

# Five Things on a Friday: Varsity 2024

Varsity is back and bigger than ever in 2024, and our team's working hard to bring home that third successive victory. After March's Christie Cup Triumph in Manchester, our teams have the chance to repeat the successes of the 2021/22 season by winning a Varsity/Christie double once more! Will you be there to witness history in the making?

## Monday: Colour Run, Netball and Korfball



Kicking off the festivities on Monday 22nd April, we are hosting a [Colour Run](#) across our campus and we are inviting you to get involved! The event is an approximately 3km run, jog or walk around the University of Leeds campus and participants will pass through various dye stations around campus and be doused in different colours as you complete the course.

Everyone who enters and takes part will be given a special Limited Edition Varsity Colour Run white t-shirt and tickets are priced at £3 with all proceeds going to a good cause!

And after the Colour Run, you can head down to Beckett Arena to cheer our side on in the traditional [Monday night Netball/Korfball fixture!](#)

## Champions Tuesday: Basketball, E-sports and Varsi-TEA



With Monday in the bag, it's onto Champions Tuesday where we have another highly anticipated [clash at Beckett Arena between our Basketball first teams.](#)

For the first time ever this event will also be opened by our Men's first futsal fixture, so please get down early to show your support!

Tuesday also sees the launch of our flagship and inaugural [E-Sports Varsity](#) tournament in Crossroads, which is open for anyone to take part so please sign-up if you are interested. Similarly, Tuesday sees the return of last year's highly successful [Varsi-TEA](#) cultural event for a second year. Get yourself down to the Riley Smith Theatre to try some free teas and hot drinks from around the world!

### Wednesday: Rugby Union Finale



Onto Wednesday and the big Finale! As ever, we are back at Headingley Stadium for this year's Finale, which will see the womens and mens Rugby Union first teams go head to head in one of the most highly anticipated fixtures in the student calendar.

You can request [staff tickets here](#), otherwise there are a small amount of general sale tickets remaining via the [Stadium website](#).

### Ice Hockey and Rugby League



With Varsity officially over for 2024, we know you'll already be chomping at the bit for 2025. Well, good news for you lucky people! We have two more enormous events we are pleased to promote before the calendar is closed for 2024.

Counting towards next year's scores, we are beyond excited to have our Men's Rugby League first team competing their Varsity at Headingley Stadium as an opener for the Super League fixture between Leeds Rhinos and London Broncos on Friday 3rd May. For more info and discounted tickets, [please click here](#).

And that's not all, the very next night we are pleased to announce the return of [Ice Hockey Varsity](#) at Planet Ice Leeds for the second year running! This event was a resounding success in 2023 and we hope to crystallise it as a mainstay in the Varsity calendar for years to come, so please come down and show your support!

**Celebrate 2024!**



Annnnnnd... (Deep Breath)... with Varsity over and in the bag for another year it's time to relax, recover and celebrate all of our students' amazing achievements throughout another successful year! Celebrate consists of a number of fun events including:

- **The Riley's**, our very prestigious and hotly contested awards ceremony that celebrates our full range of clubs and societies and all of their amazing work across the year. With tons of awards up for grabs and so many incredible nominations, we can't wait to see who takes home the honours!
- Then we have the **Partnership Awards** to celebrate students and staff who have enhanced the Leeds community by embodying the values of The Leeds Partnership.
  - We also have the **Hall's Awards**, a celebration of the incredible students, Residence Life Assistants (RLAs) and Residence Life Social Committees (RLSCs) that have contributed to their residence community.
- Next up we have the **Celebrating our Student Volunteers Lunch** to reward and recognise lots of our brilliant student volunteers.
- Then it's the Sports, Dance, Martial Arts and Outdoor groups' time to shine at the **Gryphon Colours Awards**. These awards showcase and celebrate the best of the best both in terms of performance and achievement as well as those that best display the values that we hold dear as a Union.
- Finally, there is the **Intercultural Ambassadors showcase** to celebrate the achievements of student ambassadors who've dedicated their time and enthusiasm to developing their intercultural skills.

As you can see there is lots of celebrating to be done, find out more about the events and dates [here](#).

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