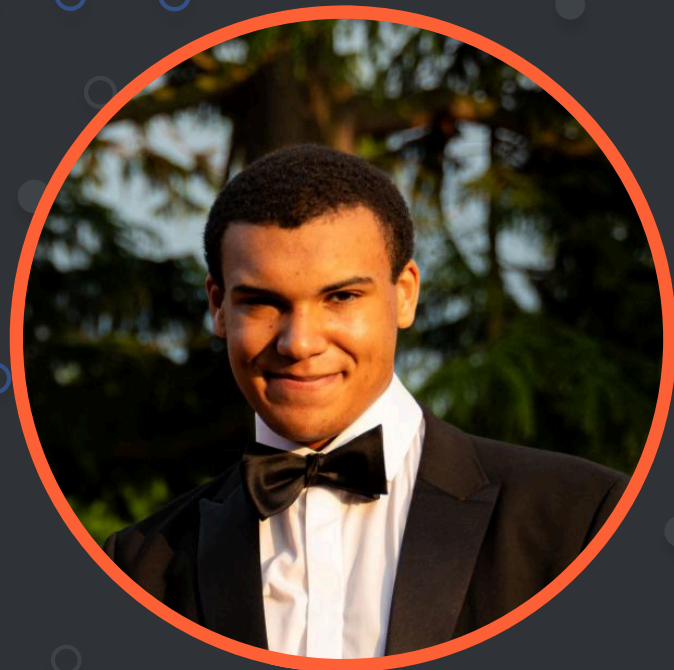




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**Manifesto**

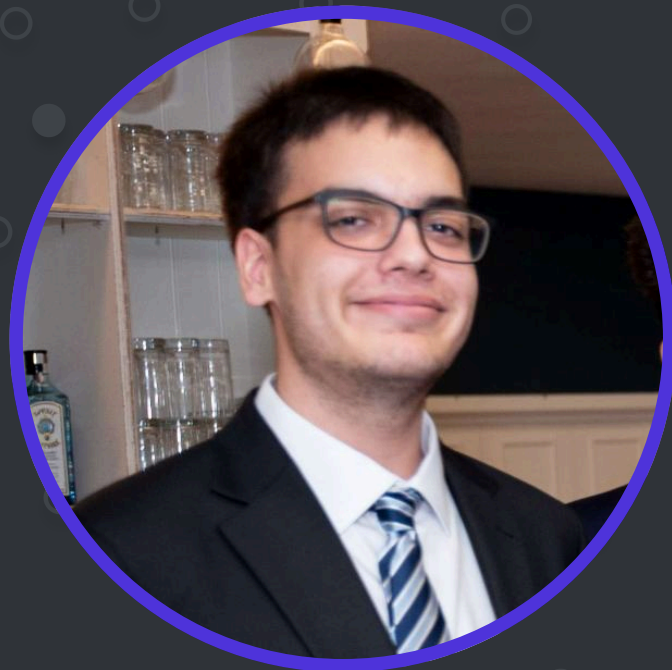
# Who Are We?



## Thomas Facos

I'm a **2nd year Computer Science** student, and **Treasurer of UWCS** for the past year. I've also served as **Events / Ball Officer** since June, and was a **Lead Organiser for WHACK 25**.

- Helped raise **£8,500** in sponsorship funds for UWCS, and **£10,000** for WHACK
- Organised the **Great Computing Ball 2025 & 2026**
- Organised **Sponsor & External Speaker events** (e.g. LUNA socials, HubSpot Industry Talk, Qube RT Industry Talk)



## Thomas Sweet

I'm also a **2nd year Computer Science** student, as well as being one of the **Welfare Officers** and **Tech Officers** for the Society.

- Developed our **custom music server, Ramphi**, after Amphi became unavailable
- Repeatedly **engaged with Report & Support**, and supporting members
- **Updated our voting system** to protect fresher reps w& gender inclusivity officers

# Why 2 Presidents?

- **Experience:** Between us, we have experience doing, or heavily engaging with, **every function of the society**, from Academic to Publicity to Gaming (*Sports and Gender Inclusivity not withstanding*)
- **Capacity:** Having 2 presidents allows us to **cover more ground**. This means being able to **work more closely with exec** on society projects, **provide better support**, and means there will always be at least one President at every event we run.
- **Strengths:** We both have our own **unique strengths**, be that event organisation, technical expertise, financial management, or looking after exec well-being. Combining our strengths will help us deliver a **stronger Presidency** the Society can rely on.

# Why Us?

- We've both been in the **UWCS exec since the start of our degrees**, having been **Academic and Tech Frep** respectively. Over the past year-and-a-half, we've become deeply involved in how the society works. We know what works, what doesn't, and what needs to change to **make it better**.
- Both of us have plenty of **leadership experience**.
  - **Thomas Facos** has taken the lead on the annual **Great Computing Ball** in both 2025 and 2026. He's also been responsible for organising **industry talks** from **Qube RT** and **HubSpot**, socials at **Burnsall House**, was a Lead Organiser for **WHACK 25**, and has **negotiated, drafted, and signed 9 sponsorship agreements** with sponsor organisations in the past year (over **£16,000**).
  - **Thomas Sweet** has taken the lead on maintaining **technical systems**, particularly container hosting and the FNG system. As welfare officer, he's **supported numerous members** through difficult situations - **building a safe, welcoming, inclusive space** in the Computing Society.
- Our **combined experience** will make our Presidency **strong, capable, reliable, and supportive** for our exec and our members.



Here's more on **what we plan to achieve** in the next 12 months



# General

We believe that UWCS, for all the good it has done, has **somewhat lost its way**. **Disorganisation**, a **lack of effective communication** within the exec and with our members, and **conflicting objectives** hamstringing the society from reaching its full potential. It has often been said (internally at least) that the Computing Society is like **'3 societies in a trench coat'**; as amusing as this may sound, it points to a level of disjunction that **cannot be allowed to stand**. Our presidency will move to make UWCS more effective at achieving its core goals: being an **academic and social force** supporting students studying, or interested in, Computer Science.



- **Central Planning:** A lot of the issues the society has faced boil down to the fact that nobody knows what anyone else is doing. We plan to address this in two major ways: **more regular meetings** – to allow us to better keep a track of what each exec is up to and keep people accountable; and using the events website as a **single source of truth** for what's going on, emphasising that everything goes on there.
- **Closer Ties with DCS:** The **Department of Computer Science** has been good to us over the years – having given us spaces to use for events, logistical support, and occasionally direct funding to help facilitate our events. We'd like to strengthen this relationship by **working with them more directly** – beyond the occasional social and appearing in the DCS newsletter. Particularly, working with them to **promote and run academic events, sober socials, and large-scale inclusivity and welfare events** would, we believe, be beneficial both to UWCS, and to the department at large.
- **Closer Ties with Other Societies:** Almost every exec nominee promises more collaborations with other societies. That said, our follow through in the area has left much to be desired, as a product of miscommunications or recriminations between UWCS and other societies. Our approach will differ in that, instead of running simple one-offs, we want to see **longer term projects** be undertaken – such as courses, event series, or large events in the vein of WHACK. Importantly, this should be done such that **all the societies involved have an equal role** in organising and running them. We aim to build the sort of **long-term partnerships** that span exec cycles, leaving the Computing Society in a stronger position for the future.



# Academic

The primary objective of UWCS is, by its own constitution, to be **'the academic student society for Computer Science'** at Warwick. This fact is often overlooked and diluted by our other endeavours - and so we've often fallen short of what we could achieve in this space. **We must never lose sight of job no. 1:** supporting our **members' intellectual growth**, be that through courses, workshops, talks, or competitions. Our presidency will guide and support our academic officers to do just this.



- **Revision Lectures:** Every year, UWCS runs a series of revision sessions in advance of summer exams; **we would like to see those expanded** – both through covering a wider range of modules in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years, and by producing better materials that can be used in future years. These efforts should be focused on modules people usually find the hardest, including (but not limited to): **CS130 Sets and Proofs, CS126 Design of Information Structures, CS143 Logic and Automata, CS141 Functional Programming, CS260 Algorithms, and CS259 Formal Languages.** We plan to cover these by expanding the range of people we invite to give the talks – including students in the higher years, lecturers, and teaching assistants / postgraduates.
- **Industry Engagement:** By the start of Term 1 of the new year, **recruitment season for internship and graduate roles** will be in full swing. Our objective is to support our members and putting them in the best position possible to engage with these processes. In practice, this means **running industry talks, workshops, and other events** – with our sponsors and other organisations – to **put our members on as firm a footing as possible.**
- **Teaching New Skills:** Whether it's a new programming language, framework, or development tool, **supporting our members' learning is core to helping them grow their CS skills.** We'll back our academic officers in delivering new and existing courses – doing whatever we can to make these as impactful as possible.





# Social

Socialising is an important part of university – while we're not constitutionally obligated to run socials, **Computer Science students aren't as scared of talking to people as you might guess.** While we've had many successful inclusivity, gaming and non-sober events this year, we want to continue forward with the success Thomas has had organising our LUNA events and **run some more events everybody can enjoy.** We'll work with our social secretaries and welfare officers to make sure our events are **enjoyable, inclusive** and **cater to a wider audience than just CompSci students.**



- **Wider Event Audience:** Outside of drinking & inclusivity events, **lots of our events revolve around gaming.** This excludes a decent chunk of people involved in Computing, but whose interests don't overlap with our Steam libraries. **More events like laser tag, rage rooms & baking at LUNA** would help expand our coursework-avoiding abilities.
- **Safer Non-Sober Socials:** Mandating sober exec at events (*not just the Welfare officers' responsibility!*) will help keep our members safe – while we've made a good start this year, having one non-male sober exec at events would help keep people comfortable & make it easier to speak up about issues.





# Gaming

Gaming is **the bread and butter of UWCS's socials right now**. There's not much which really needs to shift here – FNG is successful every week, and with the success of our LAN events there's not much room for improvement. With **the success of WASD this year** we want to start our involvement & planning much sooner next year, to **build on the unprecedented levels of engagement** and run an event with hopefully slightly less technical difficulties.

- **FNG for everyone:** Many of our collabs for FNG this year have gone unnoticed – WUFS joining has (seemingly!) become a weekly occurrence, and a subset of Mafia hiding in the common room(s) isn't uncommon either. We want to **improve publicity** of these events, opening our (gaming) event open to more than those with hundreds of hours in Counter Strike or Clone Hero.
- **Earlier WASD organisation:** The number of submissions this year would've allowed us to run WASD for much longer than just the weekend – **starting organisation sooner next year**, with more involvement from our gaming exec, could potentially **supercharge both the event and our fundraising** for SpecialEffect.

# Tech

Tech is an important part of the society, and works behind the scenes **most of the time**. We want to support our tech officers, particularly with **managing our cupboards and other assets** – whether this is enforcing usage of an **inventory management system**, zero trust for our online accounts or **turrets** to stop people stealing snacks from FNG. We'd also like to **encourage new infrastructure**, built to be sane and **prioritise maintainability and future knowledge** over the newest, shiniest piece of tech.



# Communications

## *Secretary & Publicity*

**Keeping our members informed** of the goings on in UWCS is a vital function of the Society. A lot of good has been done in this area in the last year, however there have been other aspects that have been lacking. Our overall objective in this area is, as with all things, to **improve coordination within the executive** to ensure that information going out is **relevant, up-to-date, and highlights the best of UWCS.**



- **Publicity Scheduling:** Disjunction within the exec can lead to a lot of **'shouting over each other'** for our members' attention – making everything less clear. We plan to address this with **better scheduling of posts, stories, and announcements.** This should both **make it easier for Publicity Officers** and other exec to plan ahead, and **ensure announcements don't drown each other out.**
- **Highlighting Key Events:** We'd like to use the weekly timetable posts, as well as the bi-termly calendars, to try and **highlight our larger events more** – to make them stand out against the crowded field of events that we run.
- **Events Website:** This year has featured the introduction of a new events website, [events.uwcs.co.uk](https://events.uwcs.co.uk). Since this is now the database that newsletters and other publicity now pull from, we plan to ensure that **every event ends up on the website in good time.** This not only makes it easier for members to find them, but also for our Secretaries and Publicity Officers to have an authoritative record of our upcoming events.



# Sponsorships

Money makes the world go round, and so it is in UWCS. All our events are facilitated by our sponsors – who not only bankroll us but also work with us to provide more and greater opportunities to our members. During our term, we'd like to work with our Treasurers to **push for sponsors to have a more active role within the society**. This started this year with several socials at **LUNA Students** (Burnsall House), one of our gold sponsors, and is a model we'd like to push more widely – whether that's in the form of more (and more interactive) **sponsor events**, or **sponsorship of specific areas of the society** – like gaming, social, or wildcards. It may also be beneficial to **explore partnership opportunities for specific events** that we run, such as WASD. This shift to a **more active approach** would not only make it **easier to run more and better events**, but also to put our members in contact with organisations that want to offer them career and other **opportunities** during and after university.

# Miscellaneous

This section is here to briefly address the roles we've yet to cover – **Welfare, Gender Inclusivity, Ball, and Sports**. We haven't lumped these here because we think they're not important – *we think quite the opposite*. Instead, these roles share a section simply because there's not very much we can say about them – be that due to not being able to speak, not being qualified to speak, or just not having any revolutionary ideas in these areas. What we can **pledge**, however – which we can also pledge to every member of our exec – is our **strong and consistent leadership, support, and guidance**, to help them achieve the objectives of their roles.



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