

UCL SPORT EAST



- 1 of 12 International Olympic Committee (IOC) centres
- Bringing Sport and Exercise Medicine (SEM) to the NHS
- Driving Education and Research in SEM
- Athlete care, from elite to amateur
- Promoting health in the general population

The ISEH is a partnership between



Current UCL Sport provision at the ISEH

BSc Sport and Exercise Medical Sciences

iBSc Sport and Exercise Medical Sciences

MSc Sport Medicine, Exercise and Health

MSc Performing Arts Medicine

PhD research in Sport Medicine, Orthopaedics, Exercise
Neuroscience and allied specialties

BSc

iBSc

MSc

PhD









RESEARCH

Driving research that targets local needs



EDUCATION

Upskilling professionals



SOCIAL IMPACT

Partnering with the local community

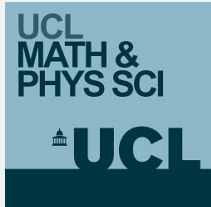




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SPORT EAST

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Disease prevention,
mental health & wellbeing

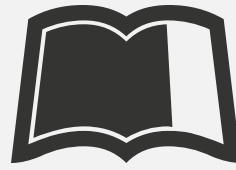
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Community impact and
tackling inequalities

3

Technology
and innovation





RESEARCH





EXERCISE NEUROSCIENCE



Physical activity and obesity affect executive function in 5-11 year old children

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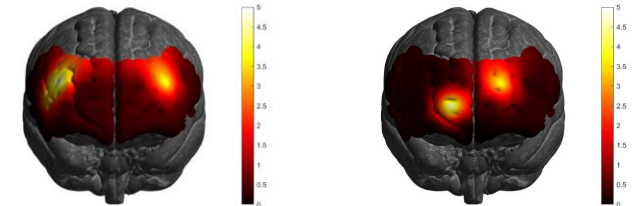
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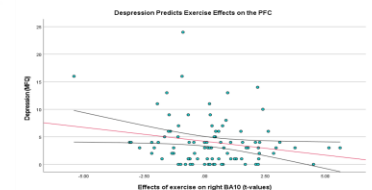
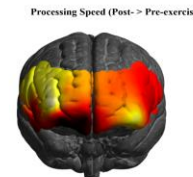


Figure 2. fHR changes in the PFC as an acute effect of exercise (0- = 32) overlapped across all executive function conditions. Greatest activation changes are represented in bright yellow and white, with little to no effects represented in dark red and black, respectively (z values of the images are scaled from 0-5).

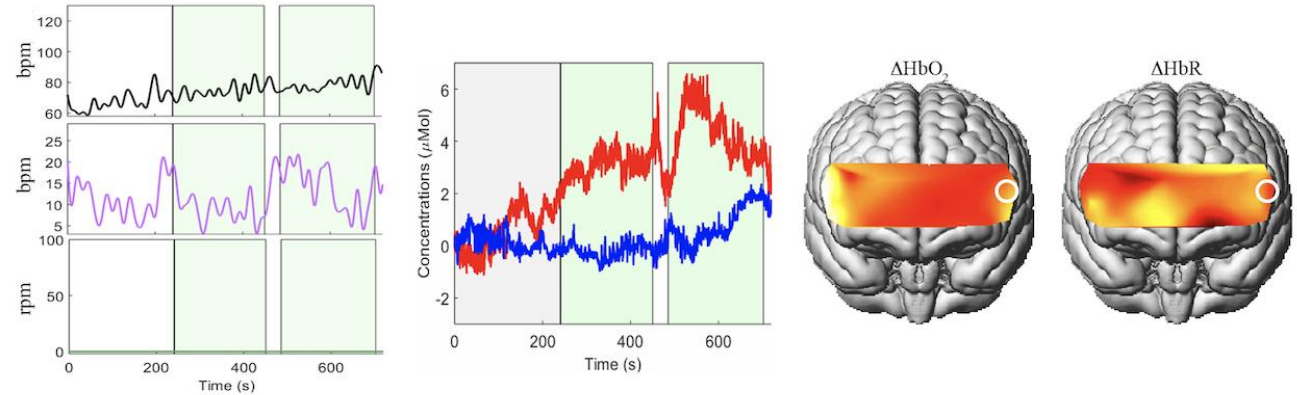
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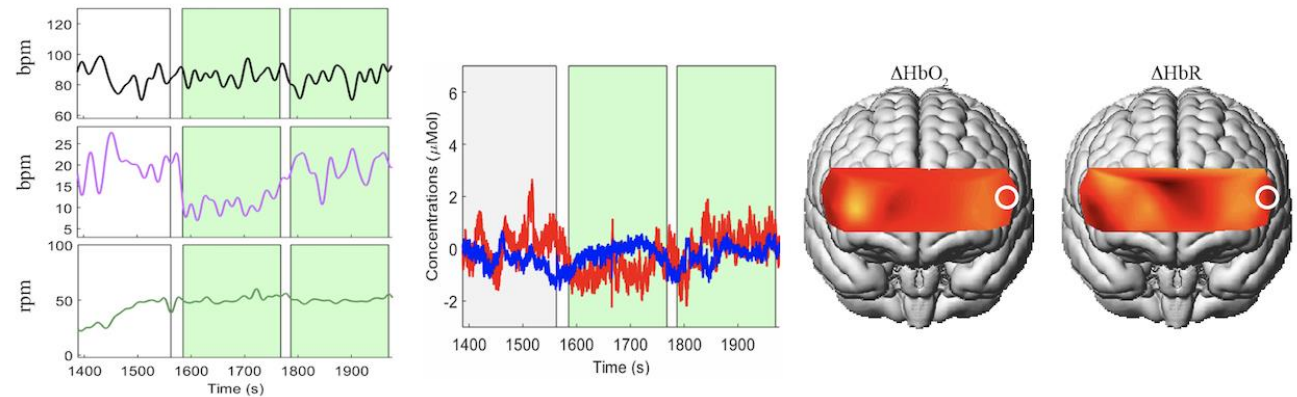
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B - No exercise



C - Exercise 30% effort





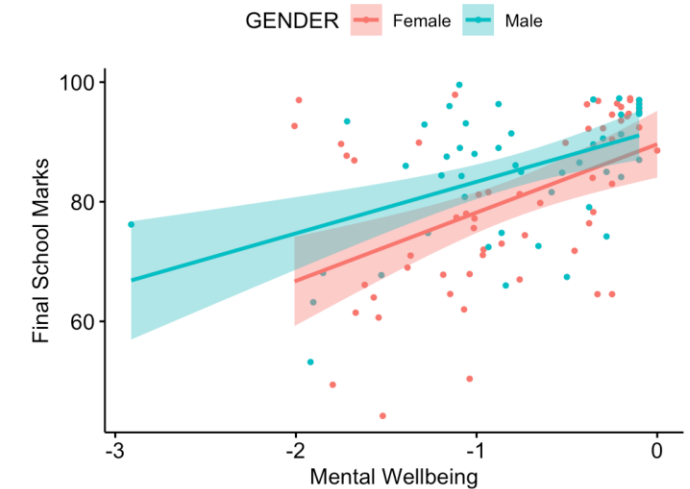
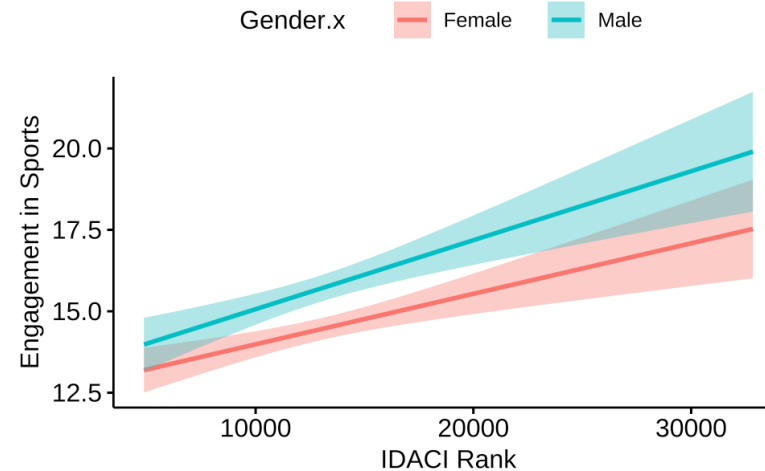
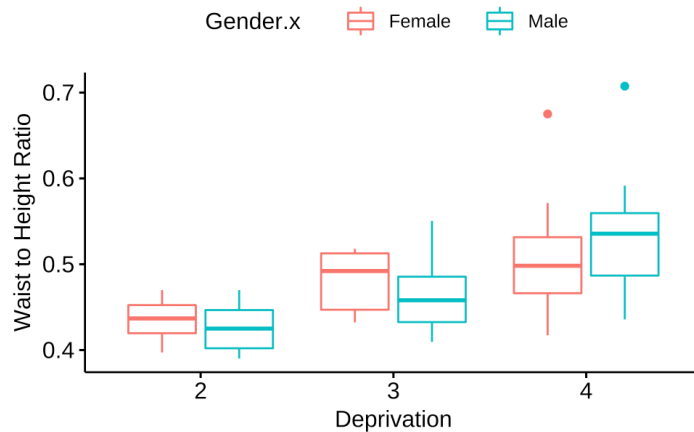
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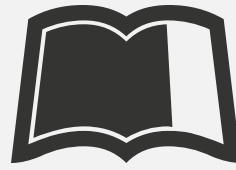
SCHOOLS

SCOPING

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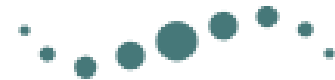
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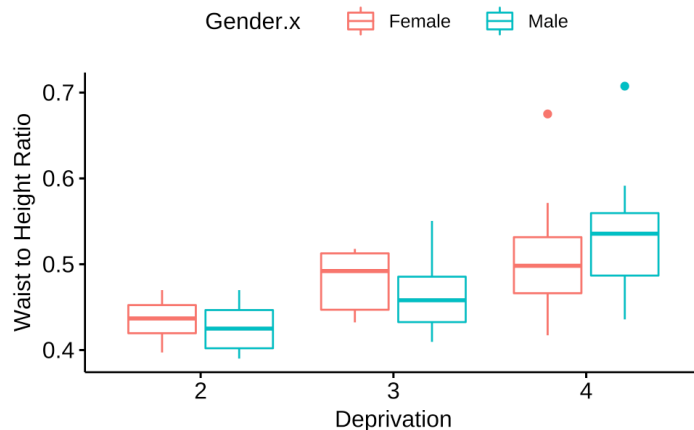
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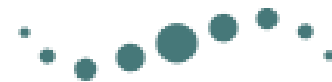
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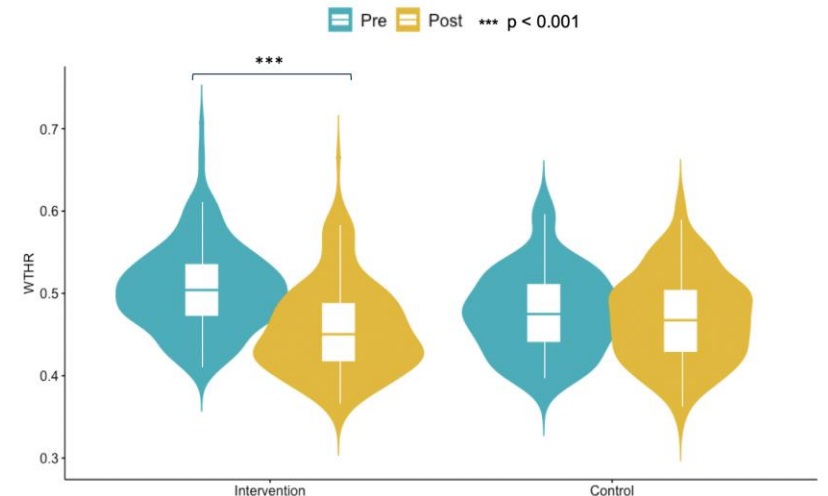
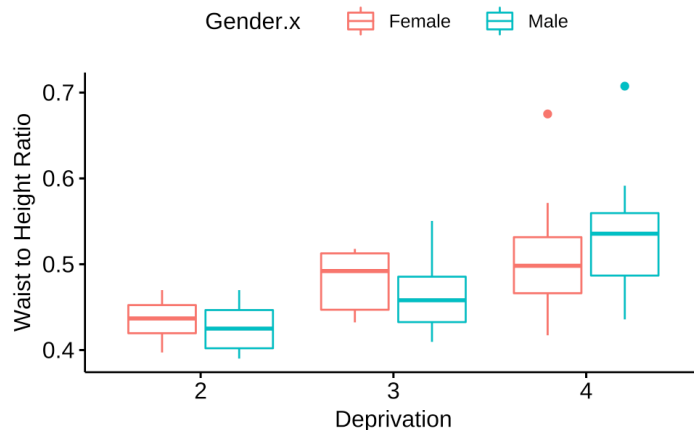
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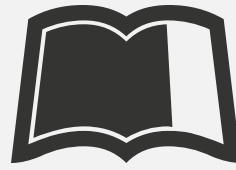


ACTIVE MOVEMENT

N = 300 children

- **Obesity** decreased by 10%
- **Physical activity** increased by 6%
- **Executive Function** improved by 15%





CHILD DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOLS

Funded PhD Scholarship

Impact of Youth Sport on:

- **Social mobility**
- **Mental wellbeing**
- **Cognitive development**



**Greenhouse
Sports**



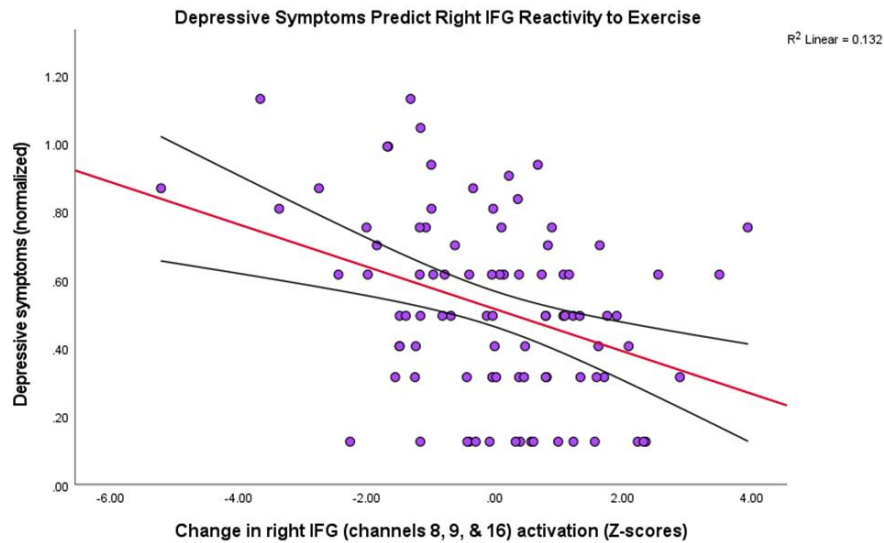


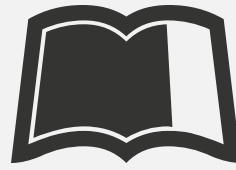
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COMMUNITY CLUBS

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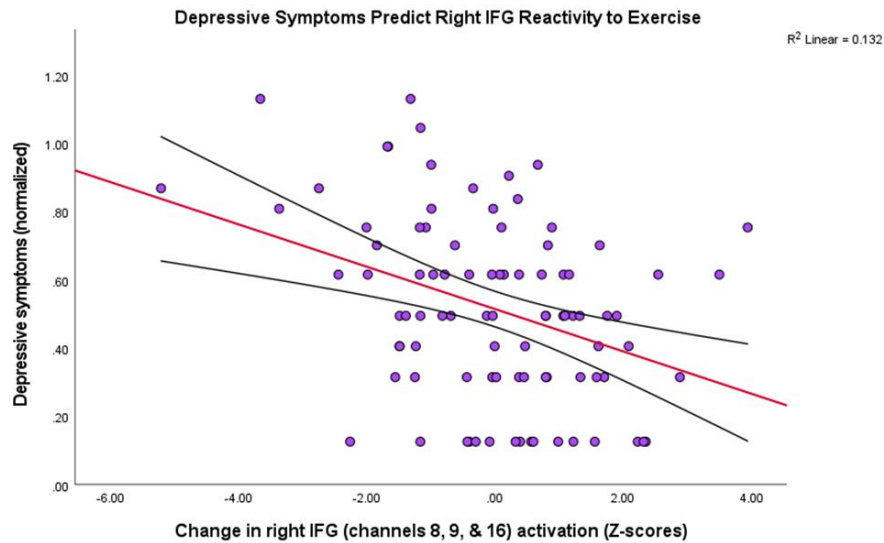
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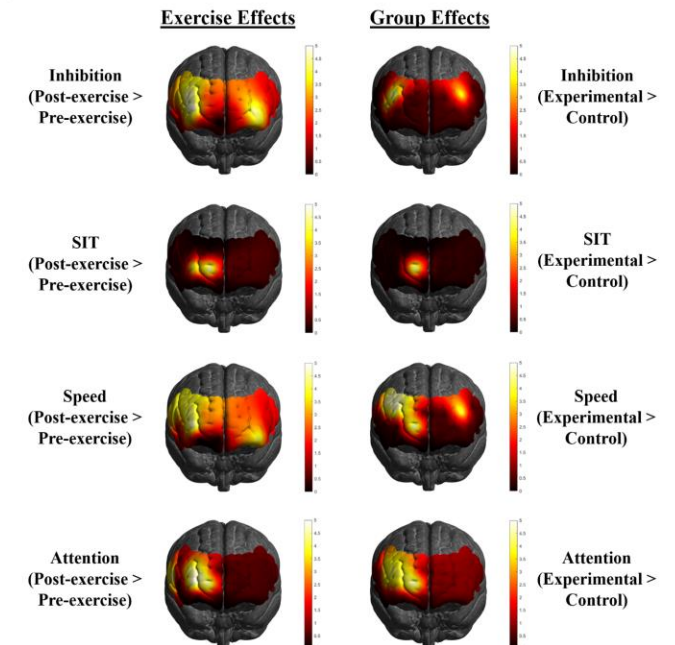
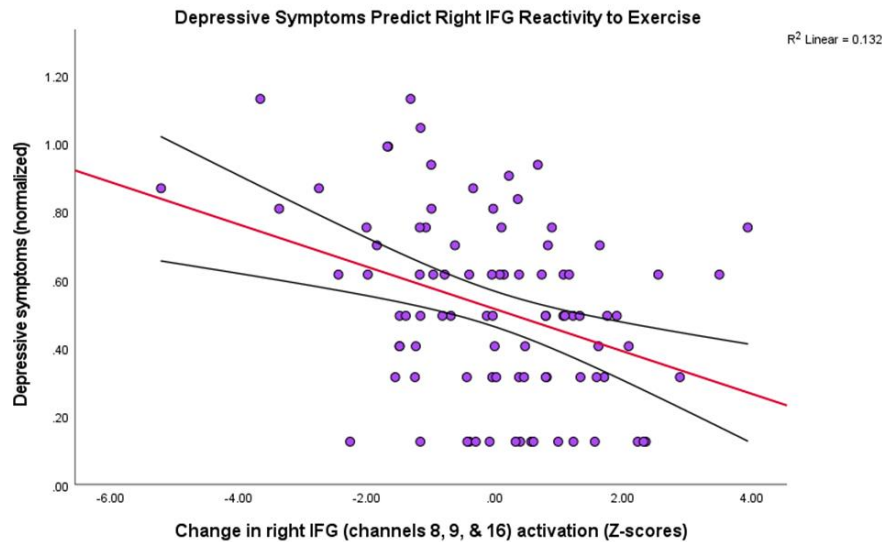
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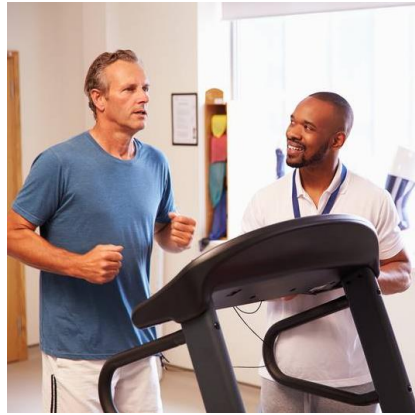
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- **Reduced stress**
- **Body Fat and VO2max** predict exercise benefit





Sport and Exercise Medical Sciences BSc

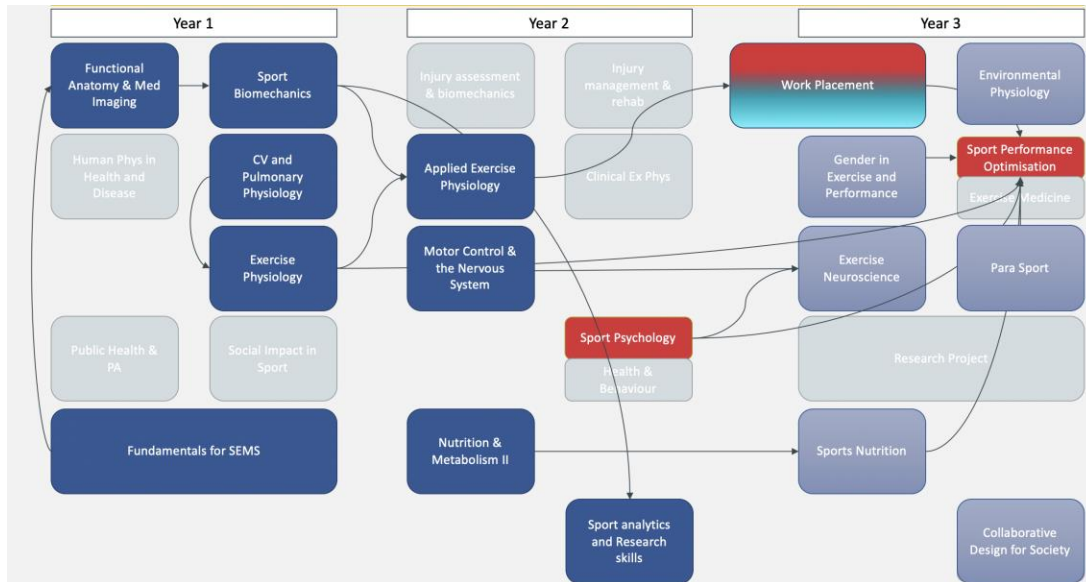


- Manage and prevent disease through physical activity
- Facilitate access to physical activity
- Generate social change through sport
- Prevent and manage injury
- Develop technological innovations



CURRICULUM

Curriculum Design



EDI FOCUSED MODULES

Social Impact in Sport

Para Sport

Gender in Sport

Exercise Medicine

Environmental Physiology

Work Experience



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED
LEARNING

Evaluating impact

WORK EXPERIENCE

120 hours of volunteering

SCHOLARSHIPS

1 National
1 East London



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