



Royal College of Science Union – Report

A note by RCSU President – Serena Yuen

Freshers' Fair

Our Freshers' Fair today was successful, with most people enjoying our virtual Wheel of Fortune. Prizes on that included USB sticks, pint glasses, shot glasses, pin badges, scarves and one of 2 tickets to our Autumn ball. We also distributed pens, highlighters, beer mats, drawstring bags. However, due to the success of our Wheel of Fortune and the overwhelming amount of freshers at the stall, our committee were momentarily distracted and our mascot Theta the Thermometer was taken by Bio Engineering, resulting in the only incident of Freshers' Fair 2014.

Pub Crawl to Hammersmith

This year's pub crawl route starts at the Union at 7pm, 9th October, and sweeps across High St Kensington and ends at Hammersmith at the William Morris. This is convenient both for freshers (as there are frequent buses back to Evelyn Gardens and Exhibition Road for halls), and for older years, most of whom live around the area. Participants can pick up tshirts at the Freshers' fair and at the Union on the night.

RCSU Bookshop

Our bookshop this year will be held in the JCR during lunchtime on 10th October. Again, sellers will receive 100% of the price the books sell at.

Autumn Ball

This year the Ball will be held at Opal, Embankment on 13th October. Tickets are priced at £12 for 3 free drinks. Government ID will be required on entry.

RCSU Tea Party

This year, our tea party will be taking over Activity spaces 1 and 2 on 14th October, lunchtime. We are staying with a British theme, and plenty of tea, cake, scones and jam will be provided.

RCSU Buddies' Bar Night

The Bar night will start at 8 pm on 16th October. Students who turn up in entire families will receive two drinks tokens, and we hope that this will be a good event for students to catch up as families after their first two weeks.

RCSU Freshers' handbook

This year our Broadsheet Editor Ben Stockton designed the Handbook, with entries written by various key members of the Committee. These were only delivered to UK students and so we have over 500 remaining copies, some of which were distributed at Freshers Fair. The rest will be distributed through departments, Depreps and Depsocs.

Website

Our new website is being designed and is under construction by Jonas de Beukelaer, although the existing one is up to date with the correct information. We hope to have the new website launched in the next few weeks.

Science Challenge

Preparations for Science Challenge are taking shape but ideally we should be more prepared than we currently are, if the VPO had taken action as agreed before Summer term of 2014. Our Science Challenge Chair, June Yin Gan, was only elected in the Summer Elections. We have chosen a final venue, and are looking at booking a date in the last two weeks of Spring term 2015. We have one confirmed Judge for the video competition and are contacting more potential judges.

RCSU Sport

We are hoping to introduce more inter-departmental sport events/competitions, as well as set up rugby/football/netball teams in the RCSU to take part in matches against the other CUs.

RCSU Depsocs

We have met with our Clubs and Activities committee twice over summer to train them in largely financial matters. James (Treasurer) has been helping club officers a lot with procedures in eActivities and coordination of events, making sure they are planned adequately in advance of the event taking place.