

STUDENT **SPORT** NEWS

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WELCOME

2024 - 2025 was a tremendous season full of outstanding achievements and inspiring stories across our clubsport programme and active campus network.

We managed to retain the Scottish Student Sport (SSS) College Cup for the fourth year in a row, once again highlighting the range of student talent on show across multiple sports at City of Glasgow College.

In this newsletter, we provide an overview of our winners from our student sport awards night and quiz which took place on Wednesday 28th of May in house at City.

We also have updates on our latest Active Campus Activities that have taken place since January 2025, spearheaded brilliantly by our Active Campus Co-ordinator Gregor Cree.

You can keep up to date with the latest student sport information via our Facebook, X and or Instagram pages.

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ACTIVE CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR

Our Active Campus Co-ordinator Gregor Cree has had another tremendous year with our staff and students at City of Glasgow College.

There were 5920 participants across 584 active campus sessions in 2024/2025, compared with 866 participants across 151 sessions in 2023/2024. This has demonstrated how the sportscotland and Scottish Student Sport backed role is now fully embedded within the institution and college sector as a whole, with the active campus ethos and 'sticky campus' approach continuing to grow and develop. Watch this space for more to come this year!



5920
participants

584
sessions

CRICKET

Thanks to Vivek Pandya, Regional Development Officer at Cricket Scotland for providing us with equipment for our new Friday afternoon Cricket club which started earlier in the year at our City campus. The idea of a new cricket club came about because of feedback from students at our Riverside campus, and our international students in particular have been making the most of this new opportunity, even coming in on their days off during holidays to play!

#STICKYCAMPUS

Number of sessions

13

**Number of student
engagements**

51

KILT WALK

Several students joined up with staff members across the weekend of the 26th & 27th of April for the Glasgow Kiltwalk 2025, taking part in the Big Stroll from Clydebank to Balloch (14.3 miles), and the Mighty Stride from Glasgow Green to Balloch (22.7 miles). With each walk taking an average of 5 and 8 hours respectively, it was an amazing effort from those who took part. Two teams of over 60 participants represented the college, managing to raise vital funds for partner charities – The Marie Trust, and Scottish Women in Sport.

OVER 60 PARTICIPANTS



COLLEGE CUP RETAINED



On Wednesday 23rd of April, the 12th annual event of the Scottish Student Sport (SSS) College Cup took place. This event brings together the best students across a variety of sports ranging across football, basketball, badminton and volleyball. This year, there were over 400 students competing across 14 colleges, which

was once again a record-breaking number from last year's big numbers.

City of Glasgow College emerged victorious for the fourth year running, a tremendous achievement considering the upward trend of sport and physical activity in colleges across Scotland.

MEN'S FOOTBALL 4TH POSITION

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL 3RD POSITION

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2ND POSITION

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2ND POSITION

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2ND POSITION

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 1ST POSITION

MEN'S BADMINTON 1ST POSITION

WOMEN'S BADMINTON 1ST POSITION

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The annual Sandy King Salvar award was deservedly given to our badminton athlete Ben Johnson (HND Furniture Restoration student), for his display of sportsmanship and positive attitude. Congratulations to Ben on winning this award, which represents a fundamental component of student sport.



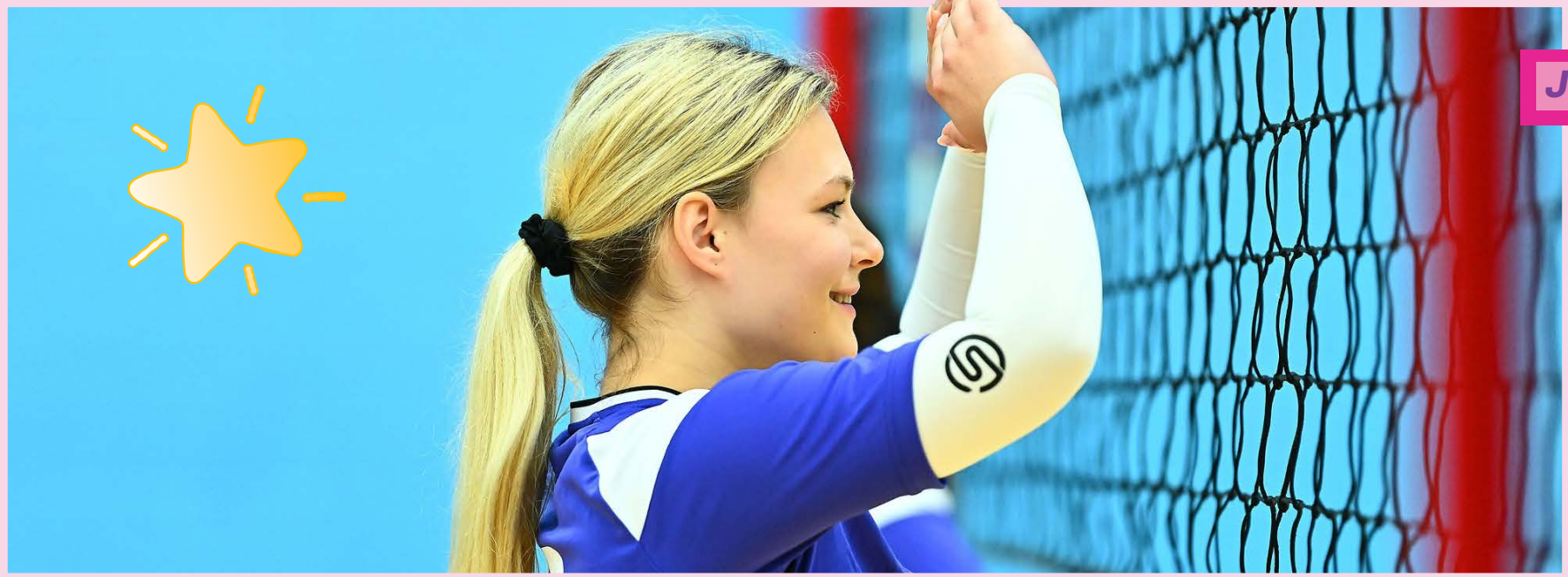
Andrew Kirk, Sports Co-ordinator at COGC

"This was yet again another successfully delivered event by Scottish Student Sport (SSS), bringing together the best sporting talent across the college network. The enthusiasm and energy on display from all students was great to see, and of course it was pleasing to see our sports teams perform to their full potential across the board. This event continues to be the highlight of college sport calendar, and our students, staff and coaches are already looking forward to next year!"

Jordan Dawson, Head of Development at SSS

"Ben showed exemplary sportsmanship throughout, handling both wins and losses with grace, fairness, and generosity. He offered sincere encouragement to other players, and accepted defeat with respect and humility. His positive attitude, polite behaviour, and support for everyone, including officials, made him a credit to himself, his college, and to Sandy King".

The impact and reach of this event continues to grow! This wouldn't be possible without the support of our friends at SSS and the surrounding the college network, all working together cohesively and with purpose despite ongoing challenges.



STUDENT SPORT AWARDS EVENING



On Wednesday 28th of May our sports clubs and teams came together to celebrate a tremendous year of sport and physical activity. For the majority of our awards, we had 3 deserving nominees. Brand new for this year, we introduced the inaugural 'Active Campus Champion' Award, along with our clubsport related ones.

You can read more about the sporting achievements of our students below. The impact that extracurricular sport provisions in colleges has on students' health and wellbeing is massive and long may this continue in the years to come!

ACTIVE CAMPUS CHAMPION Emma Johnson (Coaching Student)

Emma led Swim Bike Run events with Triathlon Scotland and excelled in the basketball team. A truly fantastic role model for all. Best of luck to Emma in her future aspirations to be a PE Teacher!



CLUB OF THE YEAR Badminton

A popular club this year across both our City and Riverside campuses, with a wide range of abilities. Under coach/player Holly Newall, the team also played a key role in securing our 4th consecutive College Cup victory.



CLUB COACH OF THE YEAR Yasmine Bowden (UWS Student)

A former City student, Yasmine has been at the centre of our women's basketball programme for 4 years. She combined her role as recreational coach of the Tuesday club, and also the women's basketball BUCS Team, bowing out in style with another Cup win!



TOP ATTENDEE

Maya Abdelali (Computing Science Student)

Maya showed outstanding consistency across both recreational and competitive sport, attending more sessions than any other student this year.



MOST IMPROVED PARTICIPANT

Joanne Keng (Digital Media Student)



Joanne's growth over the past 2 years has been amazing. A dedicated and consistent member of the badminton club, she consistently brings energy, positivity and a willingness to improve at every session.

ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD

Finley Beaven (Coaching Student)

Finley demonstrated great qualities to step up to men's futsal head coach position after our previous coach had to take time off. Finley's coaching led to a strong BUCS 2A finishing position in 3rd, just missing out on 2nd by points difference!



TEAM OF THE YEAR

Men's Basketball

With only 1 loss in 10 league games, our team earned promotion to BUCS 3A for the first time in our history. Their on-court success has

been matched by a support system that included student-led training, S&C, video analysis and sports therapy services.



TEAM COACH OF THE YEAR

Ross Mathison (Sports Lecturer)

For the third year running, Ross was recognised for his top end coaching with the men's basketball team. His vision and dedication have built a thriving basketball programme, supporting both men's and women's teams.



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Mykyta Ubyivovk



A tough year for the men's football team however Mykyta's performances on and off the pitch really did showcase what student sport is all about. Being a good person, as well as showing resilience and enthusiasm in abundance!

CURLING PROJECT DAY OUT



Our participation in Scottish Curling's 'Curling 360' project, aimed at getting pupils with additional support needs involved in the sport of curling, culminated with a great day out to Hamilton Ice Rink on Friday 31st January. The City Works B class got to try curling on ice for the first time having practiced Floor Curling during sessions in the college. The sessions proved beneficial for confidence and teamwork within the group and transferring these skills onto the ice was no different. It was great to see students overcoming fears and trying new things. After lunch, the group had the chance to watch and learn from some experienced curlers before finishing off the day with a walk & talk to nearby Strathclyde Country Park.

Number of sessions 10

Number of student engagements 117

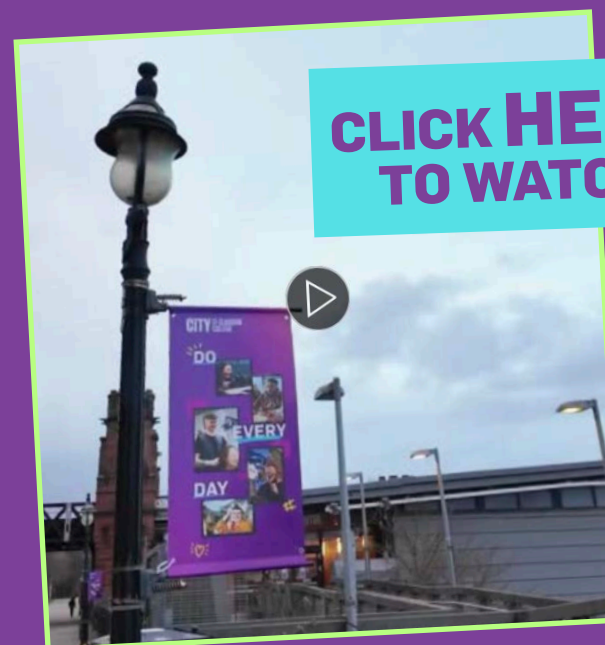


#TRYSOMETHINGNEW

SWIM BIKE RUN

Students had the opportunity to #TrySomethingNew in February as part of sportscotland's theme for the month, giving triathlon a go as part of a Swim Bike Run Explore session held in partnership between the college and Triathlon Scotland. On the evening of Monday 24th February, students were led through a 3km social run in Glasgow Green, followed by a guided swim session at Glasgow Club Gorbals. 2nd Year HND Sports Coaching student Emma Johnson, who is a member of Glasgow Triathlon Club, was put through the Swim Bike Run Leader Award at the end of January which allowed her to plan and deliver this taster session. This initiation was all about making the sport as accessible as possible to anyone and everyone, and we look forward to delivering more sessions in the future.

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SUPPORTED EDUCATION ACTIVITY



BOCCIA FESTIVAL



Celebrating inclusive sport and student success was the theme of the Boccia Festival held at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility by our friends at New College Lanarkshire on Wednesday 31st May. This festival brought together students from New College Lanarkshire (Motherwell & Cumbernauld campuses), Edinburgh College, and our own City Works B students from City of Glasgow College, for a fantastic day of inclusive sport

and competition. It was a day full of energy, teamwork, and inspiration, at the end of which our very own City Works B students managed to win gold! Paralympic gold medallist Peter McGuire was there to share his wealth of Boccia knowledge and present the medals to our participants – an inspiring moment for everyone involved. Well done to all the players and teams who took part!

FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Supported Education students attended an afternoon football festival at Petershill Park on Tuesday 13th June, organised by their student peers from the NQ Football Studies group. The festival was a celebration of inclusion, growth, and teamwork — and a brilliant reminder of the power of education to transform lives. The event also symbolised the successful completion of a year-long collaborative project between Supported Education and Sports Coaching at City of Glasgow College. This interfaculty project was then announced as a winner of the Enhanced Learning Award at The Herald Education Awards 2025. A massive well done to all of those involved!



**Winner of the
Enhanced Learning
Award at The
Herald Education
Awards 2025**



STAFF VS STUDENT FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Another excellent Staff v Student Football tournament organised by Riverside-based lecturers Arron Grant and Cameron Johnstone took place on the evening of Friday 6th June at Glasgow Green. The two-group format saw the top two from each group progressing to a "Champions League" semi and final, whilst the bottom two from each group also progressed into their own "Europe Conference League" semi and final. The 8 teams in total included approximately 80 participants, with one team of lecturers and the rest made up of various Deck and Engineering/ETO students. Well done to the winning team of SPD Marine Engineers (Phase 3), consisting of students:

**Adam Still Flynn Kerr Kerr Smyth Joe Turney
Lewis Robertson Sam Hanley Findley Cooper
Niall Macdonald Lee Barr Calum Macdonald**



FES SPONSORSHIP

Once again, our internal partners FES have supported our sports teams this year by providing a couple of football kits via our suppliers VSN. In addition, FES sponsored our awards night. The continued

investment continues to make a massive difference to ongoing work in relation to the development of extra curricular sport, whether that be for recreational or competitive purposes.



We are always keen to hear from our students with regards to the offerings of our clubsport programme and active campus activities. Please get in touch with our staff if you would like to meet or discuss any new activities. You can reach out to our team via any of the contacts below.



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