Science and Medicine
Opening Ceremony 2020

We start today’s ceremony with a recording of St Salvator’s Chapel Choir singing The Gaudeamus.

This famous student song is of German provenance in its current form and in origin looks back to multilingual lyric collections of the thirteenth century.

It is sung in Latin – please join in!

Gaudeamus igitur, juvenes dum sumus:
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Post jucundam juventutem, post molestam senectutem,
Nos habebit humus, nos habebit humus.

Vivat Academia, vivant Professores,
Vivat Academia, vivant Professores,
Vivat membrum quodlibet, vivant membra quaelibet,
Semper sint in flore, semper sint in flore!

Pereat tristitia, pereant osores,
Pereat tristitia, pereant osores,
Pereat diabolus, quivis antiburschius,
Atque irrisores, atque irrisores!

What follows is a free translation:

So let us rejoice, while we are young:
So let us rejoice, while we are young:
After the joys of youth, and the troubles of age,
We shall return to the cold earth, we shall return to the cold earth.
Long live the University, long live the Professors,
Long live the University, long live the Professors,
Long live each and every member,
May they always flourish, may they always flourish!
Away with sadness, away with gloominess,
Away with sadness, away with gloominess,
Down with back-biters, and student-haters,
To the devil with the scoffers, to the devil with the scoffers!
Speakers

**Professor Sally Mapstone FRSE – Principal and Vice-Chancellor**
Professor Mapstone has been Principal and Vice-Chancellor since 2016. She has overall responsibility for the running of our University. The core values of her principalship are excellence, inclusiveness, and fairness. Professor Mapstone’s academic speciality is the literature of medieval and early modern Scotland. Students who wish to contact her on any subject may do so via principal@st-andrews.ac.uk

**Professor Clare Peddie – Vice-Principal Education (Proctor)**
Professor Peddie is responsible for strategy, policy and processes for learning and teaching in the University. Her undergraduate degree and PhD were both in marine biology at the University of St Andrews and her career has largely focused on education in biology. She still teaches marine biology in the field at undergraduate and Masters level and has interests in experiential learning.

**Dr Jonathan Issberner – Acting Dean of the Faculty of Science**
Dr Jon Issberner is a neuroscientist with an interest in neuronal communication. He is the Director of the St Andrews Learning and Teaching Initiative whose core value is the development and implementation of evidence-based pedagogy.

**Srđa Popović – Rector of the University of St Andrews**
The Rector represents the student body and presides over meetings of the University Court, which oversees the management of the University. Srđa Popović is the current Rector. In 1998, he founded the student movement ‘Otpor!’ which played a crucial role in ousting Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic. Srđa is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Applied Nonviolent Actions and Strategies, based in Belgrade. Students who wish to contact the Rector may do so via rector@st-andrews.ac.uk

**Dr Chris Hooley – Senior Lecturer, School of Physics and Astronomy**
Dr Hooley is a theoretical physicist whose research focuses on the development of the quantum theory to describe the properties of systems made of many particles. Such systems occur in many contexts and on many different length scales, including cold atoms trapped by lasers, the electrons in the superconducting circuits that make up a quantum computer, and even the very dense matter in the interiors of neutron stars and black holes.
Sabbatical Officers

Dan Marshall, President, Students’ Association

Responsible for: external relations, sustainability, affordability issues (such as accommodation and widening access), strategy and governance

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Amy Gallacher, Director of Education, Students’ Association

Responsible for: education, academic representation, postgraduate studies, employability

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Emma Rose Walsh, Director of Wellbeing, Students’ Association

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Tom Groves, Director of Student Events and Services, Students’ Association

Responsible for: events, commercial services, venue management

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Gavin Sandford, Director of Student Development and Activities, Students’ Association

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Students’ Association Mascots

Hugsy

Hugsy is the mascot of St Andrews Nightline, an anonymous listening and information service run by student volunteers. It is open every night that halls are open and can offer a safe place to discuss anything that’s on a student’s mind, as well as providing other information, from exam venues to taxi numbers. Nightline operates on five key principles – anonymous, non-directive, non-judgmental, empathetic and confidential.

website: www.st-andrews.ac.uk/nightline

email: nightline@st-andrews.ac.uk

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Rory McLion

Rory McLion is the mascot of the Charities Campaign. You will spot Rory around town, supporting charity events. The Charities Campaign is the official charitable subcommittee of the Students’ Association, whose primary aim is to raise as much money as possible for our three student nominated charities – and have fun in the process. As funding body for all of the Union’s charitable societies, it helps to hold events for many different causes.

website: charitiescampaign.wixsite.com/standrews