

**Deputy President (Education and Welfare) Report**  
*A Note by the Deputy President (Education and Welfare)*

### **Interviews**

I sat on the interviews for the subwarden position at Falmouth/ Keogh. There are also upcoming vacancies for Selkirk Hall and Picadilly Court if anyone is interested.

### **Prayer Room**

The space that was previously identified as a serious damp problem which would require a significant cash investment. We've spoken to the Pro-Rector for Education and she is generally supportive but we need to gather the views of other religious societies at Imperial.

### **Freshers Review**

The Rector is keen to review the experience Freshers had this year, from application, pre-arrival and the first week. We'll be doing an article in Felix to gauge student opinions to feedback to the staff that are doing the review, so we can make sure the improvements are the ones that are important to them. Areas we'll be particularly focusing on are payment of tuition fees, accommodation and welfare-related advice.

### **Personal Tutors**

As most people will agree, the disparities between the level of service provided by Personal Tutors is a bit woeful. I am working with the people that currently do the training programme and with the Pro-Rector for Education to make sure this is the year that we can do a total re-vamp.

### **Paragon Hall Students**

Paragon now only has 4 Imperial Undergraduates living there- a big thanks to Ally Cott, David Charles and Christian Carter for helping with the move to other halls of residence.

### **Halls**

I will be arranging a Halls Forum in place of the Halls Committee this term. I will be heading out to the halls of residences, ordering pizza and getting the students to give very informal feedback about living in their halls. Wardens won't be welcome but Village Managers will be so students can give their views and ask questions.

### **Campaigns**

Healthy Living Week starts today so check out the websites, go to the classes, eat the yummy food and swap vouchers for rewards!

Otherwise I have been focusing on organising SHAG Week with student societies. There is now a provisional timetable with film screenings, information stalls at lunchtimes, an STI Treasure Hunt, STI Bingo, a health forum and a SHAG Wrap-up party on the Friday.

The emphasis will be on educating students about the risks of unprotected sex, and give them advice on where to go for help and information relating to sexual health.

Again, if there's anyone else that would like to help let me know! We need people to man stalls during the week. There will be a training evening the week before so the blind won't be leading the blind as such...

### **Security**

I sit on neighbourhood committees to discuss with the police our priorities for the upcoming months. Bike thefts are a big focus and the Estates Department has allocated money to buy decent bike locks and sell them to students for half price. I am thinking of having a low-key security focused campaign this year (Safer Campus?), dates would be 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> December because it's a pretty quiet time of year.

### **Representation**

A provisional date for all academic rep training is the 17<sup>th</sup> of November (Monday). This is going to be compulsory for all Education Reps, Dep reps and all year/ course reps are encouraged to go along too.

### **Felix**

I have been doing welfare pages for Felix on a (roughly) fortnightly basis. If there is something that you feel needs to be included let me know.

### **Recycling**

Recycling has moved into a whole different world since our campaign 3 years ago. I have been speaking to the Facilities department to give suggestions with Adele Peel, and it's looking really positive. The education part is now what we need to work on- contamination rates of bins are still a bit high.

### **Silwood**

Myself, Jen and Lily went down to Silwood. It was beautiful and the students were really welcoming. I'm looking into the accommodation at the site, hopefully shifting their accommodation office from South Kensington to their neck of the woods.

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## **Student Bloggers**

Myself and Alex McKee were asked to review the applications for student bloggers, the new tool to promote Imperial to prospective students. The applications ranged from brilliant and entertaining to adjectives punctuated by expletives. They'll be online soon!