

## **Union Stance on the Closure of St Mary's Pool**

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### The union notes

- The college have decided to close the swimming pool at St Mary's Hospital Campus as part of cost savings across campus services.
- In 2016-17 the expenditure for the pool was £113,000
- In 2016-17 the income was £73,400
- In 2018 contracts end for different groups of pool users who were paying a very low rate (£17 per hour per lane on the FastFins contract) to use the pool because they had contributed to the refurbishment.
- This probably makes it the cheapest pool in Zone 1 ( Fulham Pools costs £474 per hour)
- The headteacher of the Lycee has written to the college saying they are willing to pay more to use the pool.
- Sport Imperial's strategy says they are committed to providing services cross campuses
- The pool is the only service offered by Sport Imperial at St Mary's Hospital Campus

### The Union believes

- The annual deficit can be reduced without closing the swimming pool
- The college have not adequately explored options to keep the pool at St Mary's hospital open.
- Ethos already has a high occupancy rate. Forcing the pool users to move to South Kensington is not a viable alternative and would impact on pool users in Ethos who already complain about lanes being too crowded.

### The Union resolves

- To form a stance of opposing the closure of St Mary's pool until options to keep it open have been fully considered.