topshop and Debenhams were unfortunately forced to shut down following the Pandemic causing the losses of thousands of jobs for workers vulnerable in a time where money was essential. However, following the latest journey out of lockdown shops have had their doors reopened permanently since March 2021 and have steadily made their way back up onto the market ladder. This does not, however, mean that businesses are finding it easy. With Covid-19 still around, workers are taking time off left, right and centre. A lot more people still choose to shop online, and many are still worried about the pandemic itself.

How is the virus today?

The United Kingdom is currently completely out of its lockdown. Slowly easing into this full freedom since March 2021 when the third national lockdown came to an end. It has been slow and steady but so far, the United Kingdom has managed to stay on a steady track of freedom without moving backwards as it had been seen to do so through March 2020 and March 2022. Although, as we enter the winter season of the year, we are at where the pandemic will affect most. The current average of cases over seven days is averaging at 40,000. Which is almost as high as it was during the lockdown series of the pandemic. It is said to be averaging at least 4,000 cases per day. However, currently there have been the Coronavirus Vaccinations in place in order to lessen the effects of Covid-19 when someone catches it. With those rolling out the government are now moving on to the booster vaccinations to further help with preventing the effects of the disease. Therefore, providing hope and certainty that there will be no fourth lockdown on the horizon.



Educational life post-pandemic?

Throughout the pandemic schools, colleges and Universities switched between open and close. For the majority it was limited numbers of people Onsite and a majority of teaching taking place online through platforms such as google classroom or blackboard. Particularly, in universities lectures were majority online and the only on-campus lectures were those that could not have possibly been taken place through a computer. However, this has had a huge impact on students. For those in their third year of study at university when the pandemic began, graduation, was a distant dream with everything on screen over the computer. First years had their experience taken away whilst being stuck inside with online lectures during the first three lockdowns. With no hope of making friends, going the club, or experiencing university life to its fullest potential. Now that we are in the recovery of the pandemic this is hopeful, and it is important that we all work together to keep it this way moving forward. Now, with only minimal online lectures the University experience is back in full swing with a more hopeful attitude on the horizon.



How has it affected people individually?

Spending the majority of the last two years in lockdowns this has had a huge toll on the health physically and mentally of individuals across the world. Individuals' mental health who has been affected the most include those that are unemployed, those with long-term existing mental or physical health, women, people from ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ+ community and those older people who have isolated. To add, having spent so much time inside during the lockdowns there are a majority of individuals who now struggle to do normal world things as we ease back into normal life. Studies show that the pandemic has certainly increased the anxiety in individuals along with a number of other mental health related problems such as OCD and Depression. It is highly important that we now focus on moving past/forward from the pandemic and help those who have suffered mentally/physically seek help. There is plenty available through charities and organisations that have been set up to deal with these sorts of circumstances.

It is safe to say that the Coronavirus Pandemic had a mass effect on the majority of individuals and businesses in the United Kingdom for the last two years. However, it is important that we remember how far we have come in working hard to beat this deadly disease. Whilst remembering those who we have lost in the last two years due to the pandemic and keeping a hopeful thought for those still suffering affects from Covid-19. Maintaining a positive and hopeful attitude for the future,

Written by Beth Parkes



Sport Scholar Spotlight

Name: Ryan Jing Wei Quek
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Level/Team: University of Derby,
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At what age did you first start your sport/how long have you been playing/how did you get involved?

I started playing Badminton at age 11, thanks to my parents. They wanted me and my sibling to learn how to swim, which we did and competed in. But then we quit Swimming to play Tennis, before quitting that to eventually play Badminton. I have played competitively since I was 13, meaning I have now been playing for around 11 years.

What is your favourite memory of playing for Team Derby?

Definitely playing for Team Derby in the National Badminton League. It was the main reason I joined Team Derby after been signed from Birmingham Bears. It was my first professional team match that I played in the National Badminton League which was broadcast on Sky Sports!

What are your goals for the year within BUCS, individually and as a team?

I would like to help keep team moral up and make sure all the boys are happy and playing well. Our main aim is to stay well placed in the Prem league.

Outside of university sport, what team/level do you play for?

The highest level I ever played at was semi-pro, where I represented England as an individual Badminton player. In 2016, I played in the All-England competition, which is kind of like the Wimbledon of the Badminton world! Since 2009, I had volunteered and staffed the competition and saw all these amazing athletes I looked up to compete in person. It is the oldest and the best competition in the world and it was an honour to get the chance to play.



How has Covid-19 affected your training?

Before the first lockdown we were training as a team at least 6 times a week. So, when it went from really intense training to absolutely nothing and it was hard to deal with. For everyone it was a massive hit, and my everyday schedule of eating, sleeping, and studying was massively affected. I wasn't used to having nothing to do! Fortunately, the Sports Scholars team held regular zoom calls, for fitness and wellbeing, which really helped.



Have you returned back to where you were before the first lockdown?

Yeah, we have definitely returned back to our regular training schedule, and I am really grateful for it, at least 20 hours a week now!

What does a regular training week look like for you?

We have various types of training sessions that are either team training or more personal ones. Fitness training includes a lot of jumping, running, high intensity exercise. We often practice long rallies in these sessions too. Another type of training would be on more personal development, which includes more individual training, often calmer and includes more static exercise. Then of course we have match play practices, where we replicate a badminton match!

A typical week would include gym sessions, structured training, scholar-specific training and of course BUCS matches on a Wednesday! Some days are more intense than others, with Tuesdays and Thursdays been double training days!

What is your main sporting goal?

I would love to return to the international circuit and play at that level again. But my main goal is just to enjoy the sport and have fun, especially as I am coming to the end of my university sports career, I think it is important to just appreciate and enjoy my final year and leave a good legacy behind for future students to see.



TEAM DERBY BUCS ROUND UP

In September 2021, BUCS (British Universities & College Sport) made its triumphant return to student life, with 165 universities and colleges competing across 52 different sports, for the first time in over a year. BUCS Wednesdays are the highlight of the week, with Team Derby been no exception. As a university, Derby enters teams into 16 sports, including Rugby, Badminton and Lacrosse, competing all over the country, with hopes of our best overall result to come in the 2021/22 academic year.

Badminton at the University of Derby is renowned for their BUCS results across both men's and women's, with this year been no exception. The Men's 1st team have wins against Durham and Sheffield Hallam, but sadly lost to the University of Nottingham, 2-6. The second team have held their own so far, with a big win against Nottingham's 4th team. On the women's side, the 1st team had wins against Newcastle and Durham and the 2nd team have beaten Lincoln but drew against Leicester.

Women's Lacrosse have played most of their season away so far, with a lot of travel and some intense games. They still have plenty of BUCS games and cup matches to come in their very long season, with lots of winning opportunities for a very new team. The men's team have so far been unbeaten, skilfully winning against Oxford Brookes and Warwick. They hope to continue this winning streak over the next few months.

Football is one of the biggest sports at Derby with both the men and women's teams bringing home good results in their respective leagues. Five of the men's teams have played matches so far, with every team winning at least one match. On the women's side, they have played and won matches against De Montfort and Warwick, with plenty more matches to come.

The Men's 1st Rugby Union team have had a very successful start to the year. Their first match against the University of Birmingham saw them take home a massive win of 69-7. They have continued their winning ways and remain unbeaten. Starting-



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their season strong, the women's 1st team took home the win against De Montfort, but had a very eventful match against Nottingham, which resulted in an early finish due to injury.

Another sport heavily featured at Derby is Volleyball, with both the men's and women's teams playing in BUCS leagues. Both the men's 1st team and the women's 1st team beat their University of Nottingham counterparts 3-0, with the women continuing their winning streak against Oxford, East Anglia, and Coventry. Both 2nd teams have had tough matches against some of the best in the league, with many more opportunities to come.

One of the biggest scoring sports in the whole of BUCS is Basketball. Derby men's 1st beat Loughborough 2nds 102-62, with the women's 1st losing in a close match 41-43 to Aston. Netball is another big scoring sport, with 3 teams playing for the university. Derby's 2nd team beat 2 different Leicester teams, with the 1st and 3rd teams also scoring big points. As far as women's sport goes, Netball is huge at many universities and is has many highly-

competitive leagues and cups, that Derby are very prominent in.

Despite a lack of players and numerous injuries, Women's hockey hasn't let that affect their season so far, having played matches up and down the country, with exciting and promising results. The men's side is no different, with some of the best plays and results in their history. On Saturday the 16th of October, Team Derby, took 2 Dodgeball teams and had a very successful day. Both the men's and women's 1st teams played 2 matches each, with both teams winning both matches against both Lincoln teams, Coventry men and East Anglia women respectively.

Some teams have had busier starts to their seasons than others, with plenty more to come this side of Christmas and into the new year. Our students will continue to excel in all sports and beat their own personal bests as well as helping achieve Team Derby's best result ever.

Climate change in a post COVID-19 world

In light of COP26, the topic of climate change is back in the forefront of international news, rising up on the international agenda. COP26 had been delayed by the pandemic, but finally took place this November, showing the shift into a post-covid world. Issues relating to climate change and the push for sustainability had been put on the backburner during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, but have now gained primary attention in the media after the conference of parties 26, held from November 1st to November 12th 2021, finally took place. The conference, held in Glasgow, hosted more than 120 world leaders, while around 25,000 people attended the event, including negotiators and senior officials.



Why was a Climate conference needed?

Climate change has become one of the biggest issues our generation faces, with a continuous rise in global emissions and consistent increase in the Earth's temperature. A conference was needed so world leaders could meet in one place to discuss the implications of the ongoing climate issues, as well as negotiate strategies moving forward. Nations then have the opportunity to agree to goals that can beat climate change together.

What outcomes came from COP26?

- **Transparency:** Countries are now obliged to report emissions and progress every two years. Though there is yet to be discussed any accountability if governments fail to report.
- **Strengthening of 2030 plans:** There has now been a request for countries to submit a stronger version of their 2030 climate plans to stop global temperature rises by 2022.
- **A shift away from coal:** more than 40 countries committed to a shift away from coal and towards cleaner energy resources. Though the world's most coal dependent countries are yet to make this commitment, including India, China, USA, and Australia.
- **Deforestation:** Over 100 countries committed to fully stop deforestation by 2030, though a plan has not been put in place on how this will be monitored.
- **What was left out:** Loss and damage, characterised by destruction and damage caused by extreme weather events, was not included in the final Glasgow climate pact. Even in light of it happening more frequently, specifically in vulnerable countries. The final pact also excluded an outline of nature-based solutions that could have benefited progress towards the commitments made by participating countries.



Will the outcomes succeed?

Progress is definitely being made in the area of climate concerns, both politically and socially. The social pressure being put on governments to take responsibility for climate issues should hold them accountable for following the commitments made at COP26. Valuable funding has also come into place from the conference, to support developing countries in moving forward with the climate strategy. The pathway has been laid for the fight against climate change, but few countries who attended COP26 made their commitments legally binding, leaving climate activists drowning in promises made by their governments, with no definitive follow through.

Reasons for the underwhelming result of COP26:

- **Lack of representation:** Marginalised communities are disproportionately affected by climate change but were underrepresented at the conference. Specifically indigenous communities, who protect over 80% of biodiversity, feel continuously left out of climate negotiations, including conversations on land conservation. It is disappointing that COP 26 did not take the opportunity to include these communities in the conversation.
- **Fossil Fuel companies:** Though fossil fuels are one of the biggest contributors to the continuous rise of global temperatures, Global Witness reports they had the most delegates at the conference, with over 503 fossil fuel lobbyists gaining access into COP26. -

Though it may be deemed necessary for some industry leaders to attend the conversation to reach sustainable solutions, it seems confusing to have such a large group of polluters attend the conference.

- **Greenwashing:** Big polluters, including oil companies and other large corporations have close links with many governments that attended COP26, specifically in Europe. This could easily lead to greenwashing of promises from both these large corporations and select governments. These links could also lead to leniency from the government towards large corporations behind the scenes, while presenting a sustainable front to the public.

Overall COP26 has been a necessary step to bring governments together in an effort to strategically tackle climate change. The pathway has been set by the conference, and though not as strong of a commitment as most climate activists were looking for, it is a step in the right direction. We can only hope that governments now stay committed to the promises made in COP26 and that the public can hold them accountable. Now the media focus has shifted from COVID-19 to climate change we can hope for more commitments, promises and hopefully legally binding pacts in the future.

Written by Nataalie McNeill



Derbyshire Events students can take part in this holiday season

This time last year the pandemic held many challenges for students, whether they were first years starting out and finding their bearings, to students on their final year before graduation. All had to adapt to new ways of university life at home or within halls, learning remotely through zoom calls and the dreaded unspeakable breakout groups. That seize to see the light of day again. Yet this experience taught many of us important life lessons to reflect upon. But beyond that, students missed out on experiencing freshers, making memories, socialising, and enjoying nights out.

On 19 March, Lockdown restrictions were lifted across England and any remaining business, nightclubs and large event places were reopened in compliance with the governments covid guidelines. With the season of deadlines and the festivities of Christmas quickly making its approach it does not necessarily mean you can not go out and enjoy the celebrations and spend some quality time with your friends and family. As nothing is more crucial than living in the current and experiencing the now.

This year marked the return to normality and with the spirit of Christmas on the horizon, I have put together a list of events that are on offer within the Derbyshire area that may pique your interest to go out and explore what is on offer as part of Derby's arts and culture. This includes the universities societies and fundraiser events ran by Derby Unions RAG.

Visit Outdoor festive markets

To get yourself within the seasonal mood, returning to Derby and Lincoln is their Christmas market. That will be home to host of festival feasts, drinks, and stalls full of crafted and locally sourced products ideal for that last minute Christmas gift. This festive period, many university students may be harsh on cash, but it does not mean you cannot enjoy everything the market has on to offer with free entry. The Derby outdoor festive market starts on the first and ends on Christmas eve so make sure to not miss out. The university's union, the walking society has organised a trip to visit the beautiful medieval cobbled streets of the Lin-

coln Christmas market on 2 December – visit the Union website for tickets. If you cannot attend, the Lincoln outdoor market will still be running up until 5 Dec, open from 3-7pm.

Festive theatre performances

It is not Christmas without a festive pantomime, Derby Arena will be hosting a spin on the classic tale of sleeping beauty that children and adults of all ages will enjoy. From classic British theatre humour and on-stage skits to get involved with from Fri 10 Dec till Sat 8 Jan – Tickets are available to book on Derby Live. The union of Derby’s theatre society are also putting on a musical theatre winter showcase event on the Tues 4 and Wed 5 Dec at 7pm. Tickets are available on the Unions website for an entry fee of £7. The showcase will feature a vast bundle of hits songs for all to enjoy.

Festive Entertainment

If you are looking for ideas for the perfect night out with your friends, flat mates or that date your trying to impress here is a few ideas that will make your night a memorable one. Derby has a vast choice of activities to make your night special from escape rooms to their over 18 golf from the House of Holes on Babington Lane. This is not your typical crazy adventure golf experience with them providing drinks, food, and music to enjoy while you try to pot a whole in one.

On 23 Dec, House of Holes Christmas Crackers event will feature a Christmas DJ, a glass of bubbles and a half price entry fee including drinks.

Live Events

With lockdown restrictions over, live music is back and one way to enjoy the celebrations is to have a few drinks and socialise with friends. Going to these events help small businesses and independent musicians’ to thrive within the city, making it a cultural point for art and music.

A music venue and community centre in Derby is holding live music events this December. Dubrek studios is based on Becket Street, known for its café, recording studio, workshop and holding live events. Though the studio is in talks about its future, with the councils plans to demolish it to make way for the city’s Beck-etwell area. The studio has decided to host a

winter event called Drink the Bar Dry Winter Blow out, featuring a roster of bands including The Atoms, Tor and Kolubara, and many more. The events take place across two-days Thurs 16 and Fri 17 of Dec with doors opening at 6pm.

Night out in Derby

This one goes without question as it is part of the student experience and culture within Derby and that is to go clubbing. Derby’s Rugby union society have organised a two-day event called Fathers & Sons on behalf of UDRFC and MukkyDuck to adventure around the city on its biggest Bar crawl.

Thurs 2 Dec – 6pm and Fri 3 Dec, 3am.

The Uni Treefrogs from the University of Derby are also holding a night out event, but the catch is to dress as Santa and his elves to fit the winter wonderland theme. The event takes place on Thurs the 9 Dec where the Treefrogs will be showcasing a jolly Christmas pole fitness performance. The show is in partner with Pop-world and starts at 11pm.

Tickets for both events are available on the union website.



Fundraiser Events

In the spirit of Christmas Derby Cathedral is holding a Tree of Lights event exclusively for students to attend and write messages of kindness, love, and hope on behalf of the Union of Students.

Donations made will contribute to the ministry of the Cathedral to help refugees, asylum seekers. Derby Cathedral acts as a sanctuary to help those vulnerable, lonely and in need of support throughout the Christmas festivities – further information is available on the Union website.

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