



Royal College of Science Union Report to Council

A note by the RCSU President Luke Kanczes

Events

We've organised a range of events for fresher's week and the first few weeks of term. The first is a "RCSU Made in Chelsea Pubcrawl", this will start at 7pm at the Union on Thursday 6th October. We have free t-shirts to give away to fresher's and will feature a guest appearance from our much loved mascot Jez who will be giving people lifts between pubs.

We also have a Charity Cupcake sale in the RCSU Office on Thursday at 12pm. On Friday 7th October we have a RCSU Booksale at 12:30 in Huxley 341. The RCSU Autumn Ball is taking place on Tuesday 11th October, at Opal Bar. This will be £9 for 3 free drinks on entry. Jez will also be on hand to give people rides. Finally for October we have organised the "RCSU Oktoberfest" taking place on October 18th.

Fresher's Fair

Plan to hand out wristbands, pens, oyster card holders, sweets, RCSU branded condoms, publicity for our events, and, of course, highly informative advice on how to survive as a scientist at Imperial. In addition, we're going to have our Broadsheet editor on hand to try and recruit writers for our publication.

Broadsheet/Website

The RCSU website has been redesigned this year aiming to integrate Broadsheet.

The Science Challenge

Paul Beaumont has been appointed Science Challenge Chair (along with his role as VPO) and has done tremendous work organising Science Challenge 2012. The launch is to be held on January 17th at 6:30pm in SAF. Prizes for last year's Science Challenge still have yet to be given out (although the winners have been notified). This will be done in November at the RCSU Alumni Dinner, date is still tbc.

Clubs and Societies

We have held one meeting so far for our societies, keeping track of their progress and answering any queries that have arisen. The Vice-President Operations (Paul) has been integral in ensuring that they are being run efficiently. All the departmental societies have events planned this term and have put plans in place for a variety of socials and lectures. We feel that they are successfully building on last year's momentum.

Elections

Year reps are due to be elected in most of the departments, furthermore the following committee positions we will also encourage people to run for the following committee positions: RCSU PG Representative (Careers and Development), RCSU PG Representative (Activities and Events) and RCSU PG Ordinary Member.

Buddies

The same as last year, every fresher within the RCSU has an allocated buddy. Depsocs have been encouraged to organise at least one buddy event.

Welfare

We have plans in place to hold a welfare week, similar to last year. Our Welfare Officer will play a key role in organising this. The provisional date for this is November 28th to December 2nd.

RCSU bookshop

We're holding a RCSU Booksale on Friday 7th October. Any remaining books will then be put on sale via the Union website.

Finally a big thank you to the RCSU committee for all of their help during the weeks leading up to the start of term!