



# From Buckingham to the Nationals - Competing with the Best

Hear from current student  
athletes as well as an  
update on BSU sports  
clubs and their recent  
achievements

31st May, 1-2PM BST  
Online webinar



Pepa Ireland - Netball  
Ajax Ho, Siu Yin Fong and Airi Mizoguchi - Korfball



## Current picture

- 16 sports clubs - 12 in Buckingham and 4 in Crewe.
- There are limited university sports facilities so we hire local facilities in order for clubs to train.
- We provide local competitive opportunities for those clubs that wish to compete.
- We provide coaches to support the student leaders if needed / applicable.





## Sports and Societies Awards

- In August we celebrate the success of all of the sports clubs and societies here at Buckingham.
- The sports categories are High Performance Athlete of the Year, Sportsman of the Year, Sportswoman of the Year, BSU Sports Personality of the Year and Sports Club of the Year
- This is a fantastic celebration of all the sports club achievements and a chance to showcase their successes
- We have around 200 students in attendance and it is a real highlight of the year!!

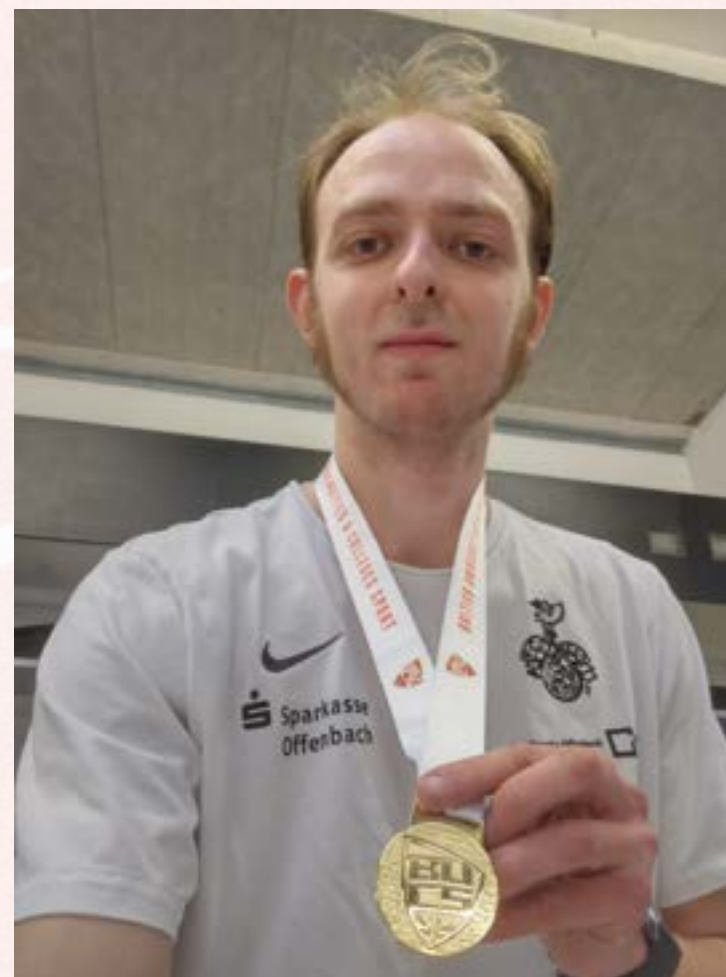




## Previous student athletes



**Matthew Sexton**  
PGCE Student  
Bronze medal at BUCS  
Judo Championships 2022



**Vincent Franz**  
Masters Student  
Gold medal at BUCS  
London and South East Fencing  
Competition 2022



**Revan Senaratne and Atharv Patankar**  
Medicine Students  
Competed at the 2022 BUCS  
Short Course Swimming Championships



**Eleanor Stevens**  
Undergraduate and Masters Student  
Competed nationally in Karate and has won  
multiple medals in competitions  
2021-2023



## Current student athletes Pepa Ireland - Netball

- Netball player at MK Dons and MK Netters Netball Club - playing in the senior regional team.
- Attended English Universities Sport (EUS) Netball trials in October 2023 with around 40 - 50 players from across the country.
- She was 1 of 15 players selected for the squad.
- November 2023 - she competed in fixtures against the England Men's U25 team in Bromsgrove.
- January 2024 - competed against Ireland which took place in Worcester.
- February 2024 - travelled to Scotland to play against the Scotland U21s and Scotland A teams.
- "Being a part of the EUS Netball Squad for the 2023/24 season has provided me with opportunities I never thought I would experience. It has allowed me to develop both my sporting abilities, but has also helped improve my personal skills. I was lucky enough to travel around England, and even internationally to Scotland. This gave me the chance to improve my confidence and independence as an athlete, and are also skills applicable across my day-to-day life. To be a part of this squad and learn so many new skills has meant a lot to me, and I would strongly encourage any other athletes to apply for similar programmes, as it really is a once in a lifetime opportunity."





## Current student athletes

### Ajax Ho, Airi Mizoguchi and Siu Yin Fong - Korfball

- Korfball club founded at the university in September 2022.
- Most students who join have never played the sport before.
- These three attended GB Student Korfball trials in October 2023 which were held in Leeds.
- Following trials they were all selected for the long squad and as a result attended two more training sessions before December
- Ajax was successful in being selected for the GB Student squad that placed 4th at the Inter area competition in June 2024.



- Ajax Ho, Korfball Club President: "Playing in the GB student squad is a lot of fun, I am able to play with different players coming from all over the UK. The players there are really good and it's a good platform for me to hone my skill. I'm also really fortunate to be selected to play for GB student squad in the inter-area tournament, it is a really good opportunity for me to meet and play against the top players in the UK. "



## Other student achievements



**Chloe Tang**  
Medicine Student  
Competed at BUCS Outdoor Athletics Championships in 2024

“I had the honour of representing the university at the British Universities and College Sports Outdoor Athletics Championship. While I didn't secure a podium finish, I am proud to have given my all. Achieving a personal best in the 100m race was a highlight for me. It was an unforgettable and exhilarating experience. I am incredibly thankful for this opportunity and would eagerly seize it again in the future.”



**Samh Jain**  
Medicine Student

Has raced at multiple Triathlon events including the Ironman 70.3 Venice Jesolo where he came out with a 41 minute PB.

He also participated in Alderford sprint triathlon where he finished 12th overall and 1st in his age category.

He is competing at the BUCS Standard Triathlon in June where he will represent the university.



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