

Council  
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## Council Report

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A quick summary of some of the exciting things that have happened in my first weeks in the role.

**The Foundry** in Woodward Hall, North Acton has now opened! I was involved in recruiting the whole senior team (1 Manager, 2 Duty Managers, and 3 Supervisors) and am delighted with them all. I attended the 'soft opening' on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September and was served the first pint as a paying customer! The team pulled together very well and delivered a very successful service on both Monday and Tuesday nights.

The Foundry is modelled on h-bar and is a joint venture between the Union and College. With my agreement, Imperial students get a 30% discount on drinks and 20% discount on food. I look forward to seeing you there soon!

Right at the start of August the **pizza bases** changed! As per my manifesto commitment to deliver you improved pizzas.

Recently you will have noticed the whole menu has had a revamp. I have been involved with the bar and kitchen teams in putting through the student viewpoint and sampling and evaluating the new items before launch. I will see you downstairs!

You may have heard **Queen's Tower Bells** on 10<sup>th</sup> September to mark Her Majesty the Queen's milestone as longest-reigning Sovereign. This was due to an earlier request by me to mark this momentous occasion.

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, **move in day**, I spent a few hours at Woodward, directing people from the Tube station and helping with luggage. I then moved to Evelyn Gardens to meet the wardening and senior teams, and the new students to tell them just how popular Evelyn Gardens was last year!

Both **Mingles** were a resounding success. I stayed at both until 2am and met as many students as I could, while also assisting the hall senior and wardening teams.

I will be reviewing the **Hall Room Swap Policy** I successfully negotiated with College last year to ensure it's been effective, and to look at the next steps.

I'm continuing to research implantation of **Gift Aid**.

I'm committed to the **operational side** of my role and aim to respond to e-mail queries as quickly as possible.

I've also done sundry stuff, such as a couple of **Subwarden interviews** (since my last Council report).

Finally I would like to thank **my predecessor, Mr Savell**, for his handover and the kindness (and patience!) he has shown me over the summer.