

Newsletter

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Business Graduate Stacey

Graduate Success

In September, we had the pleasure of visiting former HND Business student Stacey, who recently celebrated her one-year anniversary of owning her own bridal boutique. It was inspiring to see how far she has come since completing her studies at SGS, and to hear about the hard work, passion, and determination that helped turn her dream into a successful business.

We are incredibly proud of Stacey's journey and the achievements she has made in such a short time.

[Click here for more information on Stacey's journey.](#)

Enrolment Week

This year's Enrolment Week was packed with exciting activities — from our Freshers' Fayre and pizza lunches to an unforgettable trip to Thorpe Park. Several departments also hosted their own events, with our Zoo students enjoying a fun-filled bonding day at the Bristol Activity Centre.



Enrolment Week



Games Trip to the Zoo

Throughout this academic year, our Game Art and Game Design & Development students have enjoyed several exciting trips. A standout from this semester was their visit to the Bristol Zoo Project, where students explored the zoo and practised their drawing skills along the way.



Games Students at Bristol Zoo Project



Student Trip to Oslo

Sports Students in Oslo

Our level 6 BSc Applied Sport conditioning and Exercise degree students made the exciting trip to Oslo Norway to attend the 8th Annual Strength and Conditioning Conference at the Norwegian Olympic sports village, academic staff member Jack Davies was presenting a paper at the acclaimed international conference.

The Conference welcomed esteemed colleagues and world renowned researchers within the field of load monitoring, injury surveillance, female athletic performance, conditioning for combat sports and speed and agility in court and field based sports. Our students were also exposed to peer reviewed academic presentation across a multitude of subject areas.

What an experience for the students to query and learn from front line researchers pioneering sport science, exercise physiology and applied practice.



Make up Taster Day

We recently hosted a Specialist Make-up Design Taster Day at the WISE Campus. The event provided Level 3 students with the opportunity to explore progression routes into Higher Education at SGS, both internally and externally.

Students observed the character Cindy Loo being brought to life, took part in a tour of the specialist facilities, and gained insight into what the Specialist Make-up Design course involves. The day concluded with students attending the matinee performance of Bipa's Enchanted.

The taster day offered an engaging and informative insight into future academic and creative pathways available to students at SGS.



Specialist Make-up Design Taster Day

Zoo Trips

Throughout the term, our Zoo students have enjoyed a range of varied trips and experiences. Highlights included a visit to Monkey World, a hands-on pond dipping session, and a trip to Bristol Activity Centre, where students had the opportunity to bond during enrolment week. Our Zoological Management & Conservation students have also had a busy term fundraising in preparation for their upcoming trip to the Philippines.



A Trip to Monkey World

Bristol School of Art - Dance Drawing Project Workshop

Our Fine Art & Material Practice & Commercial Dance students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a guest lecture and workshop led by Lucy Algar, Course Leader of the BA Theatre Design course at Wimbledon College of Arts.

Lucy Shared insights into her creative process and guided students through exploring movement, rhythm, and expression through drawing.

The session encouraged experimentation, connection, and the translation of dance into visual form. Inspiring everyone to think about drawing in new and dynamic ways. [Click Here to View the Guest Lecture](#)



Lucy Algar Art Workshop

Enchanted - BIPA Performance

Every year, our Performing Arts department, BIPA, delivers a spectacular pantomime, and this year's production, Enchanted, was truly magical. The show was an outstanding celebration of creativity and collaboration, with students excelling across production, set design, and performance. With an impressive 19 performances and over 3,000 audience members, Enchanted was a remarkable achievement and a testament to the dedication and talent of everyone involved.



Enchanted BIPA Performance



Our Charity Events

Throughout this academic year, we've been busy raising money for a range of charities. Our Charity of the Year, Secret World, an animal charity in Somerset, was supported through a festive Christmas event at our WISE Campus complete with a raffle, hot chocolate, a bake sale, crafts, and a live band.

We also took part in Macmillan's Coffee Morning, raising funds for vital cancer support. Meanwhile, our Zoo students have been actively fundraising for their upcoming trip to the Philippines, showing fantastic dedication and teamwork.

Sports Therapy & Rehabilitation Supporting BBC Radio Presenters for Children in Need

Our Sports Therapy & Rehabilitation students recently had the incredible opportunity to support a BBC Radio Bristol presenter in completing a 1,000-mile challenge for Children in Need. Programme Lead Becky Riddell shared her thoughts on this inspiring experience:

"Supporting Children in Need was a fantastic opportunity for our students. They assisted local radio hosts at our WISE Campus and across Bristol and the South West, and even met some of the children benefitting from the charity's work. Our students were an asset, using their newly acquired massage and recovery skills in a real-world setting. It was a memorable experience for everyone."

— Becky Riddell, Course Lead



Graduation

Graduation is a truly special occasion where we come together to celebrate the achievements of all our students. This year's ceremony, held at Cheltenham Racecourse, was a fantastic day of pride, joy, and celebration. [Click here to catch a glimpse of how the day went.](#)



Student of the Year Jack Stone

