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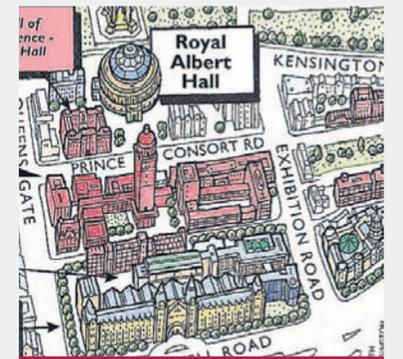
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# Your life starts here

## Welcome to Imperial College and felix, Freshers.

If you're reading this, you're either one of two things; a tramp using this newspaper as bedding/some light bedtime reading, or you'll be a Fresher who's picked up this newspaper from your bed. Though you're more likely to be the latter, we're all about equal opportunities here at Felix, so a big shout-out to the tramps of London. Now back to the matter in hand. You've made it to university and if it's your first time, it is an unrivalled experience. I'm sure you've heard it all; it's a fresh start, the best years of your life and so on. Well, I hate to say it, but they're all true. If everything else isn't exciting enough, you've also decided to try your hand at one of the world's best universities. You fool. If you're one to thrive on academia, then you're at

the right place. Every Fresher will have a lot on their plate though, and it's just a choice of what to eat and what to leave. Firstly, you're in London. All you can do is explore the sprawling metropolis that is this beautiful city. Visit the obvious sites: Trafalgar Square, Southbank, Oxford Circus, Camden and whatnot, but there is so much more to see and do, as you might have guessed. You will run into so many things during your years in London, and a lot of them you will do so by accident. You'll discover all sorts of places, from cosy pubs to hidden underground clubs, your new favourite restaurant to your new favourite cafe, and from small record stalls amongst a bustling street market to a hidden treasure of a garden where you'll waste away many a night. Though we'll have to drag you back

to Imperial kicking and screaming, you'll soon realise there's plenty going on campus too. It'll be hard not to hear about what is going on, but it will be hard deciding what to start doing first. The Union will help you pack out your events schedule for the first couple of weeks. Alongside their bars, shops and events, they also help organise around 300 clubs and societies that run throughout the year. This issue of Felix contains a plan for this year's Freshers' Fair. Freshers' Fair is a chance for you to see and sign up to all the different clubs and societies that Imperial has to offer. So make sure you turn up, and head straight to the Felix stand. Here, you'll meet some of the current Editors, and put your name down to write for Felix if you fancy yourself as a budding journalist. Expect to see Felix littered across

College throughout the week, and especially on Fridays when each issue is released. We're the student newspaper of Imperial, and that means we're entirely student run. Though the offices are always a place of laughter and banter, we do pride ourselves in being the best student newspaper in the country (ask the Guardian Student Media Award judges, wahahaheyyyyy...). We're not ones to rest on past laurels however, and that's why we need you Freshers to make it that much better and... well, fresh. What you're reading now is a special issue just for Freshers like you. So feel special, have a read through the paper, chuckle in the appropriate places, put the paper down, then start the rest of your life here at Imperial College.



## CHECK IT! I'm the Top Cat! Aww, lame...

**Dan Wan** Editor-in-Chief

I've just realised that every picture you've seen of me I absolutely despise. The official photo that is used in the Freshers' Handbook suggests that I'm in an all-grinning state of creepy happiness. I have never smiled like that in my life, and the momentary second I do so, they decide to take a photo and plaster it all over the Union. Don't even get me started on the one above.

If my face hasn't put you off enough to immediately and permanently erase it from your memory, you should definitely come harass me when you see the fugly thing around College. But enough about my questionable face.

You'll see *felix* released across College every Friday in the arm-achingly numerous distribution bins. It's all part of a big game-plan, you see. If Fridays weren't good enough because the weekend's staring you right in the face, you also get your favourite newspaper to read. Or, pick it up during the week and let it consume a boring lecture. The Coffee Break section has been scientifically proven to relieve tutorial-induced boredom.

Now let me introduce you to the a couple of the important people helping me make this newspaper thoroughly second-rate. The bastards.

There's the two Deputy Editors, both Physicists, Kadhim and Gilead. Kadhim has recently been travelling and like most travellers has returned with

a 'newfound sense of life'. This has so far only lead to growth of a remarkably suspect moustache. Despite the habit that has colonised his upper lip, I'm sure he has plenty of insights to share with us over the coming year in his combined roles of Deputy, News and Music Editor.

Gilead has just stumbled straight off the BBC set of University Challenge where he captained the Imperial College team. Whilst he may be receiving tongue-lashings from Jeremy Paxman, Gilead has just as a sharp-witted mind, longside a vocabulary so extensive it puts the Oxford English Dictionary to shame. Read his Comment piece this week to see the substance behind the claims.

The rest of the team consists of an eclectic and entertaining mix of lads and lasses. Each of them contributes however much they can, entirely voluntarily every week. They balance their degree with working for *felix*, and a lot of the time the two things become equal priority. However, as enthusiastic as people can get, I have always said that your degree should always come first. Hence, I understand when people can't commit to any articles for the period of their exams or dissertations. It is their entirely choice though, and I am always extremely grateful to see different individuals walk through the door into the office. I'm equally excited to see familiar faces enter as I am new

ones. If you find yourself thinking you want to write for *felix*, I think I've made it very clear you're welcome to see us in the office for a chat and a pint. Alternatively, just email us your thoughts at the moderately simple address [felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:felix@imperial.ac.uk).

The people involved in *felix* provide the office with a unscientific, stimulating and playful atmosphere that is rare at Imperial. The differences in music taste, opinion and perspective bring healthy debate to the surface; especially on Wednesday evenings when the print deadline is looming and the office is packed with writers turning in their articles and pages. It is one of many things about being involved with *felix* that has been the saving grace of Imperial College. I nearly quit Imperial in my first year, disillusioned with my course and what I was actually trying to achieve at this university. When I think back to the moment I had my phone in my hand, and the number to Imperial College Registry dialled; then compare it to the moment I became *felix* Editor, I can only thank everyone who persuaded me to stay at Imperial to stick it out, and to get a grip on actually achieving something. And that is why *felix* means so much to me, and why I am striving to make this year's *felix* the best ever. I can only hope *felix* becomes something that means as much to you as it now means to me.

It's really your paper after all.

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OFTEN WEEK

# Feed the cat...

...and write for Imperial's award-winning student newspaper.

*felix* is written and read by you, and as the new year swings by, we want your contributions. From comment pieces to serious articles, we want anything and everything you'd love to share in *felix*. Hell, if you've got an idea for a new section you think we should have, we'll create one for you. The ability to write isn't an issue. That's what we have editors for. We just want to hear what you have to say.

If you're really serious, we've got some editorial vacancies available for the new year:

**Politics editor** - say what you really think about the people in charge.

**Catnip editor** - orchestrate the masses with *felix*'s official messageboard.

**Food editor** - everyone loves food critics. Never a better excuse to go out to eat.

**Assistant travel editor** - must be well-travelled and have a good sense of humour!

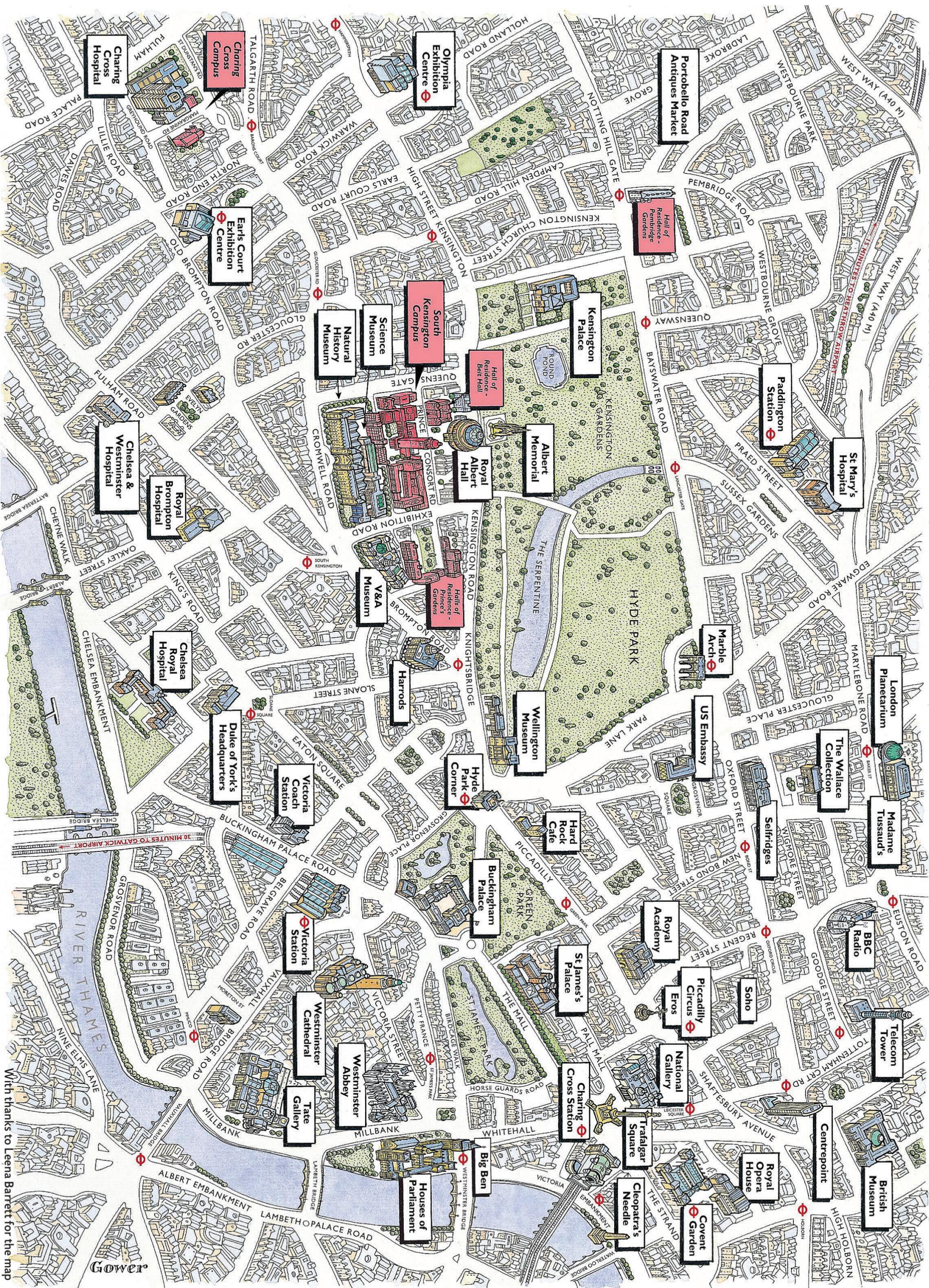
**Hangman writers** - have you got a sharp mind and a satirical tongue?

**Copy editors** - keep the rest of the team's spelling and grammar in check.



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# Your new locale.....



With thanks to Leena Barrett for the map

Gower



# Ashley Brown welcomes you to the Union



“We don’t tend to go around waving placards and shouting through megaphones or pretending that we’re the United Nations”



**W**ell done! If you’re reading this, you’re probably a Fresher, so have successfully made it to Imperial College. You’ll have overcome revision, exams, traffic congestion and parking wardens to have made it into halls, or braved public

transport to commute in. You should have seen the Union’s handbook by now – if not, drop by reception on level 2M of the Union building in Beit and pick one up. I won’t begin to cover the same topics, as it would start to get repetitive!

It’s been good to talk to many of you on

Facebook, especially as one of the conversations provided inspiration for this column. I was asked “do you want to go into politics?”, which got me thinking about the different ways people might view a

students’ union. Is it a place where you go to socialise? A place which organises recreational activities? Somewhere to go for help? A place where people stand around with placards shouting? Or a breeding ground for people to climb the greasy pole of politics? A students’ union can be all of those things, but Imperial College Union does some of those more than others. We’re sometimes seen as fairly odd (as a Union, not as people, although some might say otherwise), because we spend lots of money on clubs and tend not to go on massive rants about things which don’t affect our students.

The Union is a great place to socialise without breaking the bank – our bars are open throughout the week serving food and drink, and our aim is to give you a venue which provides a good service and value for money. We’ll also be raising money during the

year to extensively refurbish our bars, and we’ll want your input.

We don’t tend to go around waving placards and shouting through megaphones, or pretending that we’re the United Nations (we have societies that do that, if you want to). Imperial is home to such a diverse set of people, with so many different opinions, that as a Union we try to stay apolitical, but have clubs for different political and philosophical viewpoints. We spend a lot of time and money on clubs, which provide for a huge range of activities. Make use of the subsidy while you can!

We are certainly a place to come for help. We sit on lots of College committees to represent your views, but also have extensive contacts throughout the College and beyond with which to try and solve any problems you might encounter. As a Fresher, these will probably revolve around money, jobs

and accommodation for a while, before moving on to exam stress and the like. If we don’t know how to help, we’ll know someone who can.

All of that was a long way of answering “no, not really” to the “do you want to go into politics?” question. Politics for the sake of politics isn’t the focus of what we do. A lot of what we do is politics, of course: negotiating with the College when students want something changed, trying to find a compromise between opposing views etc etc etc. But our focus is on students, so make sure you tell us what you want your Union to do.

(OK, I might have lied a bit and covered some of the same ground as the handbook. In the first ‘real’ issue of *felix* I’ll talk a bit about what we’re planning to do in the coming year, which certainly won’t be like the handbook. Probably.)



# Gilead Amit salutes your intrepid spirit



“It’s fairer to say that the time you spend at Imperial will be like a particularly intense game of Monopoly: you: you can win if you know the rules”



**I**f you’re anything like me then you’re Jewish, 6 ft 2”, in desperate need of a shave and are currently struggling to type a 700-word article on somebody else’s MacBook. Chances are, of course, that you’re not like me – something which I’m sure comes as quite a relief to both of us. One thing we do have in common, however, is that we are now both students at the same university. And that, like it or not, makes you twice as likely to be male as female. This may be something of a surprise to those of you who have never previously had any reason to doubt your gender, but I’m afraid there’s no arguing with statistics. Only one out of every three students is going to be a woman, but seeing as I belong to the sex that grows to 6 ft 2” and ends up desperately needing shaves, the odds have evened them-

selves out pretty well for you.

To be fair, these numbers don’t mean very much. By far the more important piece of information is that one in every four of you will come from a land beyond the confines of what we have come to know and love as the European Union. In other words, you are currently sitting on a bed inside a hall of residence belonging to the second most multicultural university in the country. Unless, of course, you happen to have broken with tradition and taken this copy of *felix* out beyond the confines of your room, in which case I salute your intrepid spirit.

The tremendous variation in nationality – and slightly less tremendous variation in gender – can make life at Imperial a bit confusing. Which is a little like saying that fish and chips with peas can taste a bit like fish and chips.

Your lives were like skeins of wool in a lion enclosure long before you came to university, and I hope for your sake they remain that way for many years after. It’s fairer to say that the time you spend at Imperial will be like a particularly intense game of Monopoly: it may well take you a few years to finish, it will cost you a considerable amount of money, you will spend endless hours going over the same, familiar streets, and unless you’re very careful you could well end up in jail. More than that, it will prove at one and the same time exciting, excruciating, exhausting and exhilarating, and you can win if you know the rules.

That has been the point of the threatening reams of paper that have been rammed into your mailbox, left in wait on your bed in halls, and thrust into your terrified hands since you first de-

cidied Imperial was a good place to go once Oxbridge had turned you down. And yet, despite the noble causes that those trees died to promote, may I congratulate you on turning to *felix*. Well done, and thank you. Thank you, thank you, thank you. For it is here, in this paper, that you learn the rules. The forms and inventories, insurance claims and telephone bills, classwork and exercises currently covering your bed will usually do little more than turn you into a panicking cat’s cradle of nerves. Now is the perfect opportunity to take a break and give yourself some time. If the words ‘Don’t Panic’ were good enough for the Megadodo publishing corporation in the constellation of Ursa Minor, and by extension for the Earth-author Douglas Adams, then they are certainly good enough for us.

As a final note, somewhere in your

room you should find a small multi-coloured cardboard box meant to serve as a goody bag-cum-survival kit. Among other things, this box will contain a single, flavoured, condom. Remember its flavour and treasure this nugget of information carefully. Like a loveable medic friend of mine (who has, fortunately, since found his true calling) you can pin it to your wall as a decoration, or you can use it as a topic of conversation when the names and course details of your interlocutors have already been said and instantly forgotten. In my first week, the question ‘what flavour was your condom?’ earned me as many welcome laughs as it did confused expressions. Of course, you may in your youthful brilliance invent yet another function for the offending object. You freshers will never cease to amaze me.

# Melissa Lever loses her innocence at Imperial



"I was making the weekly right of passage that is envied by no one with a decent taste in music, garnished with many a night at the Union"



I'm going to be honest and say that I started off Freshers with a lot of apprehension. After shedding a few tears and seeing my beloved family drive into the distance, I dragged my way to the solid Beit hall feeling more than nervous. I thought that I wasn't clever enough to fit in with the stereotypical Imperial nerds. I'd chosen to study Physics on a whim and I hadn't even finished reading *A Brief History of Time!* But I was definitely no party animal either. I'd never been to a club, or had much experience of drinking (it suffices to say in the coming weeks I made up for lost

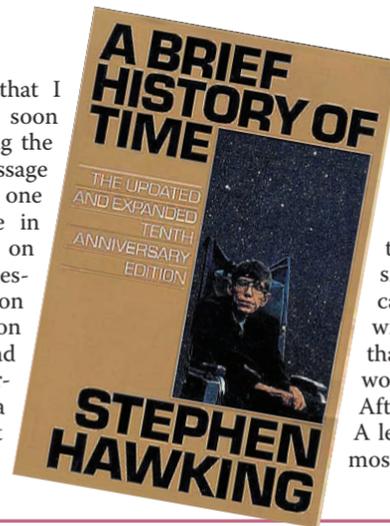
time, and then some).

But it turns out that my fears were unwarranted. I clearly wasn't the only frightened person at the Mingle, with many others looking awkward and asking the tedious questions, "so what subject are you studying? What A levels did you do?..."

And in my case, the Fresher's Week events weren't the best way to meet people anyway. I found the communal kitchen, with its unique - albeit slightly scientific - banter and daily soap operas a far better place for this. I will warn you now that you should guard your cutlery, pots, pans and food with

your life.

I found people that I got along with, and soon enough I was making the weekly right of passage (that is envied by no one with a decent taste in music): Tiger Tiger on Monday, Sway on Tuesday, Cheapskates on Wednesday, On Anon (and on, and on, and on) on Thursday, garnished with many a diabolical night at the Union. I look



back and marvel at how I was able to make it to 9am lectures at all, never mind hangover free.

Which takes me to the academic side of things. I came to Imperial with the assumption that a Physics degree wouldn't be too hard. After all, I'd managed A levels OK, and I was most definitely going to

spend my time studying into the night, every night, and achieve the zenith of academic greatness. Somewhere not too far along the line, that plan failed. Which isn't to say I regret it at all; Freshers shouldn't be about spending all your time in the library, and cramming still works for first year exams, sort of.

You've probably heard it before, but being a Fresher is a once in a lifetime opportunity. By the time you make second year you'll be wishing you didn't take it for granted. And so, my dewy, bright-eyed Freshers, enjoy it while you can!

# Katie Tomlinson is mourning Fresherdome



"Try to avoid being drawn into the Imperial bubble, remember where you are; make the most of being in central London. It is a rare luxury."



I feel like mourning fresherdome. Looking back on my Fresher year, the somewhat recent memory feels like looking back on a lifetime of union events, embroiled with snake bites, hazy walks back through Hyde Park and struggling to decipher unfamiliar bus maps. The initial Fresher experience at Imperial is quite overwhelming. Firstly you have to deal with the interestingly international and "studious" complement of personalities in your halls, then later go to some massive student club, dressed in nothing but neon, and get hilariously plastered. This is

all good fun for the first week, which luckily is just enough time before lectures start. That's when it starts to get really tough. Get used to going to lectures at ridiculous o'clock, aimlessly finding your way through what will soon be a noxiously familiar campus. Those first few weeks will be physically hard. So stock up on vitamins, red bull, soap and tinned food; and with luck you will survive.

I remember turning up to Ministry of Sound and the DJ announcing that Imperial had arrived, recognising the usual male mob of fearful, spectacle-bearing, fresh faces. Hence "Impe-

rial" can be used descriptively; if used against an unfortunate garment you're wearing, you might want to avoid wearing it outside the campus gates.

I would heavily recommend joining a society. I failed this year, purely due to my own preoccupation with friends, liquid intoxicants and learning how to get by. There are so many societies at Imperial, so maybe go in with some intent, discipline and an open mind. It's a sure way to make friends outside of the compulsory halls/course circle. The Union nights can be good, as long as you go with the right expectations.

No doubt you will be aware of the

HUGELY disproportionate sex ratio, which does cause quite a lot of animosity between boys and girls. However resentment is the wrong way to go. None of us wanted it is this way. If you're searching for a girl, don't get disheartened if everything is a bit dry. There are many options like joining a society, meeting those on your course and halls, and perhaps consider branching out of Imperial.

If you're looking for a boy, take your pick. But don't forget the infamous Imperial motto: "the odds are good, but the goods are odd". Personally I think the odder the better, but this may be a

matter of opinion, so see above.

Academically you are likely to be pushed, so prepare by having a LOT of fun being a Fresher, but eventually at some far off point in the future you will have to work hard.

Finally, try to avoid being drawn into the Imperial bubble, remember where you are. Maybe make a mental list of things you want to do, see and hear this year. It's good to make the most of being in central London, a rare luxury for a student and is one of Imperial's many perks.

Despite some of my honest allusions, I am strangely jealous. Good luck!

## What's your Comment piece going to be about?



"Got something on your mind? Need to take issue with something? Disagree with another Comment piece? Have a hilarious story you need to share with the rest of College? I bet you do, Freshers."

Anyone and everyone can write a Comment piece. It can be about anything and everything. Submit your two pennies worth at any time to [comment.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:comment.felix@imperial.ac.uk)

# A cookbook for one.....

One thing that instils fear into the heart of students leaving home for the first time is the supposedly mammoth task of keeping themselves fed and watered whilst staying on top of their workload and social life. The reality is, often students are too busy, too scared or just too cash-strapped to want to put a lot of effort into cooking. Ready meals and pizzas tend up being costlier and pretty unhealthy due to their high salt and preservative content. After a few weeks however, you quickly learn to adapt and many students go on to really enjoy cooking. In addition, as you make more friends there will be lots of opportunities for pairing up with other people to share the workload. These 'recipes' are just ideas for grabbing a quick bite that won't break the bank, and will mean you're less tempted to grab a pricey snack or fatty chips when your stomach starts rumbling. They're not particularly inspiring, but then again nobody should be scared by their complexity.

## Substitute minestrone soup

This isn't going to win in the gastronomic stakes, but it's cheap and ready in a flash. It's also a good option when your fridge is empty. The pasta in tinned minestrone soup turns mushy when you cook it, and this method makes a much heartier meal.

- Time:** 15 minutes  
**Cost:** 70p per portion  
**Ingredients:** • 1 can of your favourite soup (mushroom or tomato work well)  
 • Handful of dried pasta such as farfalle or macaroni

**Method:** Heat the soup gently in a saucepan. When it is warmed through, add the pasta and cook for the amount of time stated on the packet. If there are any leftovers, store them in a mug in the fridge for no longer than a day and heat up in a microwave or saucepan for a quick snack.

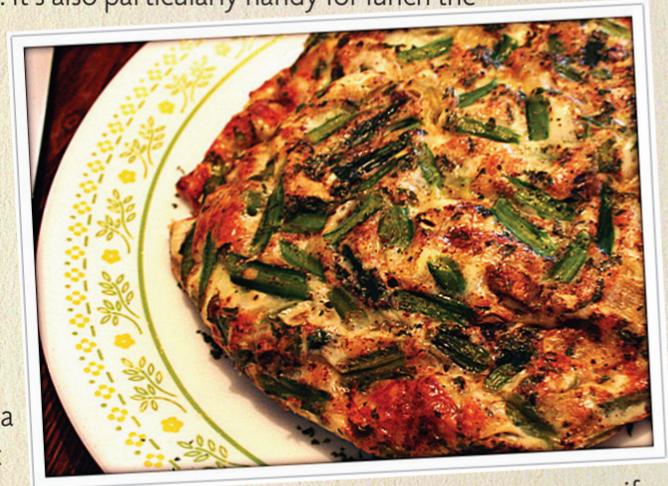


## Tuna Pasta Salad

OK. Healthy and a substantial meal that keeps well in the fridge for a day or so in a Tupperware. It's also particularly handy for lunch the following day to avoid splashing out on a pricier meal in college.

- Time:** 15 minutes  
**Cost:** £1.50 (enough for 2 meals)  
**Ingredients:** • 2-3 handfuls of dried pasta (shell-shaped pasta works well)  
 • Tin of tuna in water or oil  
 • 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise  
 • Salt and pepper to taste  
 • Squeeze of lemon juice (optional)  
 • Half a small tin of sweetcorn (optional)

**Method:** Bring a large saucepan of water to boil (boiling it in a kettle is faster) and put in a pinch of salt. Add the pasta and cook according to the time on the packet. In the meantime, mix the tin of tuna with the mayonnaise, a small pinch of pepper and the lemon juice and sweetcorn using (diced fresh peppers also work well).



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## Fish Finger Sandwich

Another one that's not going to win any prizes, but it works in terms of getting you much-needed protein when you're in a hurry. If you stick some lettuce, tomato or cucumber in between slices you're getting some of your five-a-day too.

- Time:** 10 minutes  
**Cost:** 50p per sandwich  
**Ingredients:** • Frozen fish fingers  
 • Bread  
 • Ketchup or mayonnaise  
 • Salad (optional!)

**Method:** Cook the fish fingers according to the instructions on the packet. Stick in between 2 slices of bread with a good splodge of mayonnaise or ketchup and some salad if using.



## Omelette

Omelettes are one of those things that every student should learn to cook (as long as you like eggs) because it's quick, cheap and on balance a pretty healthy meal. It's also one of those few meals that's easier to cook for one. It can be eaten plain but it's often what you put in it that makes it. Serve with salad to again get your fruit and veg total topped-up.

**Time:** Less than 10 minutes

**Cost:** 60p- £1 depending on topping

**Ingredients:**

- 2-3 eggs, depending on how hungry you are
- Small knob of butter
- Salt and pepper

**Method:** Break the eggs into a bowl and add salt and pepper. Break up with a fork but do not whisk or beat them. Place a frying pan on the highest heat and melt the butter, tipping the pan to cover the surface. When the butter is frothing, tip in the eggs and leave for 10 seconds. Tilt the pan, pushing one side of the omelette up so that the runny egg fills the gap, and repeat on the other side. When the egg is mostly solid, fold it in half and cook for another 10 seconds. When most of the liquid egg has gone, tip onto a plate, folding it in half again and serve immediately. You can add grated cheese, herbs, cooked bacon or cooked vegetables to the mixture before cooking to add flavour.



## Jacket Potato

Often overlooked by students because of the time it takes to cook them, jacket potatoes are great for colder nights when you're too tired or busy to fuss around in the kitchen. As long as you put the potato in the oven before you're hungry, you can get on with some study or watching TV while it's cooking.

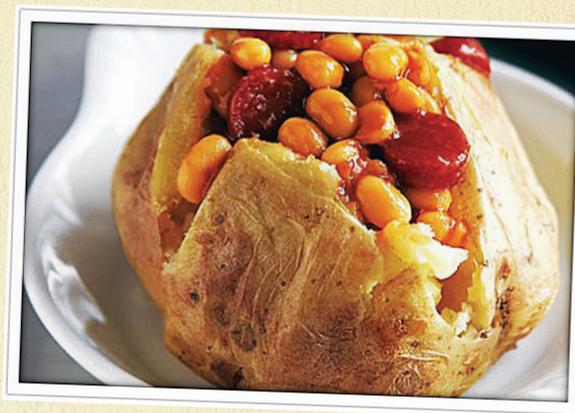
**Time:** 1 hour

**Cost:** 60p-£1.50 depending on topping

**Ingredients:**

- 1 jacket potato
- Salt

**Method:** Heat the oven to 180°C. Wash the jacket potato and pierce with a fork a few times so it doesn't explode. Rub with some salt and place it in the oven. Medium sized-potatoes will take about an hour, but to check it's ready pierce with a knife and it should be soft all the way through. Serve with melted butter and cheese or beans (or both) or a tuna mix.



# Store cupboard essentials

Having a poorly-stocked cupboard is one of the key reasons students over-spend on last-minute purchases. One of the best ways to keep costs down and reduce stress is to plan a bit in advance so you always have something on hand to whip up last minute. Avoid wandering around the supermarket aimlessly- lists are frugal cook's best friend. The following is by no means a comprehensive list, but it's a start. It means you'll be able to make a lot of the meals mentioned above with the purchase of one or two fresh items in some instances. Your freezer should become your best friend- take advantage of the larger space by freezing larger meals in portion sizes (they're impossible to split when frozen!). This is particularly useful for sauces such as tomato sauce and mince.

### TINS:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned tuna (in water or oil is fine)
- Baked Beans

### FROZEN FOOD:

- Sliced bread (for toast)
- Frozen peas
- Frozen sweetcorn
- Fish fingers or fish cakes for emergencies

### SAUCES/ CONDIMENTS/ OILS:

- Mayonnaise
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Soy sauce
- White wine vinegar
- Olive oil
- Vegetable oil
- Jar of pesto
- Tomato puree

### SPICES:

- Salt (sea salt is good)
- Pepper (in a mill is better)
- Cinnamon
- Dried flaked chillis or chilli powder
- Oregano

### DRIED FOOD:

- Sugar
- Flour
- Rice
- Pasta (spaghetti and shapes)



# At your beck and call

You probably know by now, but Deputy President (Welfare) John James reiterates: we are here to guide, help and advise

Hello and welcome to Imperial and Felix. This is where I pull together some advice to let you know what I wish I knew at the start of my time at Imperial. The most important thing is to get the balance right between studying and having a good time. Obviously everyone has different targets and levels of drive, but you still must remember that either extremes of studying or partying are bad for you.

If you're having personal problems or are struggling with your workload there's a number of people you can turn to.

Let someone know you're struggling, be it friends. This can be your personal tutor, one of the wardens in your halls or myself in the Union. Imperial College Union is a separate organisation from Imperial College, so if you have a problem and feel you can't talk to someone in College about it, free confidential and independent advice can be given by the us.

We also have a dedicated Student Adviser, Nigel Cooke, who works in the Advice Centre on level 2 mezzanine. You can come and see him about any issue, including Academic Advice, Accommodation, Complaints, Consumer Rights, Diversity and Equality, Employment Rights, Exam Stress, Health and Wellbeing, International Student Issues, Money Advice and Personal Safety.

Nigel also has links with all the College welfare services and also legal advice centres in the local community, so if he can't help we can find someone who will be able to locally. We are also full members of Advice UK which is an agency which encourages good practice in advice centres around the country. The Advice Centre acts as an advocate for students; to College and



The No. 14 Bus: Putney to Warren St via Picadilly Circus. A ride of pure joy.

also to outside organisations when we feel a student needs extra help to solve an issue, acting on your behalf with your permission.

Both Nigel and myself are in close contact with the College welfare services, including the Health Centre, Student Counselling Service, Careers Advisory Service and Disability Officer. For more details check out the Information and Advice pages on our website. The Chaplaincy is also available to talk about any issues you may want to talk about.

Personal safety is paramount and when planning a night on the tiles it's important not only to decide on the multitude of seedy venues that make a good night out, but also to sort out your route home. The route planner on the Transport for London website is amazing and it's always worth memorising the route of the number 14 bus. It goes pretty close to the favourite student hot spots in the West End and runs all round the clock. Also remember that the number for Cabwise is also given on every bus stop. It's run by TFL

and if you text 60835, they send you the numbers of one taxi firm and two licensed minicab operators near to your current location. It costs the standard network rate +35p, but it's a small price to pay for a safe journey home.

Both of us will be at Freshers' Fair handing out condoms and other goodies (personal attack alarms, night bus maps, cycle routes etc), so if you have any questions or want to say hello, pop over and see us, especially if you want to lend a hand running some of the Welfare Campaigns we have planned this year. Remember that the next few weeks of settling in are going to be a bit of a rollercoaster, but that the friends you make in the next year will probably be the ones that you keep for the rest of your life. With that in mind I can only encourage you to get out and meet as many people as possible, be nice to them, avoid eating fat, read a good book every now and then, get some walking in and try and live together in peace and harmony with people of all creeds and nations. Here's the theme music.



## Advising you well.....

Nigel Cooke Student Adviser

**H**i, my name is Nigel Cooke. I am the Student Adviser here at Imperial College Union and I work in The Advice Centre.

I am here to help you with any Welfare issues you may have during your time studying here these include:

- Academic appeals and complaints
- Debt Advice
- Housing Rights
- Employment Rights
- Consumer Rights
- Personal Safety
- International Students Issues

I also can help with issues such as drugs, alcohol and sexual health. You may never need our service but now you are here, being a student it is not as easy as people think and you may face struggles or issues that you feel you cannot handle yourself.

The Advice Centre is your free service for confidential, impartial and independent advice. At the union we pride ourselves on being independent so you can be sure that if you approach us with an issue, we will give you our honest opinion on the issue and help to empower you to solve it.

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The Advice Centre advocates for students both to the college and also to outside organisations. When we

feel you, the student, needs extra help we can act on your behalf with your permission.

We also consider ourselves to be an information giving service, so if you just need some information on the college or the local area we are the best people to contact for this. We will be able to point you in the right direction.

So whether you just want some information on where the best local place is to get a burger or if you have a more pressing issue, make The Advice Centre your one stop shop for all your welfare issues and needs.

The Advice Centre will have a stall at Fresher's Fair, so if you fancy getting a freebie and having a chat feel free to come over for a natter!

The Advice Centre is situated in the mezzanine level of the Union building in the Beit Quad.



The Advice Centre is above the bars on the Mezzanine level (2M) of the Union Building in the Beit Quad.

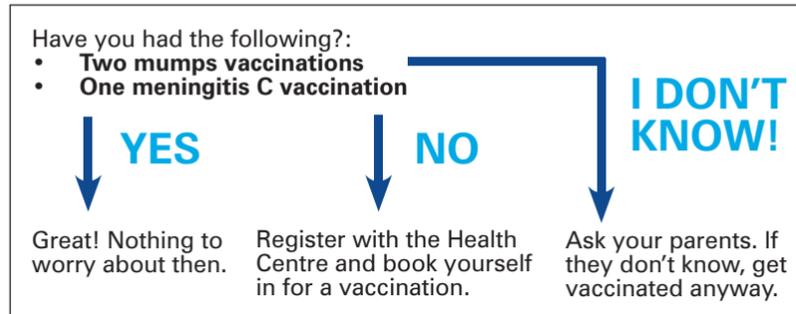
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# Make sure that you're vaccinated against infections!

Dr. David Hayton IC Healthcare Centre GP

Fortunately, mumps and meningitis are rare illnesses. However, they do occur, and when they do they tend to be in the student age group. There are several reasons for this, but the first week of term is not the time (and Felix is not the place) for an epidemiology lecture in infectious disease and herd immunity. Suffice to say that a large group of partially vaccinated adults from different parts of the world, living and working in close proximity and often in close contact with each other, provides an ideal opportunity for these rare infections to occur. And they do.

Unfortunately, when they do occur they can be serious. Meningococcal disease (meningitis) can kill, and mumps can lead to reduced fertility. For this reason in the UK there is a free vaccination programme for those up to and including 24 years of age i.e. those most at risk. The vaccinations dramatically reduce an individual's chances of developing these illnesses, but they are not perfect: there is still a small chance



of infection.

Under the current NHS vaccination criteria, people aged 25 and above are not eligible for free vaccinations as they are at much reduced risk.

Regardless of our vaccination status, age, or any other factor, all of us need to be aware of the early signs of these infections. For more information see the leaflets in your Health Centre Welcome Pack or visit our website [www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk).

You need to make sure that you are covered. Have you had:

- Two mumps vaccinations

- One meningitis C vaccination
- If you are under 25 years old you need to be absolutely sure you have had the appropriate vaccinations against mumps and meningitis C.

The best way to find out whether you have had these vaccinations is to ask your parents. Your GP may have a record of your childhood vaccinations but may not know if you have had MenC (the meningitis C vaccination). Even if you are eligible to register with us, Imperial College Health Centre will not receive your NHS notes for several months, by which time it is too late.

If you are at all unsure about having had these vaccinations please contact the Health Centre as soon as possible. This is urgent as the vaccinations take several weeks to work, during which time you may be at increased risk of these illnesses. We are running special vaccination clinics during the first week of term to try and minimise the risk to students so visit [www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk/vaccinations](http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk/vaccinations).

Having too many vaccinations is not a problem, so where there is any doubt we usually give the vaccination rather than put you at increased risk of infection.

Before I go, there's time to tell you more about the Health Centre. Your health is likely the last thing your mind is on at the start of term. However it is strongly recommended that you are registered with a GP local to where you live in term time. Most students are eligible to register with us. Do this quickly, before you become ill! We offer a host of services so please visit [www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk) for more information.

Imperial College Health Centre



Imperial College Health Centre is located underneath Southside Halls in Princes Gardens, off Exhibition Road.

To contact them:  
Telephone: 020 7584 6301  
Imperial Ext: 49375/6  
Fax: 020 7594 9390  
Email: [healthcentre@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:healthcentre@imperial.ac.uk)

For more information on their range of services, visit:  
[www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.imperialcollegehealthcentre.co.uk)



# To ram the point home

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies) Jenny Wilson welcomes you to her wonderous extracurricular oasis of Clubs & Societies

In case you haven't heard, we have around 300 Clubs & Societies here at Imperial, and we are pretty proud of them. Freshers' Fair is a day dedicated to showcasing all of them. Check out the centrefold for a full run down of what we have and where all the stalls will be located, and definitely turn up to it on Tuesday 6th October. In the Freshers' Handbook there is also the Clubs & Societies A-Z with a blurb about each of them.

Just because we're all here to do science, engineering or medicine doesn't mean we can't have fun on the side. If your subject does happen to be your extracurricular passion however, you are automatically a member of your departmental society, so it's worth keeping an eye out on what they have on offer. Below is a whirlwind tour of lots of the things that you can indulge yourself in whilst at Imperial. But, if it's not just your own life you are looking to enrich, you should be sure to catch up with RAG (Raising and Giving) the charity fundraising group, and CAG (Community Action Group) who do great things for other communities both locally and further afield.

Sport. I know this one is a little controversial. Some of you will be die-hard sports men/women, some casual part-takers and some of you may think you have been well and truly put off sport for life. One thing to know is that no matter your feelings, we've got sport in many different flavours, at any level. For those of you in the first category, you won't need much convincing. The only thing I'll add is that it's worth finding the Sport Imperial stall to find out about our sport scholarships and sport development schemes if you are more than a bit good. For those of you in the second and third category, I want to take this opportunity to say welcome to University: where sport is more than compulsory rugby, football, netball, hockey and athletics. For a start, the College gym, Ethos, is free for all students for swimming and using the gym, and just requires a short orien-

tation to get started. And if that's not your style, then there are a plethora of clubs that involve being active in some way- many of whom operate at the weekend and outside of London. Find something to keep you active and out of the library because a healthy body makes for a healthy mind. Again, people often categorise themselves as arty or not, but please don't. The great thing is that you can take as much as you want, with something artistic going on every day of the week around campus. If it's playing music that you are into, then there are a wealth of groups or practice rooms for individuals and small ensembles. If you are more into photography or a budding Da Vinci, we have something for you too. And even after all that, if you can still only squeak or squeal on instruments and Tracy Emin's 'My Bed' is about all you could muster for art, you could always go along to the concerts, exhibits and shows that the more artistically minded have put together. These are less expensive than the West End, on your

doorstep and always a treat. For a full listing of the artistic scene you should check out the Arts Imperial What's On leaflet. Another way to get your creative juices flowing is to join one of our student media groups, after all, the reporting is done for the students by the students.

Internationally Imperial does very well, welcoming everyone from anywhere, of any faith. We have a cornucopia of international and faith societies representing many of those found on campus, which regularly celebrate our diversity. But even if you are from just around the corner, it's well worth getting immersed in another culture as it never fails to be a fascinating experience. If there is still nothing that you can see which tickles your fancy, we have a number of clubs that don't fit into any of those areas, from knitting to vintage vehicles, juggling to chess and backgammon and it's well worth opening your mind to all that university can offer because then it will truly be one of the best experiences of your life.



This could be you climbing the peaks of Sweden. Or not. I prefer Finland.

# Not just for choir girls

Ed Brightman sings the praises of the A-Cappella scene at Imperial College



Imperial's newest A Cappella group, The Techtonics, contemplating suicide.

Singing at Imperial isn't just about the big choir anymore. Neither does it have to be the same old classical repertoire. There is an alternative, which is growing in popularity like Pokemon did in the '00s. "A Cappella" singing, which started with barbershop groups and glee clubs in the US, is no longer all waistcoats, boaters and songs about your daughter.

In recent decades groups have evolved into all-beat-boxing, vocal rock bands, singing original multi-part vocal arrangements of everything from the Kinks to Kanye West. Meanwhile, over here in the UK, we've had the King's Singers, the jazzy Swingle Singers and, more recently, the Puppini Sisters. University a cappella groups are cropping up all over the country, and Imperial now boasts a good few of its own.

Imperial's newest group, the Techtonics, just started singing last year and have been going from strength to strength. There is something unique about the sound of an all male-voice group, and the Techtonics bring a vibrant new sound to rock and pop favourites like Feeder and tongue-in-cheek comedy like Flight of the Conchords. They are looking for new singers this term, so if you like the sound of this, get in touch to arrange an audition (don't worry it's pain-free) at techtonics@imperial.ac.uk.

I can promise you the experience of singing in a group like the Techtonics is awesome. Nowhere else can you get the opportunity to travel the world, record an album, get into amazing parties for free, and sing like a rock legend, unless you happen to play in a band already.

At the other end of the spectrum is a mixed group of about 8-10 singers, singing jazz and pop arrangements, called the Harmaphrodites, who have been performing under the direction of Jess Gillingwater for several years now. They regularly sing at events in college and their refined sound is always a hit at concerts.

On a slightly larger scale, the Chamber Choir also perform a cappella arrangements of songs from the charts, as well as some more traditional choral works, for those of you with an affinity for the choir vibe.

Look out for them at the Choir section of Freshers' Fair, or email jcg04@imperial.ac.uk.

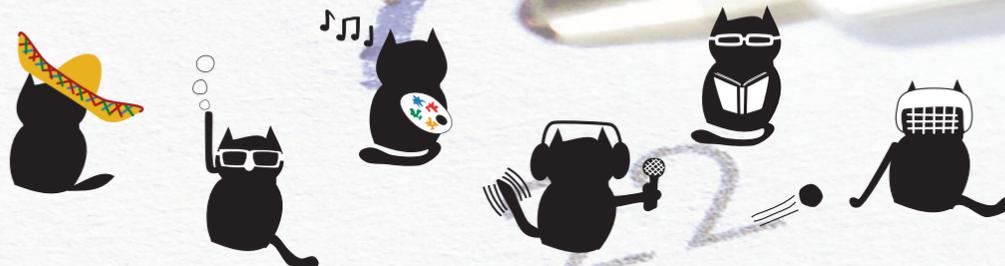
Of course, if you're not interested in singing (in which case, why are you still reading this?!) then you should definitely come along and listen to the concerts, it's a perfect way to spend an evening.

If you're still not convinced, there are sound clips on the Techtonics' website, www.thetechtonics.co.uk, and you're likely to see them busking somewhere in college this week.

# Coming up in the next edition:

## What's on...

### Clubs & Societies Calendar



"What's on..." is the weekly calendar of upcoming Club & Societies events. This is the place to go to for all the weekly news on up and coming Clubs & Societies events - lots of them will be free, most of them will be cheap and all of them will be fun!

For all of you people who run Clubs & Societies, this is a great way to publicise your main events in Felix. What's On will cover events running from the Monday-Sunday after the relevant edition of Felix. Its first appearance will be in the 9th October edition of Felix and will cover events from Monday 12th December - Sunday 18th December.

To feature, send the following details to [whatson.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:whatson.felix@imperial.ac.uk):

Club name, Event name, High res logo and photo, Date(s) & Time, Place, Price (if applicable), Short description of the event (max. 50 words)

Deadline for submissions is midnight on the Wednesday before the edition is published, i.e. to feature in the first edition on Fri 9th December, the submission deadline is midnight on Wednesday 7th October. There is limited space, so all entries are subject to editorial snipping and we cannot guarantee that everybody who sends an email will feature.



# Alcohol - friend or foe?

This week, Nathan Ley goes on to explain about the substance which could very well wreck your life, but will most probably merely help you to think you're the most likable person in the room!

**Nathan Ley** Science Editor

We'll be totally honest and forthright. We have no solid news for you in this here fresher's edition of Felix. Why? Because once upon a time we were all freshers, and the last thing we were interested in was trying to broaden our minds with basic-level science in a student newspaper. In fact, if you've even turned to this page at all, then well done you! Is freshers week really quite that bad this year or are you just one of the many thousand personality-less reclusive drones here at Imperial who sit painfully in their rooms awaiting the release of that next problem sheet? Well, don't do that (at least yet. Soon enough everyone will revert to type so no need to worry there).

Here we're going to explain a few

hangover cures which may come in handy over the start of your university life. This is a time of your life to experiment, a time to not hold back and just go for it – whatever 'it' may be. Crawl back into your shell too soon and you'll look back when you're older and think 'why the bloody hell was I so reluctant to have a good time while I had the chance?'

One thing which will undoubtedly help lubricate the wheels of social cohesion is alcohol. If you don't drink (whether it be out of choice for health, religion etc – I couldn't care either way) then please ignore. If you do, then continue reading.

If you haven't yet learned/trialed/perfected the following techniques during your early teenage years then aside from asking you what the hell you used to get up to on the weekend, we will dictate some of the main contenders here.



Together now: ninety-nine bottles of beer on the wall...

## Our top 10 hangover cures:

**Prevention, not cure:** 0/10  
"Don't drink in the first place!"  
Yeah, right.

**Advil & Water:** 9/10  
Advil is an anti-inflammatory drug that contains ibuprofen. Two or three taken with a glass of water is supposed to combat the two factors of dehydration and inflammation caused by a hangover. By taking this before bed you counter the inflammation before its really taken hold, as opposed to taking it in the morning.

**Water/Luozade/Gatorade:** 9/10  
You're hungover because you're dehydrated. Water combats dehydration. Capiche? But to optimise the reversal of dehydration and the replacement of the mineral rich bodily fluids that have been lost, you may want to take some sort of isotonic drink.

**Sleep:** 7/10  
Sleep as much as possible. Your body is working extra hard to try and rectify the mess you have made of your internal organs. This will make you sluggish. If your banging headache isn't keeping you awake then try and go back to sleep, so your poor neglected body doesn't have as much work to do.

**Fry-up:** 5/10  
After a night's worth of boozing, the digestive system gets put under a lot of strain. Bacon, sausages and the works may cause indigestion, but fat contains lots of calories so you will receive a much-needed energy boost. Eggs and meat are rich in the amino acid cysteine, thought to be good at clearing out toxins.

**Keep drinking (hair of the dog):** 3/10  
Scientific evidence has proved that this works, but only in the short term. While your body is busy dealing with a new intake of booze, it suspends its torture until you're done drinking again - and then it's back to hangover hell. So basically by doing this you're just avoiding the inevitable. If you want a bit more science: when the liver breaks down alcohol it deals with ethanol before methanol, of which methanol is the most toxic component, and by drinking more you delay the methanol metabolism.

**Painkillers:** 2/10  
You're better off avoiding painkillers altogether. If you desperately need some, then take in moderation, but be aware that aspirin and ibuprofen may irritate your stomach. Paracetamol gives the liver even more work to do. Popping pills shouldn't really be seen as the easy option.

**Cold Shower:** 8/10  
Aside from the sweating, aching, and vomiting, one of the worst symptoms of a hangover is that general feeling of dirtiness (often enhanced by actual dirtiness). Taking a hot shower only worsens the situation as you'll sweat out what little water remains and just add to the feeling of queasiness. A cold shower, however uncomfortable it may be, shocks your system and gets your blood flowing again, thereby helping your body begin the hard work of breaking down toxins. Just a slight warning: Some say such shocks can actually be harmful, especially if you're not as young as you thought you were last night.

**Exercise:** 7/10  
Research has suggested that the results of going for that post-lash jog may be worth the pain. By priming the pump of your booze-stalled circulatory system, aerobic exercise can help spur oxygen flow throughout the body, which can in turn cause the faster breakdown of toxins.

**A joint:** ?/10  
Apparently a few puffs can apparently do wonders for morning after nausea – but we obviously can't recommend it here.

## Celebrate the fairer kind in science this term

**Mico Tatalovic** Science Reporter

Walking into Imperial's Main Entrance last March felt much like walking into a modern art gallery. Professional sleek display panels set up as a '3D walk-through' art installation lured visitors to examine it.

On closer inspection, the installation turned out to be as much about art as it was about science. The exhibition was part of the '100 Women – 100 Visions' portrait series designed and commissioned by the student society Women in Science, Engineering and Technology (WSET) in order to raise awareness and attract young women towards a career in science.

WSET was created in the summer of 2007 by several of Imperial's PhD students and began its activities in the academic year of 2007/2008. The creation of the society was the culmination of a three-year project, funded by the UK Resource Centre for Women in SET from 2004-2007, to encourage more female students to remain within SET industries after graduating. "Through the events we organise we aim to challenge the preconceptions students have about scientists and engineers, raise the profile of SET careers for women, and provide bud-

ding women scientists with visible role models they can aspire to," says Eirini Spentza, one of the society's founders.

Teamed with couple of science communication and computing students, WSET is now building a website where the portrait series originally exhibited at the College's Main Entrance could be viewed digitally by anyone with access to internet. The website is un-

der construction and will be available at [www.imperialcollegeunion.org/100women100visions](http://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/100women100visions), with a special section designed for children.

"We hope the website will give new graduate students a sense of the breadth of Imperial's great community of women scientists and engineers, and provide a starting point for making contacts and joining networks around College," says Ellin Saunders who coordinated the portrait project.

If you have a passion for photography, the new photo competition which will culminate in a mini exhibition at the College might be the way to get involved with WSET.

"This coming academic year we plan to host another photo project for students, where the students themselves will go around campus and take pic-



One of the images from the online exhibition 100 Women- 100 Visions

# 11-14

year-olds are encouraged to take science subjects by Imperial's team 'Robogals' who use LEGO robotics to promote science, engineering and technology in schools.

tures of the everyday life of women at Imperial as well as capture their own experiences at the College and share these with others," says Ellin.

Other planned activities include a discussion panel for PhD students exploring different aspects of academic careers and the changing role and experiences of women in such careers, and Robogals – a new project that is currently recruiting volunteers. Robogals is run by student volunteers who are trained in LEGO robotics and visit schools to teach LEGO robotics to girls aged 11-14.

By engaging girls in robotics from a young age in a fun and educational way, Robogals aims to increase the interest and awareness of young girls in SET subjects and to enhance the number of girls undertaking these courses at university.

And if you have more ideas for WSET, the society's chair Aiman AlamNazki says "we are always looking for, and are open to, adding new projects under our umbrella that will encourage and motivate the presence of women in SET fields."

"We would love to hear from any new students - male or female! We always welcome new perspectives and ideas, and there is plenty of scope for anyone interested to expand the use of the portrait exhibition or to contribute to the society's other activities" says Aiman, sending an open invitation to all new students out there.

Aiman and others at WSET are especially keen for students to get involved in their smaller photography project and Robogals project, both of which can offer role models or icons that inspire the new generation to undertake a degree in science and motivate them to perform important research.

"Our activities and projects offer students the benefit of knowing that they are making a difference- not only to the female SET community but to the entire SET community by breaking stereotypes, serving as role models for girls and increasing the strength of women in SET."

To contact WSET, please email: [women.set@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:women.set@imperial.ac.uk)

# "100..."

...Women - 100 Visions" is the name of portrait series organised by Imperial students to celebrate women in science

# 'I, science' magazine and you

I, science is Imperial's award-winning student magazine about popular science. Get involved now!

**Mico Tatalovic** Science Reporter

I, science is Imperial's termly popular science magazine. It is written and produced entirely by students, mostly postgraduates interested in communicating science. Since its successful start in 2004, I, science has been nominated for the best student magazine of the year at the prestigious Guardian Student Media Awards three times, winning second place twice.

There are only two other student science magazine brands in the UK: Cambridge's BlueSci magazine with its offshoot at Edinburgh – EuSci (both are produced both by students and academic staff, so they not strictly speaking student magazines) and a

newcomer to UK universities, the international franchise of the American Triple Helix magazine for undergraduates. So I, science is both a rare phenomenon and an independently produced magazine by Imperial's students for Imperial's community. Articles include news, reviews, opinions, interviews and in-depth features about science at Imperial and beyond. Last year we tackled issues ranging from futuristic vertical farms to the sketchy science of porn. Aiming to surprise the readers, we often feature unexpected science-related cover art, for example issue 11 was read in secrecy as it contained x-ray erotic art, while issue 12 saw students going around sniffing their copy – the covers were coated with scratch-and-sniff technology with butter pop-

corn aroma.

In 2008/2009 I, science got its own Facebook (I, science) and Twitter groups (www.twitter.com/I\_science\_mag). The next step is to modernise its website to embrace the web 2.0, so any students wishing to help us improve the website so it can publish news, blogs, podcasts and film, let us know at i.science@imperial.ac.uk.

The website is the main way the magazine adds to the College's outreach efforts by providing exciting and accurate information about science to anyone with access to the internet.

We are always looking for keen students to write, edit and design the magazine. So if you want a first step into science journalism, we're waiting for you.

# Attention all writers!

Become a Science Correspondent, Reporter or Columnist for *felix*. Get involved now!

**Nathan Ley** Science Editor

Traditionally journalism is seen as slightly elitist. Whilst this is undoubtedly true at the upper echelons of the profession (check out the backgrounds of the commentators of any respectable broadsheet and it hardly appears as if there's some kind of community outreach programme going on) it need not apply at student level.

In theory university ought to be a hotbed of idea generation and creative thought, what with the sheer volume of bursting adolescents wanting to get their voice heard.

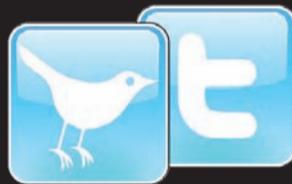
So how about some of you freshers try your hand at a go? We are always looking for contributors and writers to



help us put together scientific articles that a student body will find generally interesting along with a healthy dose of conjecture.

So whether you see yourself as the next aspiring Dan Wan or just as a shy and retiring mouse in the corner with something to air, then please, get in contact with us at science.felix@imperial.ac.uk.

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# Beyond the lecture theatre...

Fast relief for when you have those 'Why bother?' moments/days

**Brigitte Atkins** Science Editor

Congratulations! You have made it into one of the top universities in the world. You are now part of a highly respected research institution filled with some of the brightest minds in their fields. Many new and exciting opportunities are spread before your feet and libraries of knowledge are welcoming you with open arms.

And it's a rainy Monday morning; you have just set foot on campus and are preparing yourself for the mental torture of yet another lecture on complex algebra or three hour stint in the lab. The initial thrill of coming to university can seem a long way from here, but that needn't be the end of what was such a promising relationship in the first instance. There are plenty of plac-

es, many of which are a mere stone's throw from campus, where even the most hopeless feeling can be banished and your love for your subject revived.

For some free, quick lunch-time inspiration, The Science Museum and Natural History Museum are just south of Imperial on Exhibition Road. Aside from the usual array of displays many of you will have already encountered on previous visits, both museums run frequent additional temporary exhibitions, details of which may be found at <http://www.naturalhistorymuseum.org.uk/> and <http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/>.

If you're looking for something a little less ordinary and a little more involved, the Dana Centre on Queen's Gate is definitely worth a look. With a fresh, modern outlook on science, their varied programme of adults-only

debates and dialogues are sure to provide even the most disheartened student with a wealth of ideas to keep an interest in the most topical subjects in science.

Unfortunately, they went on a break from their events programme over the summer, but the website promises the centre will running again by this autumn.

If previous events are anything to go by, we can expect stand-up style debunking of science myths and artists using bacteria to create art. In the meantime, there are plenty of online discussions providing you with an opportunity to get on your soap-box. For further information visit <http://www.danacentre.org.uk/>.

Alternatively, if just the thought of venturing off campus is proving too much, a quick flick through the Im-



Not your average AA meeting: the Dana Centre Cafe hosts many topical debates

perial College website ([www.imperial.ac.uk](http://www.imperial.ac.uk)) will give you information about a variety of lectures being held within the confines of college walls. Quite often these lectures are advertised around the college itself but many require booking in advance, keep your eyes peeled.

Whether it's refreshing your passion for your subject or just some form of redemption after a few heavy nights out, these are only a few examples of what can be found out there to reignite that initial spark between you and the science which brought you here in the first place.

Good afternoon/evening!\*

This whole Fresher thing is rather overwhelming. No? Just me? Oh. Anyway.....

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm from \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm studying \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm in \_\_\_\_\_ Hall.

I got A's in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ at A Level.

I want to be a dedicated Scientist/Investment Banker/...'respected'\* when I grow up....

Pint?/Now leave me alone, freak.\*

CUT ALONG DASHED LINE

\*Delete as appropriate

## You'll be needing this.....

Once your brain implodes from being asked the same set of ice-breaking questions, you can just simply fill this speech bubble out, cut around the dashed line, and hold it beside your head and skip the introductions. Then you can get talking about the good stuff like beer/animals with casts/cake.\*

# Freshers' Fair 2009

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Tuesday 6 October, 11am - 4pm



**Jenny Wilson**

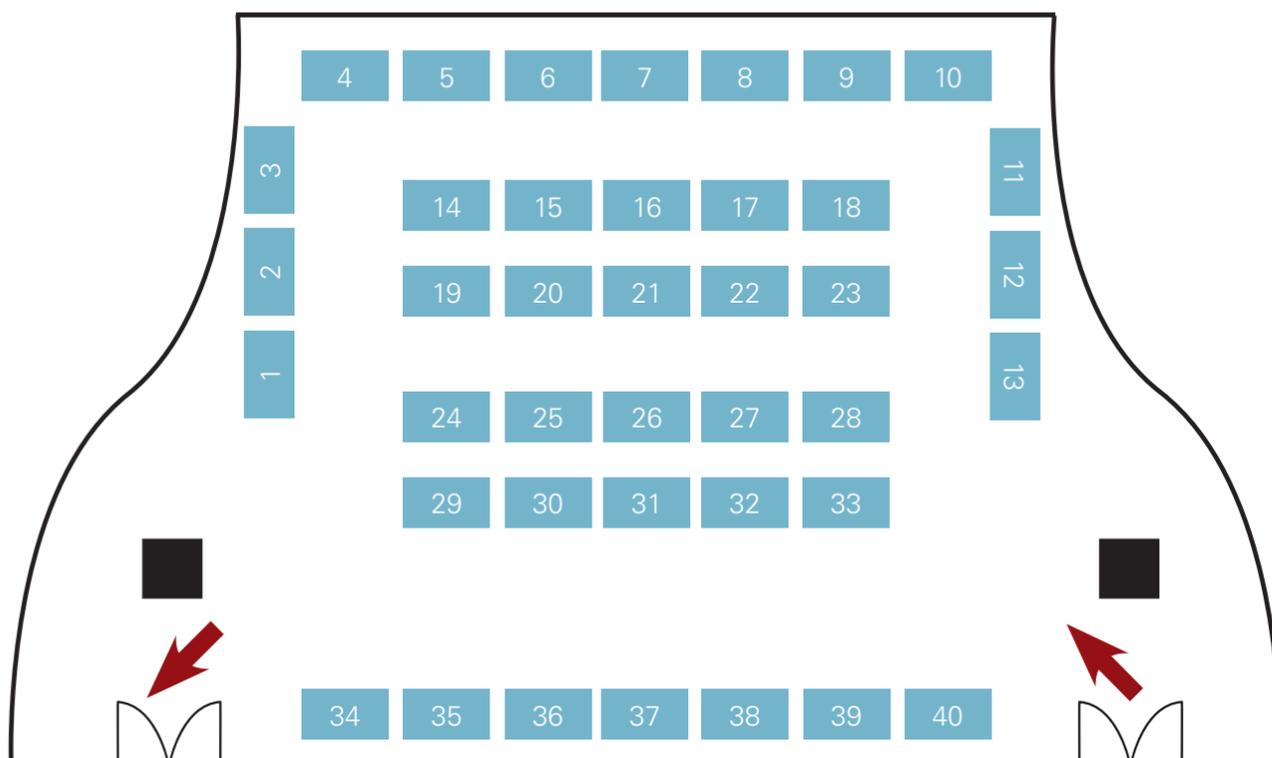
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

Hopefully if you've found this guide you are already intending to come to Freshers' Fair or are at least curious to know a bit more about it. In essence Freshers' Fair is the Student Union's biggest event to showcase all of the Clubs & Societies here at Imperial, of which there are about 300. What this translates to on the day is a hectic, exciting, bustling bazaar of almost everything extracurricular that you hope to see at University.

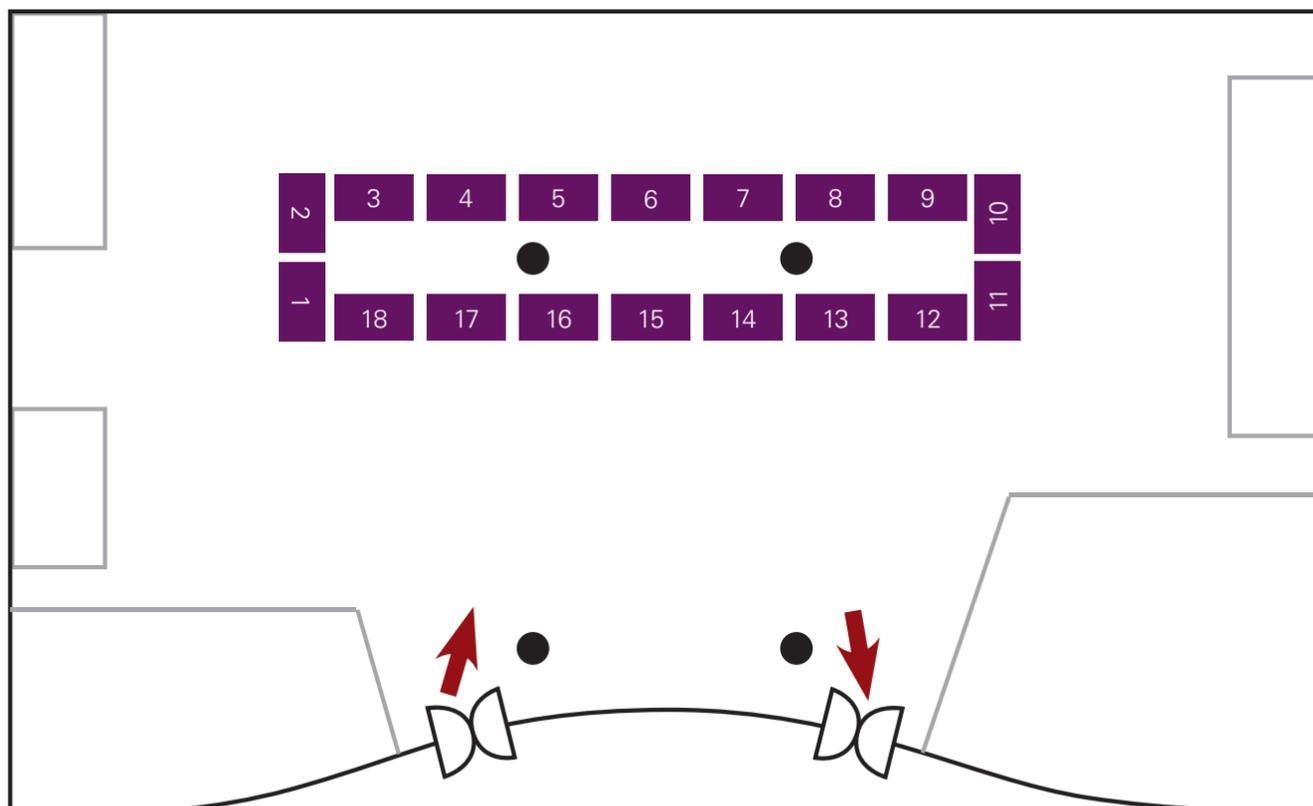
My advice to anyone going to Freshers' Fair for the first time is to keep an open mind. One of the best things about coming to University is the doors that are opened to you, and one of them is certainly the variety of things that are available to do and get involved in. For one thing, during your time here you are likely to be able to try things out for the cheapest it will ever be until you qualify for your pension. It's likely that there will be things that you are already interested in, and by all means if there is a club for it, seek it out and join up. But it's also worth taking the time to wander around to see if there is anything else that takes your fancy. Given the number and diversity of Clubs & Societies, there is something for everyone going on at any time of day or any day of the week so it's not uncommon to be a member of more than one club and still leave time for your studies.

Each location on this guide contains clubs that are grouped broadly according to what it is they do so have a look for what you are roughly looking for and it's likely that there might be other clubs close by that could also tempt you. Most clubs will be holding a taster session for free or reduced price in the first couple of weeks of term while your workload isn't too overwhelming so it's good to ask about these and sign up to any mailing lists to find out when and where it will all be happening as you are by no means signing away your soul by doing this. Quite often if you're finding it hard to decide which club to join from a couple it's worth going along to a taster of each of them as the deciding factor can just be a case of where you find the most people you get along with. Once you have decided, it's never too late to join and you can become a member at any point in the year either by getting in contact with the club or looking them up on [imperialcollegeunion.org](http://imperialcollegeunion.org).

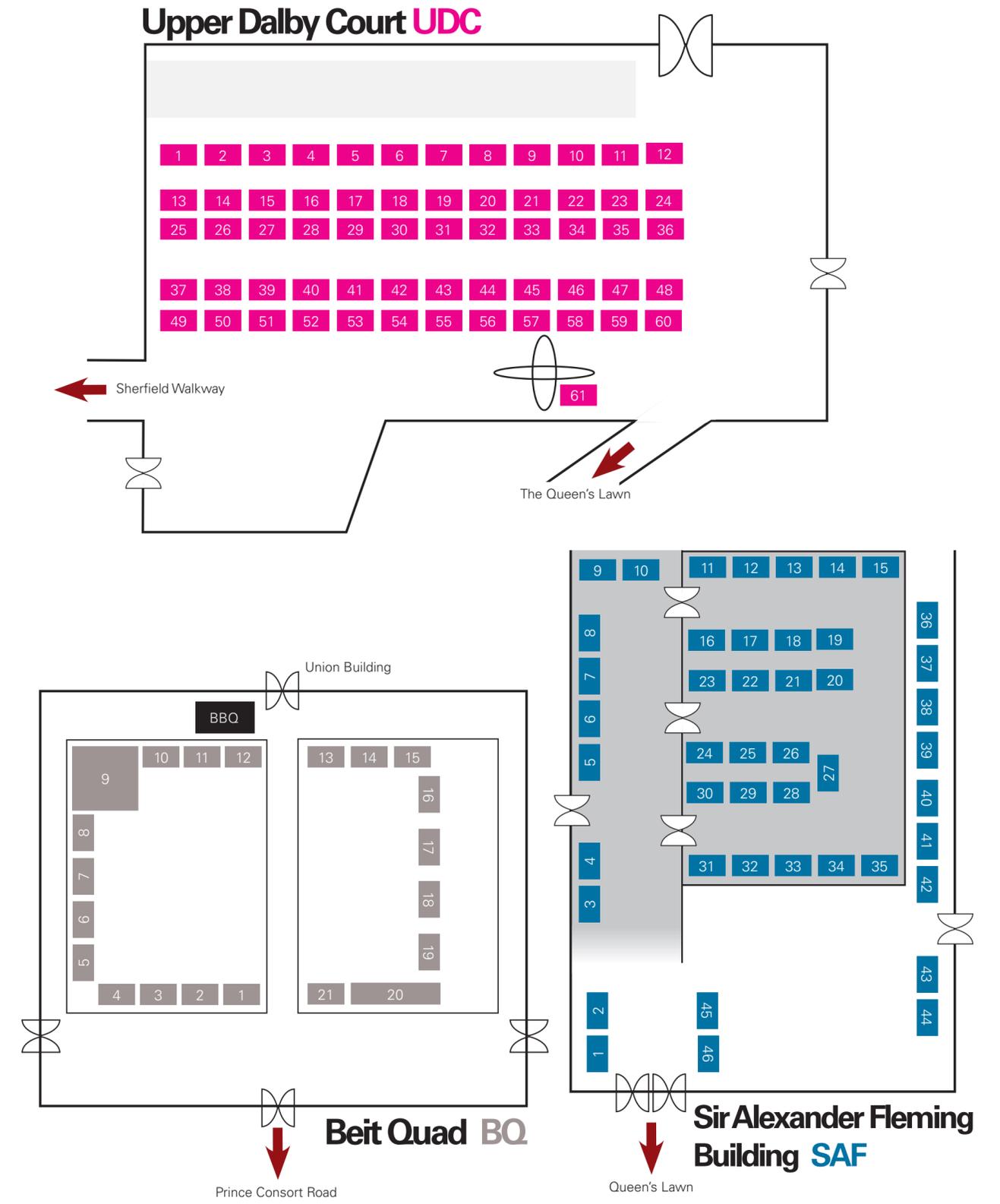
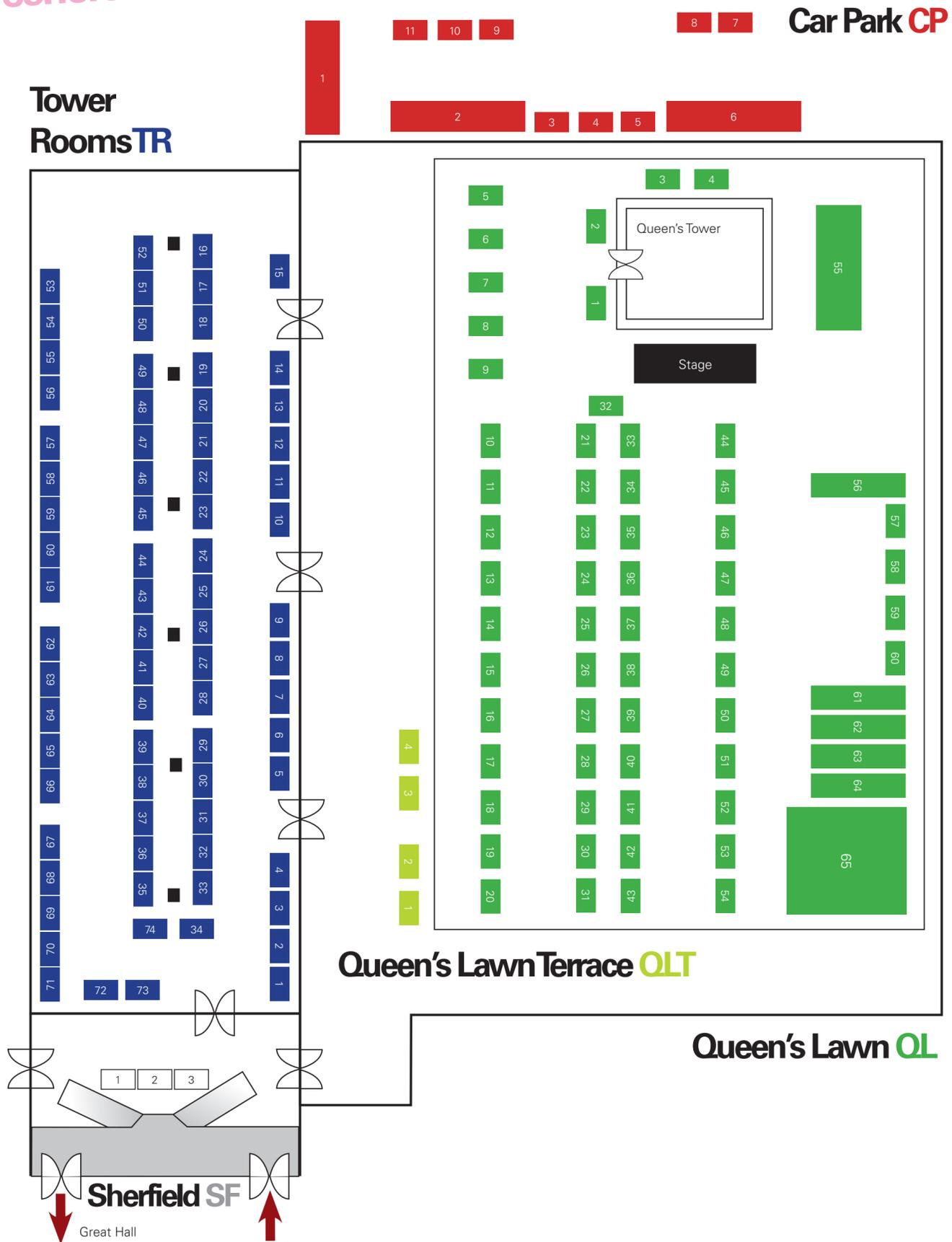
The last thing to mention is other things going on around campus. Throughout the day there will be a stage on the Queens Lawn where many of the performing clubs will be showing off the amazing things they do in addition to being a good excuse for a rest. Also don't forget to pop over to Beit Quad to check out the clubs located here, the Union stall and INFO stand and Da Vinci's bar, which will be selling food and drink throughout the day in case you get peckish. As if that wasn't enough we'll be finishing off the day with the Freshers' Fair Afterparty taking place in Beit Quad which is a great chance to kick back and relax after a busy day and talk to many of the people already involved in Clubs & Societies with a line up of live performances from our dance, martial arts, musical and cultural Clubs & Societies all in the Union Marquee.



**Great Hall GH**



**Junior Common Room JCR**



ABACUS  
 Afro-Caribbean  
 Agape Student Life  
 Ahlul Bayt  
 Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association  
 Aikido  
 Alternative Music  
 American Football  
 Amnesty International  
 Anime  
 Apple  
 Arabic Society  
 Archery  
 Armenian  
 Arts & Photo (Medics)  
 Artsoc  
 Asian Medical Students Association  
 Assassins Guild  
 AstroSoc  
 Atheist And Agnostic  
 Athletics (Medic)  
 Backgammon  
 Badminton  
 Badminton (Medics)  
 Baha'i  
 Balloon Twisting  
 Bangladeshi  
 Baseball  
 Basketball  
 Basketball (Medics)  
 Be Heartful Friends  
 Belly Dancing  
 Bioengineering  
 Biochemistry  
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 Chamber Music  
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 Chemical Engineering  
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 Chinese Church in London  
 Chinese Students & Scholars Association  
 Chlamydia Screening  
 Chocolate  
 Choir  
 Christian Medical Fellowship  
 Christian Student Action  
 Christian Union  
 Cinema  
 CivSoc  
 Classical Guitar  
 Coffee  
 Community Action Group  
 Conservative  
 Consultancy  
 Cricket  
 Cricket (Medics)  
 Croquet  
 Cross Country & Athletics  
 CV 2012  
 Cycling  
 Cypriot  
 Czecho-Slovak  
 Dance  
 Dance - Funkology  
 Dance Company  
 Darts (Medics)  
 De La Beche  
 Debating  
 Debating (Medics)  
 Department of Computing  
 Deutsche Bank  
 Dodgeball  
 Donmar Warehouse & National Theatre  
 Drama (Medics)  
 Dramsoc  
 E. quinox  
 Electrical Engineering  
 EMSA  
 Endsleigh Insurance  
 Engineers Without Borders  
 Environmental  
 Erasmus  
 Every Nation Christian  
 Exploration  
 Fairtrade  
 Fashion  
 Felix  
 Fellwanderers  
 Fencing

**GH21** Filipino Martial Arts  
**GH1** Filmsoc  
**TR8** Finance  
**UDC27** Fitness  
**UDC28** Floorball  
**QL10** Football - Mens  
**TR40** Football - Mens (Medics)  
**QL53** Football - Mens (RCS)  
**JCR10** Football - Mens (RSM)  
**TR47** Football - Womens  
**TR9** Foyles  
**GH24** French  
**QL45** Friends of Medicins Sans Frontiers  
**GH28** Gaelic Athletics  
**SAF6** Gaming  
**TR24** Gazette  
**SAF35** Geophys  
**TR51** German  
**UDC22** Gliding  
**UDC29** Golf  
**SAF11** Gospel Choir  
**JCR6** GradMed (Medics)  
**QL34** Graduate Students Association  
**SAF29** Gymnastics  
**UDC37** Handball  
**QLT1** Hellenic  
**GH9** Hindu Society  
**QL63** Hockey  
**QL58** Hockey (RCSU)  
**SAF22** Hockey (RSM)  
**QL3** Hockey Mens (Medics)  
**TR21** Hockey Womens (Medics)  
**UDC2** HSBC  
**UDC34** Ice Hockey  
**UDC35** ICSEDS  
**SAF45** ICSMSU Exec  
**QL55** Imperial College Aid to the Balkans  
**SAF24** Imperial College Health Centre  
**TR48** Imperial College Lodge  
**QL28** Imperial College London Equalities Unit  
**UDC60** Imperial College London Humanities Dept  
**GH15** Imperial College London Library Services  
**UDC41** Imperial Entrepreneurs  
**GH5** Imperial Volunteer Centre  
**BQ2** Indian  
**QL11** Indonesian  
**UDC57** Indoor Hockey  
**UDC44** Innovation  
**BQ1** Interact  
**UDC12** International Tamil  
**TR61** IQ (Imperial College LGBT)  
**TR32** Iranian  
**BQ19** Iraqi  
**JCR2** Irish  
**UDC3** Islamic  
**UDC33** Italian  
**JCR5** Jain Society  
**TR60** Japanese  
**GH23** Jazz & Rock  
**TR59** Jazz Big Band  
**GH22** Jewish  
**TR72** Jiu Jitsu (Aiuchi)  
**JCR3** Joint Maths & Computing  
**TR29** Ju-Jitsu  
**SAF9** Judo  
**UDC45** Juggling  
**UDC43** Karate Shotokan  
**TR22** Keen London  
**UDC4** Kendo  
**TR42** Kenyan  
**JCR17** Kickboxing  
**QL1** KnitSock  
**UDC49** Korean  
**UDC59** Krishna Consciousness  
**QL59** Kung Fu  
**SAF23** LA Fitness  
**QL61** Labour  
**QL36** Lacrosse  
**TR69** Law  
**QL38** Leonardo  
**GH33** Libertarian  
**GH38** LINKS  
**TR18** Linux Users  
**TR20** Live! News Website  
**TR19** London Nightline  
**SAF16** London Philharmonic Orchestra  
**UDC14** Malaysian  
**JCR9** Mathematics  
**SAF33** MatSoc  
**UDC1** Meat Appreciation  
**SF3** Mechanical Engineering  
**QL26** Medical Defence Union  
**TR73** Medical Education  
**SAF8** Medical Humanities  
**TR25** MedSIN  
**UDC6** Metropolitan Tabernacle  
**UDC5** Mexican  
**SAF34** Model United Nations  
**TR10** Motor (C&G)  
**UDC8** Motor (RCS)  
**JCR14** Motor (RSM)  
**GH40** Mountaineering  
**UDC46** Mountaineering (Medics)  
**BQ3** MPS  
**JCR13** Music (Medics)  
**TR43** Music Technology  
**BQ15** Musical Theatre  
**BQ6** Musical Theatre Tour  
**QL56** Muslim Medics

**QL12** Netball  
**TR23** Netball (Medics)  
**UDC47** One and Seven  
**BQ13** Opera (Medics)  
**QL25** Orchestra - Sinfonietta  
**QL65** Orchestra - Symphony  
**SAF25** Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment  
**UDC23** Orienteering  
**UDC19** Outdoor  
**QL54** Pakistan  
**TR5** Palestinian  
**GH34** Parachute  
**QL5** Parkour and Free Running  
**QL52** PASS  
**TR52** Percussion  
**SAF4** Photographic  
**UDC15** Physoc  
**GH35** Pilates  
**UDC61** Poker  
**QL60** Polish  
**TR28** Political Philosophy  
**SAF46** Pugwash  
**BQ18** Punjabi  
**BQ10** Racing  
**QL51** Radio  
**GH32** Radio-Controlled Model  
**UDC40** RAG  
**QL21** RAG (Medics)  
**UDC23** Railway  
**UDC18** Rate My Placement  
**SAF21** RCSU Exec  
**SAF20** Real Ale (RSM)  
**TR4** Riding & Polo  
**QL23** Rifle & Pistol  
**UDC9** Rocksoc  
**SAF1** Royal Albert Hall  
**QL6** RSM Exec  
**TR71** Rugby - Mens  
**TR58** Rugby - Mens (C&G)  
**TR62** Rugby - Mens (Imperial Medicals)  
**TR70** Rugby - Mens (RCS)  
**TR6** Rugby - Mens (RSM)  
**CP3** Rugby - Womens  
**SF1** Russian Speaking  
**GH11** Sailing  
**GH14** Santander  
**QL22** Save the Children  
**UDC48** Scandinavian  
**QL7** Science Fiction  
**GH12** SCUBA Diving (Medics)  
**JCR11** SCUBA Diving (Underwater Club)  
**GH25** Shaolin Kung-Fu  
**GH26** Shorinji Kempo  
**GH31** SIFE  
**UDC26** Sikh  
**GH37** Singapore  
**UDC25** Skate Society  
**GH20** Snooker  
**TR37** Snowsports  
**TR36** Social Golf (RSM)  
**UDC42** Socialist Worker  
**SAF19** \_SOFTWARE  
**UDC30** Spanish  
**QL14** Sport Imperial

**QL64** Sports Partnership  
**SAF26** Squash  
**TR2** Squash (Medics)  
**SAF7** Sri-Lankan  
**TR33** STOIC TV  
**TR30** Stop the War  
**TR11** Street Magic  
**QL37** String Ensemble  
**BQ4** Student Rights  
**GH13** Student Swutch CFF  
**GH27** Surf  
**BQ7** Surgical  
**BQ9** Swim & Water Polo  
**UDC54** Synchronized Swimming  
**TR41** Table Football  
**TR46** Table Tennis  
**UDC32** Taekwondo  
**SAF12** Taiwan  
**JCR4** Tea  
**GH29** Team Bo'  
**UDC55** Ten Pin Bowling  
**UDC56** Tennis  
**GH10** Tennis (Medics)  
**UDC10** Thai  
**BQ17** The Pimlico Connection  
**QLT4** Trimedia  
**QL2** Turkish  
**SAF3** Ultimate Frisbee  
**CP1** UNICEF  
**TR1** Union - Info Desk  
**UDC24** Union Council  
**UDC17** University of London Air Squadron  
**QL57** University of London Officer  
**QL43** Training Corps  
**TR38** University of London Royal  
**TR54** Naval Unit  
**UDC13** VegSoc  
**CP6** Vodafone  
**UDC11** Volleyball  
**SAF27** Vue Cinema  
**UDC23** Wakeboarding  
**UDC20** War Games  
**CP5** Waterpolo (Medics)  
**GH30** Waterstones  
**QL47** Weights & Fitness (Medics)  
**TR34** West Indian  
**QL4** Westminster Car Club  
**GH39** Wind Band  
**BQ11** Windsurfing  
**SAF14** Wine and Fine Drinks  
**CP2** Wing Chun  
**QL19** Women in SET  
**QL20** Wushu  
**QL8** Yacht  
**UDC38** Yoga  
**GH18** Yoga (Charing Cross)  
**QL24** Zeco

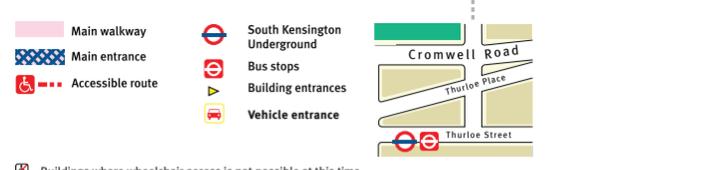
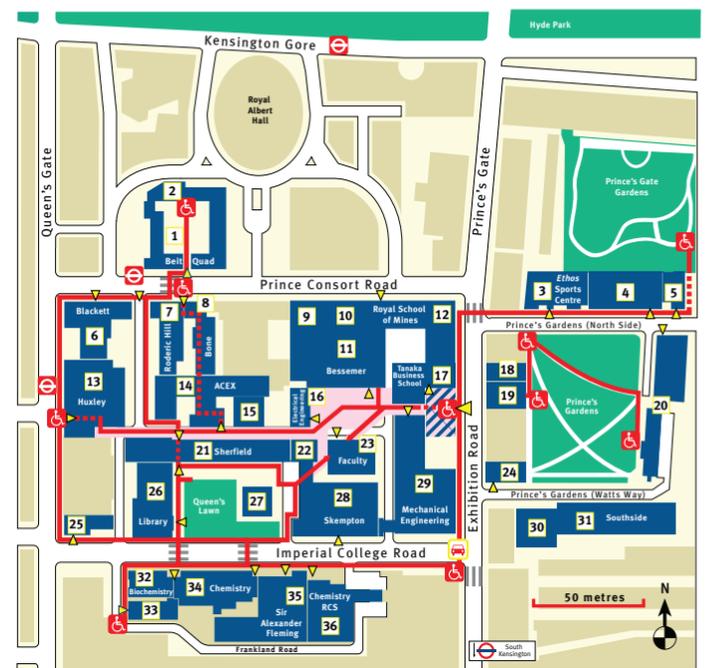
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**SAF13**  
**UDC36**

**Catering**

Union BBO  
 Paddy's Burgers  
 Live Cooking Area

CP8  
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Buildings where wheelchair access is not possible at this time

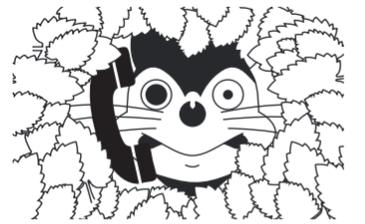
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4	Garden Hall	15	William Penney Laboratory	24	Grantham Institute for Climate Change	31	Southside
5	Weeks Hall	16	Electrical Engineering	25	Imperial College and Science Museum Libraries	32	Biochemistry Building
6	Blackett Laboratory	17	Tanaka Business School	26	Queen's Tower	33	Flowers Building
7	Roderic Hill Building	18	52 Prince's Gate	27	Queen's Tower	34	Chemistry Building
8	Bone Building	19	53 Prince's Gate			35	Sir Alexander Fleming Building
9	Royal School of Mines	20	Eastside (under construction)			36	Chemistry RCS
10	Aston Webb						
11	Besemer Building						

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## What's the worse thing you've done whilst off your face?

THE EARLY FELIX CATCHES THE FRESHERS. HERE'S WHAT THE FRESHERS HAD TO SAY BEFORE THEY ARRIVED.

Got smashed and danced like a tard with hired belly dancers, got recorded, and humiliated on Facebook next day...

**Dushyant Goordyal**

One time I got so drunk I was crawling round my friends house (I couldn't walk) and got carried home by my friend's mum and my mum in some random guys size 11 shoes :S oops!

**Rosalind Gisbey**

Entering a karaoke competition in Ecuador and trying to sing 'Sex Bomb'... I only knew the words to the chorus.

**James McEntee**

Yanked a club bouncers trousers down (then ran for my life).

**Chintan Khamar**

The first time I got drunk was at a friends house party, and I threw up in every single room in the house. From downstairs in the kitchen, to upstairs in the attic. EVERY.SINGLE.ROOM. There was also a DJ there, and I kinda

threw up all over his equipment, after which I passed out where everyone threw their coats....And then woke up and threw up on their coats.

Thankfully, I don't remember any of it. I've been much more careful since then. I haven't thrown up since!!

**Iman Saïda**

Had around 25 cans of Strongbow whilst camping, I tripped over a chair and fell through the wall of a gazebo. Later that night I gave my friend, at his request, scars like the Joker in the Dark Knight movie. It was a seriously crazy night!

**Frank Machin**

### WHAT SOME OF THE OLDIES HAVE SAID.....

At Freshers' Roadshow, I found myself on stage and was presented with an almost naked man. The task was to stick six anatomical labels onto the right part of his body. As if by reflex, I put all the labels onto him in less than 5 seconds and our team won. It was glorious!

**Loretta Ko, 5th Year Medic**

Apparently, I once started a tiramisu fight in a restaurant- never drinking that much wine again! Had to pay for the dry cleaning of someone's new coat.

**Lauren Chalmers, 5th Year Medic**

I vomited bubbles when doing RAG Centurian. Not vomit. Bubbles.

**Rosalind Marshall, 2nd Year Medic**

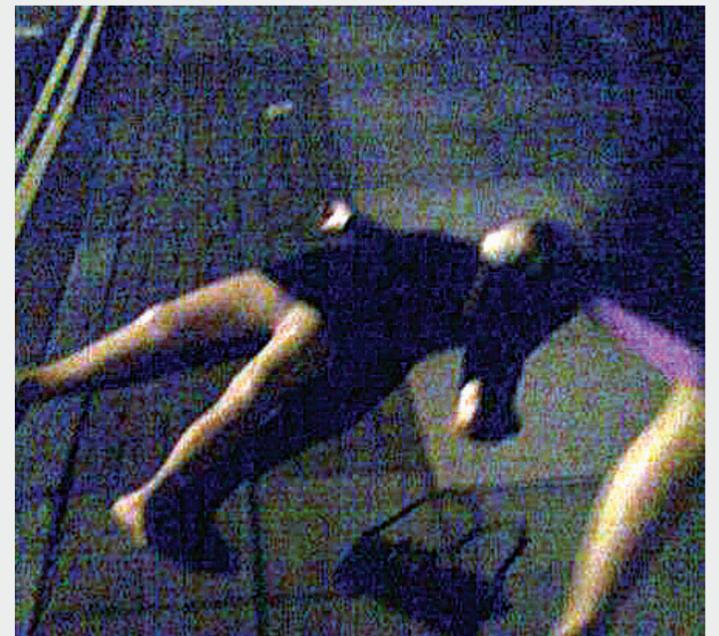
**NEXT WEEK: Funny Freshers' Week story? Text or email them in! The worse the better. Details above!**

## A guide to the morning after:

1. Check you haven't passed out in the road.
2. Check for blood.
3. If blood is present, check if it's yours.
4. Locate where you stripped and left clothes.
5. Drink 5 pints of water. (N.B. These must be downed or taken in shot form).
6. Check phone for drunk texts/phone calls.
7. Check phone/ Facebook for pictures of what happened.
8. Ask sober people what happened. If there were no sober people, nice work!
9. Check if the rest of the crew died/ got laid (probably the first one).
10. Check you haven't been evicted.
11. Make sure you didn't go to A&E/ get arrested/ start a fire/ get set on fire.
12. Check for cones/ Bus Stops/ Christmas lights/ traffic lights/ jelly.
13. Find out who carried you home.
14. Go to KFC, eat a bucket of chicken.
15. Locate any remaining alcohol.
16. Get fucking wasted!

**The Pre Lash Crew Southside '08/09**

## Drunken Fresher photo of the week



This honestly could just be an old mannequin, but we've been told its a trolleyed Fresher getting used to the streets of London. Quite literally.

Messy Freshers' Week? We'd love to see the results. Please? Email your photos to [catnip.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:catnip.felix@imperial.ac.uk)

Senders must have permission to use and accept full responsibility for submitted photos

## We're just so very jealous of you.....

My rohypnol and I will be waiting for you at The Mingle. Even if you don't remember me, I'll definitely remember you.

**Mike Robson, 3rd Year Biochemist**

Don't kid yourself. It doesn't get any better.

**Alex Ashford, 3rd Year Biologist**

To all the international students: yes, you should have gone to New York University.

**Carlos Karingal, 3rd Year Maths**

Don't worry, it's only three years and you're outta here.

**Ravi Pall, 3rd Year Physics**

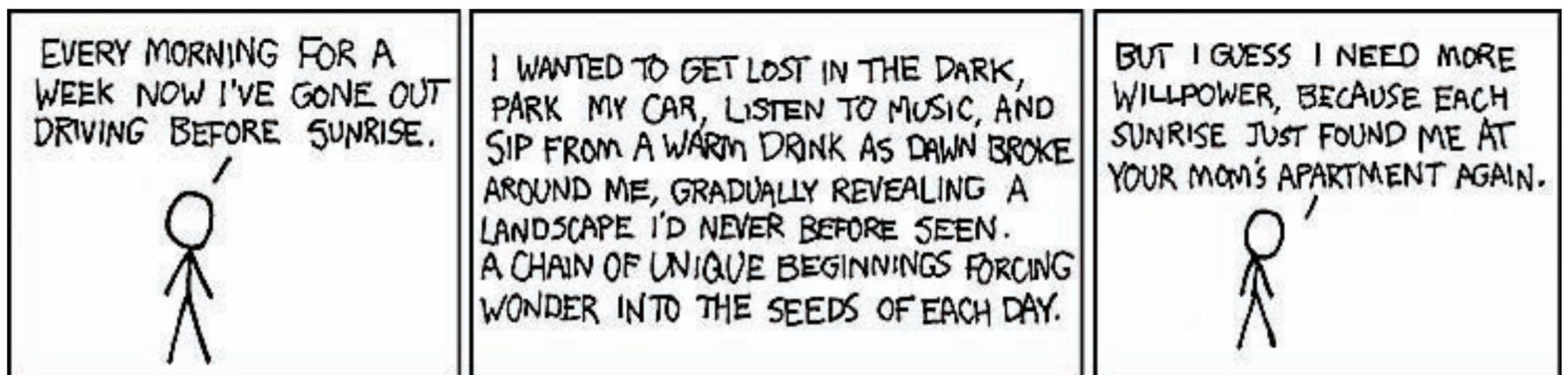
Fresher's Week was when I finally came out of my shell. I was thrown into a world of amazing people who were just as crazy and excitable as I wanted to be. It was the first time I truly felt free.

**Chris Fosenka, 2nd Year Mech Eng**

You kids better be cool.

**Felix the Cat**

xkcd.com





# Freshers' Week Survival Gaming

**DON'T PANIC.** Sure, you're in the middle of nowhere, you don't know anyone, your dad dropped your PC carrying it up the stairs and you can't remember how to cook toast. But you'll always have games.

**W**ithout wishing to alarm anyone, it's true what they say - you're about to walk into the most overwhelming week of your life. Good news though - as a gamer, you've got an instant method of escape. Here's your first seven days in London in gaming form, and they're all either free to try or completely bloody free, thus allowing you to begin your journey into studenthood on the cheap. Get used to it.

By the time this week's over you'll be settled in and kicking back as if you've been here for years. Until then, assume the foetal position and read on.

Remember to go out at some point though, obviously.



## Saturday

**OH MY CHRIST YOU'RE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT.** Okay. Okay, don't panic. Must calm down. Mustn't overreact. How about a nice, relaxing game of Bejewelled. Ahh. That's what you want. Download the free demo off of Steam, fire up the 'Endless' mode where you can't fail, and start matching gems. Swap adjacent gems on the grid to create lines of three, and they fizz and disappear, whilst all the time playing a soothing, new-age-y soundtrack. It's the gaming equivalent of a shiatsu massage, except it's addictive as hell, so perhaps not wholly recommended for the first day.

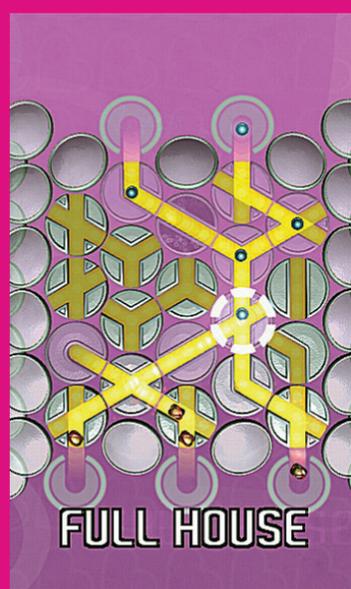


## Tuesday

It's Fresher's Fair! Other than signing up to Felix, on account of how inspiring and leaderly the Games editors are, you might also drop by the Computer Games Society. They organise occasional LAN parties and pretty regular gaming sessions where they hijack a lecture theatre and project Guitar Hero and Halo 3 onto big screens. It's good times.

You'll be knackered by the time you get back, so just take a quick look at Droplitz.

It's a fast and simple platformer with some sickeningly addictive game modes that put you in a kind of eerie zen-like state. Bing! You're relaxed. Job done.



## Monday

Welcome to the first proper week-day. This might be your day off, so you'll want to get out a bit. Since we're on the subject - the nearest Game store is on High Street Kensington (two stops along the Circle line from South Kensington Tube), and while you're out you can catch some of the local scenery. If you find yourself with nothing to do though, why not sink your teeth into N. N is a beautifully crisp platformer that made it big on the Xbox last year, but is available for free on the PC. You play a gold-grabbing ninja across five hundred extremely challenging levels. It's polished, huge and very, very playable for the first day.

## Sunday

**OH MY GOD YOU'RE STILL HERE.** Yes, it wasn't a dream. Your halls will probably be trying to drag you all over the city today, but you'll eventually find some time to have a sit down, so why not celebrate exploring a new city by taking a look at the charming and humorous Spelunky. It's a tomb raiding game, with randomly-generated levels and a whole bunch of perfect Indiana Jones bits like golden statues, boulder traps, whips and daxes. So, so much fun, so do persevere past your first few insta-deaths and you'll find it a great distraction from any latent homesickness, as well as the desire to dress up like Han Solo.

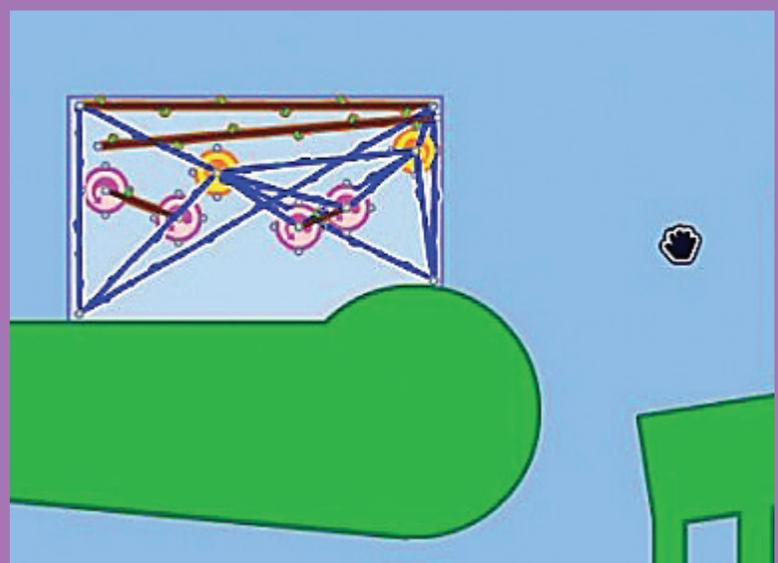
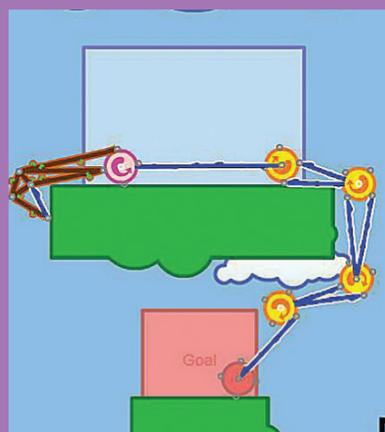


## Wednesday

For most of you, lectures will be looming. If you're still feeling a bit groggy from months and months of sod all, check out Make It Good, an utterly brilliant text adventure that'll kickstart the brain cells. You play a classic private detective, sent to investigate the murder of an accountant. But the design of the adventure is such that you really do get to be a detective - you can send evidence back for analysis, you can deceive witnesses to get more information, and yet it never feels like you're playing a basic puzzle game. It really does have that mystery book feel. If you've got an hour to spare, sink into this.

## Thursday

Congratulations! If you've started lectures today then you're officially a scientist. How does it feel? Sciencey? To commemorate this, revisit the online hit of 2009, Fantastic Contraption. It's a puzzle game with a natty physics engine that asks you to construct elaborate inventions to transport a pink dot to the goal. It's a bitty game too, so you can slot in a quick ten minute bash in between stalking the pretty girl from Geology and exploring Knightsbridge.



## Friday

The end of the week! You just survived seven days as a university student, not bad. If you've not already given up on socialising and haven't got fully stuck in to late-night sessions of Team Fortress 2, you'll still have enough time to take a look

at the last pick for the week - it's Zafehouse, a charming zombie apocalypse simulator that lets you rename characters so you can take your newfound friends and sacrifice them in order to save yourself. Or, uh, get them to work together and survive. Whatever. Either way, don't overthink it - you survived the week! Huzzah. Pick up *felix* today and see what we've got in store for you then.



# Dead Games Society

Good games don't die, they just get replayed. A Geek introduces the first entry of this year's list

As you know, young people are stupid - if you don't know, you're about to find out over the coming weeks. Young people don't plan ahead, aren't careful with their money, and probably never played *The Secret Of Monkey Island*. Without a large stick and electroshock therapy, I can't solve the first two, but Felix Games is intent on fixing the latter, so this year we're kicking off the Dead Games Society, a fortnightly celebration of great, world-changing games that you may not have played the first time around.

Every other week we'll announce the next game we're looking at, let you know a little about it and offer a copy or two as prizes so you can take part. Then the next week we'll spend playing the game and collecting opinions from you folk. The week after we'll discuss

the game, and announce the next one! It's a flawless plan.

As we're feeling extra nice this week, we're offering you Fresher types the chance to win one of three copies of our first game, the aforementioned *Secret of Monkey Island*. *Secret* is a point-and-click adventure game by LucasArts, they of the *Star Wars* lineage, and it's an absolutely superb piece of gaming. Guybrush Threepwood has arrived on Melee Island with the intention of becoming a pirate, but he's a little lacking on skills (other than being able to hold his breath for ten minutes).

What follows is an adventure featuring zombie pirates, insult sword-fighting, and some of the most famous jokes (and therefore in-jokes) in gaming. It's a hugely, fantastically important game and thanks to a recent remake you'll be able to play it despite being the shallow graphics whore that I'm assuming

you are.

It's our first pick because, for both Mike and myself, *Secret* is one of the first games we have a good memory of, and it's one of the reasons why both of us have a special love of puzzle games. We think you'll like it too, so we're offering two copies of the game on Steam (which you'll need a PC for) that you can win by sending us an email! It's that easy. It's literally that easy. Easy.

When you've played it, let us know what you thought. If you've played it before, how does it stand up years later? Is it as funny as you remember? Are the two of us nostalgic old bastards? Let us know in an email to games.felix@imperial.ac.uk before 27th September and we'll feature some thoughts in this section - or you can tweet us a thought by using the hashtag fg0101. That's right. Welcome to Future Towne, population you.



It's like the nineteen-eighties in future-o-vision. Only shit, obviously. Thank god you can switch back.

## That's the second best game I've ever played!

So, why *Monkey Island* for our first pick? It's not the best of LucasArts' adventures, and it doesn't even have all the in-jokes you're thinking of right now (a lot of them appeared in its sequel). Maybe you don't even know what this game is. Let's go back to the start.

*Monkey Island* was in the right place at the right time. The *Hardware* was still a year or two off of truly lifting off, but it had reached a plateau where some of the most beautiful two-dimensional worlds could be created. The original graphics - viewable in the new remake thanks to some canny design work - don't hold up today at all, even if you have fond memories. But at the time, they conveyed the world just as they were aiming to.

*Monkey Island's* setting of pirates, filth and the occult was the best game that LucasArts had produced in that genre to date, not only hitting the right spot technologically, but also providing a balance between puzzles and pace. You can breeze through the game in a quarter of a day, but that's a good thing - think of all the later adventure games that you've started and never finished, because of a single obscure challenge.

*Monkey Island* didn't want you to stop every ten minutes to scratch your head, they wanted to lead you down a path that let you solve things first time.

And that all ties in with the plot. When playing older games, it's hard to see through the age and realise that some of these games would be retail-worthy today if only for a visual update.

*Monkey's* plot is still better than most of what gets churned out today, and I don't mean in a simply narrative sense. It spoke to the player, as many adventure games were beginning to do in those days.

Plus, it's funny. Not knob gags or knowing, smarmy meta-humour bollocks that we get nowadays, but actual jokes, like what you get on the television sometimes.

The running jokes are such a key part of gaming culture now that to have not played this series of games is to deny yourself a whole chunk of modern gaming's thinking today. You see that subhead above? You see that lame attempt at a joke? You don't even know why it's lame, do you! Well frigging get the game and play it!

For a lot of you, *Monkey Island* is the very first adventure game you remember. And if it's not, make it the very latest.



## Press Start To Obvious Joke

Michael Cook Games Editorette

Welcome to Imperial, welcome to Felix, and welcome to Felix Games. Between myself and Mr. Geek, Felix Games will be providing you with a year's worth of fun and pointless twaddle about videogames for the next few terms. We're not going to focus on reviews, or inundate you with the 'latest screens' and nonsense like that. We're about fun, stupid features and ridiculous competitions.

This issue is for Freshers, it's to welcome you to Imperial and to let you know that, yes, there are people with Steam accounts here too. It's something for you to flick through when you've got bored of unpacking your underpants, and it's also a chance for us to show you what we're all about. We've got a lot planned for this year, but before we get it underway we need one thing - you. Felix Games needs writers, freelancers who want to be part of our team and entertain the university's gamers. You don't need writing experience, you don't need to worry about being a master of the English language (we're kind edi-

tors!) - you just need to have something to say about games.

Is there something you want to see here? Is there something you want to write here? Is there something in the air tonight? Email us and let us know - games.felix@imperial.ac.uk. We'll be recruiting throughout the term, so don't worry if you're too busy chatting up women and trying to navigate the Underground. Drop us an email when you've settled in, and we'll get in touch.

This week I've been playing *Champions Online*, which is an MMO on the Personal Computer that specialises in superheroes, lycra and firing molten rock from the palm of your hands. I know, right. Somehow I tore myself away in time to write this thing.

I've also become utterly mesmerised by *Osmos*. I missed it out of the Fresher's Week of Gaming feature on the opposite page, but do go and look it up on Steam if you get the chance, it's worth every penny.

Right, I think I've gone on for long enough. Time to hand over to my partner in crime. Welcome to Imperial, everyone.



## Introducing... The Other One

A Geek Games Editor

Hello, yes, I'm Angry Geek and this is, you know, the thing. I'm not really that into introductions, so let's fast forward the introductory nonsense in case you're on the verge of brain death after Mr. Welcome's smothering editorial over there. I'm *The Misanthropic One*, because apparently editorial double-teams have to have one by law. I'll be editing on the weeks when Mike isn't, and you'll probably like me more on account of how I'm so fantastically charismatic and obviously right about everything.

I'm very interested in getting people playing outside of their comfort zone. I want to get the non-gamers of Imperial (all of whom have already turned the page, so we can insult them if you like) playing games, but more importantly I want to get you playing new things. Not weird shit, not single-level, three-but-ton 'masterpieces' by media design students from L.A., but just games that are important, games that are significant. I'm one of those bastards that thinks games are Important.

As such, I spent this week playing *Monkey Island*, which is a game that's far too good a game for peons such as you to have played, but fortunately I'm all nice and stuff so we're giving you the chance to win a copy. I know, right? I'm slightly more generous than God himself, and he gave us the entirety of exist-

ence. And yeah, sure, he gave us AIDS and Sonic games, but that only makes the analogy more apt. Okay.

I've also been playing a whole holy hell lot of *Champions Online*. Good lord yes. Thankfully, I've managed to stay far, far away from Mike's characters as they're all twee and lovey-dovey. One of them has a purple cape and fires bolts of healing at people. I shit you not.

I'm unsure of it as a game, to be honest. It has a lot to love in there, but it's missing the sprawling beauty of a game like *EVE Online* or *World of Warcraft*. I know these things grow over time, but there's a tendency to knee-jerk at any MMO and think "It's not WoW, it's bound to fail." I don't want it to fail, I just am resigned to the fact that it probably will. Look, I did say I was a tit.

But it's got the hook, that's the key. *Conan* was generic, *Tabula Rasa* was generic, *Champions Online* is not, it nails its atmosphere and it knows what you want to do with it. I've got eight characters, each one more ridiculous than the last and they're all just as I want them. It gives me flight after an hour of play, it gives me tiny little robots that kill stuff, the citizens discuss how amazing my pecks look - it's just everything it should be, and more besides.

Phew. I've gone on for too long. It's good though. I'll do console talk next week, promise.

That's it, really. You'd rather read about games, right? Let's get on, then.



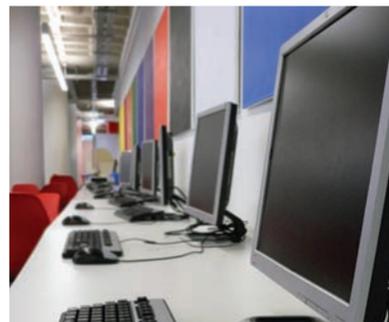
# Fresher's Imperial Tech Survival Guide

This week, Technology Editor Samuel Gibbs, brings you a quick and dirty rundown of the ins and outs of tech life at Imperial

**W**elcome Freshers! You've made it to Imperial, a place where technology and life should be as one. I'll leave that up to you to decide, but here's a quick guide to tech at college and out and about in London to see you through your first couple of weeks.

## In College

There are plenty of computers scattered around Imperial. Armed with your IC login, you have full unadulterated access to the internet. Be warned that there is a usage policy and ICT is



watching, as those of us who have fallen foul in the past can attest.

So where can you get at a computer? Well the Library has quite a few, from the ground floor Café to the individual topic floors with books (remember them right?). There are also a few scattered outside the SCR and most departments around college have at least one dedicated computer suite. Rumor has it that some departments are better endowed than others (here's looking at you Mech Eng), so if you find yourself short in one department check out your neighboring departments.

Of course if you're the roll your own type, brandishing your nice and shiny pride and joy, Imperial has a campus wide wireless network. Imperial-WPA is the preferred connection and can be logged onto with pretty much any modern device, including iPhones/Gphones, with your Imperial login details. Some halls are kitted out for WiFi, but many still rely on Ethernet connection in rooms, which are also a great deal faster.

Whilst using a non-college computer you can still get access to your Home or H drive by using the Home directory finder (on the Imperial ICT website) and following the instructions. Your email account can also be accessed using Exchange, IMAP or POP depending on what your needs are. Snow Leopard users will be pleased to hear that Imperial runs Exchange 2007 meaning all your Mac apps work brilliantly with your college account. Windows users will need Outlook for full interoperability with calendar, contacts and email. If you're out and about, your email can also be got at through the Outlook Web Access (<http://icex.imperial.ac.uk>) in any browser, though to get the non 'light' version you'll need Internet Explorer \*sigh\*.

## In Halls

Speaking of Halls, tech doesn't stop at the door. Many Halls are kitted out with LCDs, games consoles, DVD/Blu-Ray players and shared computers. If you've got your own TV with you (you crazy kids) don't forget you'll 'need' a TV license, even for those with PC TV



tuner cards.

Imperial, especially South Ken, is a pretty benign place overall but there are a few things to be aware of now that you're here. A decent firewall and antivirus is a must if you're a PC user. If you're connected to the college network literally thousands of people can, with a bit of know-how, find and have a go at your computer, so make sure you use protection. After all, you wouldn't want to go home to your Mum with a nasty infection now would you? Mac users make sure you have your firewall on, by default it's off, because people can still steal your stuff. Backups, you probably hear this a lot, are the savior of many a poor soul. From hardware failures, accidents, thieves and malware, there are lots of things that could happen to your data. Irreplaceable photos of your roommate slumped in the corner with marker pen all over his face, as well as coursework, needn't be lost should you have a good backup.

Physical protection for your gear is also important. It doesn't happen very often, but being a public place, nefarious types can get into Halls and raid rooms. It happened several times when I was a whippersnapper like yourselves and those who weren't insured paid dearly. Insurance for your possessions in halls can be difficult to find from non-student insurers, but the likes of Endsleigh specialize in insurance geared up for Halls and at reasonable rates too. You might also be able to get cover specified on your parents household insurance for a nominal fee, so get them to check with their provider. Stolen gear doesn't always have to mean a wrecked week, if you're covered.

## Music

Everyone needs music at some point during their studies, whether it's for working or rocking a party. These days music is available everywhere, some of it legally, quite a lot of it not. So if you're sick of your music collection or only or you only brought a couple of CDs with you, why not check out Spotify for your free and legal music hit.

If you've had been living under a rock for the last year and don't have the foggiest what I'm on about then head on over to [spotify.com](http://spotify.com) and grab the client. The service provides unlimited streaming of a large music library with artists from EMI, Sony, Universal, Warner and some other smaller labels. There's the odd advert between songs here and there and there are ads displayed in the program itself but if you're after music on the cheap you can't get much better. Unfortunately Spotify has just gone invitation only for the time being, it should go back to general subscription in the future, but you can stick your email in there for invites. Spotify also runs a subscription based model at £9.99 a month with a £0.99 24-hour day pass for trial purposes, which is still open for sign-ups if you're keen on the idea or want Spotify on your iPhone or Android device.



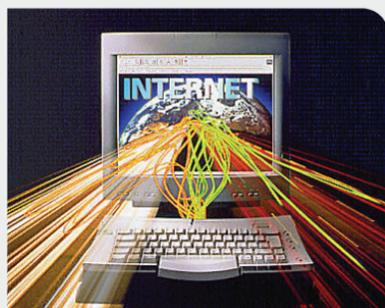
Another decent free and legal music service is the selective internet radio provided by Last.fm. Listeners select a track or artist and start a 'radio station' based around the type of music the track or artist represents. If you just want to listen to some music and not specific tracks then Last.fm is great. The service also uses a recommendation engine, which learns by 'Scrobbling' the music you listen to into a database of likes and dislikes, to predict tracks you'd like and recommend new artists and concerts. A player can be downloaded from Last.fm or streamed straight off the website.

## Useful Links

[www.imperial.ac.uk/ict](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/ict)  
[icex.imperial.ac.uk](http://icex.imperial.ac.uk)

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Soon we'll have embedded video, promise

Samuel Gibbs Technology Editor

**W**elcome to the Felix Technology section for the 2009-2010 year. Here you'll find the latest and greatest news and reviews from the consumer electronics industry. If you're interested in gadgets, tech and computers this is the place for you.

Whilst we're keeping you up to speed on the latest developments, we'll also provide some hopefully useful articles to both entertain and enlighten you (not guaranteed) spanning a variety of topics. We'll also try to point out useful tools, tips and services that, as students, enable you to work and play smarter.

Throughout the year we'll be covering events, announcements and the new and the hot from across the industry. Whether it be new iPhones, 3D TV or the latest personal transport contraption, there's a lot to look forward to this year.

As most new and exciting tech is announced or unveiled at expos and trade shows here are some events to keep an eye on in the next year:

CES 2010, the consumer electronics show, which is held each year in Las Vegas, is arguably the biggest event in the tech calendar. CES hits us this year between 7-10th of January and will look to have some surprises up it's sleeve. Look out for 3D TVs, more motion recognition gaming (Project Natal etc), OLED screens growing larger and

other interesting developments.

The now Apple-less MacWorld 2010 (will Apple have their own event in Q4/Q1 2010?) takes place 3-13th February in San Francisco. If new accessories are your thing then this year shouldn't disappoint. For the rest of us MacWorld minus Apple is a bit like a burger without the meat.

CeBIT 2010 held between 2-6th March in Hanover, Germany, is a prime showcase for a lot of portable computing. Look out for new netbooks, PNDs, computer parts and accessories. Also keep an eye out for a boat load of patent infringement arrests if this year was anything to go by.

Apple holds it's own events throughout the year, because they're, you know, 'special'. So expect some sort of new announcements in Q2 around May/June, with WWDC 2010 (World Wide Developers Conference). The recently held annual Q3 music event, 'It's just Rock and Roll', brought updates across the iPod line including a camera wielding iPod nano. The iPod touch got very little love from Apple, rumors of camera module issues abound, so expect some sort of iPod touch announcement in the near future.

Of course if there's something specific you want covered, got a tip or suggestion, or just want to complain, hit us up at: [technology.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:technology.felix@imperial.ac.uk) or follow us at [twitter.com/SamuelGibbs](http://twitter.com/SamuelGibbs)

## Out and About in London



Of course you're not just here in London to study, so your tech life should follow you out and about in the capital. Thankfully the networks have gotten off their backsides and provide pretty good 3G signal across London for those equipped with smartphones, modems and portable hotspots. For those seeking a bit of WiFi, London just so happens to be one of the most connected cities on the planet with almost every coffee shop on every corner offering WiFi.

Quite a few BT phone boxes and even some lampposts about the city are also hotspots so the likelihood is that you'll be able to get your hit from almost anywhere. Most hotspots are run by BT, T-mobile, the Cloud and O2, but having an account with one of them normally means you can log into others using a cross network login system.

From experience I know this doesn't always work, but when it does, it's great.

You can even get programs such as DeviceScape that deal with the hassle of logging in for you automatically.

## Where to buy Tech



If you're feeling a bit short of gadgets then London also boasts quite a few shops to cater for your inner tech. The 'world famous' Tottenham Court Road plays host to quite a few computer, gadget and consumer electronics shops including Micro Anvika, Gultronics and Brains HiFi, which sells, you guessed it, HiFi equipment. Tottenham Court Road has 3 tube stations along it, Tottenham Court Road (Central line), Goudge Street (Northern line) and Warren Street (Northern and Victoria lines) so it's easy to get there and back with your goods. London also plays host to two Apple stores, Regent Street and Westfield, should you be a Mac-o-phile. There's even a PC World, if you absolutely must, located close to college on High Street Ken.

Of course being tech savvy as you all of course are, online is probably your best bet if you're prepared to wait. Ebuyer.com is always a good bet, dabs.com is also worth a check. If you're after some more unusual portable tech then Expansys.com, which specialises in unlocked phones, imported gadgets and a variety of accessories to kit you out.

# Hangman

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## This year's Freshers lamer than ever

PhD student hits out against people that he hasn't met yet

**Anonymous** Hangman Editor

The atmosphere in David's office is awkward and heavy. I'm sitting at his desk as he paces up and down the tiny space between his filing cabinet and the desk of the lecturer he shares the office with; thankfully he's out, I can't imagine that three people would fit in the room.

David's upset, he's gesturing wildly as he huffs and puffs, pausing only to blurt out expletives about this year's crop of freshers, "Bastards!" and "Tedious and bloody boring, all of them! God!"

He finally sits down and I ask him why he believes that this year's freshers are substantially inferior to any previous years.

"I don't know what's happened, but the difference is obvious, anyone who's been on Facebook all summer looking at the fresher's groups could tell you. They're so bloody unfriendly, I messaged one girl asking her "Where she got a body like that" and she reported me to Facebook. Times have changed, they're so damn uptight!"

He gets a call and goes outside into the corridor. While he's gone I sneak-a-peek on his facebook profile, he's listed as attending the Mingle, I decide to press him on this when he returns. I look at his inbox, there are several messages from freshers, some kind, some confused, one telling him that she "got a body like that from her mother who's a judge, so back off"

David returns to the room and I quickly jump back to my chair, he seems much happier now.

"Great news!" he beams, "I just spoke to my friend, a sub-warden in Beit, and he's got me a free ticket to the Mingle"

He tells me that he's been every year since he was a fresher, this year will be the 6th time that he's been to the Mingle. "Oh yeah, it's great, everyone's really nervous and worried about making friends so it's really easy to be really



"Why won't you give us a chance, we're not so bad" (Oh man, I can't wait to meet this hottie when she comes to Imperial in 15 years - Hangman Ed)

confident and talk to really hot girls because they're just glad to be talking to someone. It's like a funeral really"

It's seems strange to me that he's so excited about going to the Mingle when he's quite harsh about the freshers who are going to be there, I ask him about this.

"You're right, you're right, but man compared to the Mingle when I was a fresher, it's been shit every year. In my year I got with like 6 girls but they've been getting more and more uptight ever since, last year I only snogged one girl and she'd had about twelve snakebites so it didn't really count" but don't worry he reassures me, "This

year I have a plan". His eyes gleam as he reaches into his desk drawer and pulls out a small bag of powder. He places it in front of me triumphantly, I look at him aghast, "Is that, is that a date-rape drug?"

"What! No man! It's fucking coke, I'm going to score at the mingle with this stuff man, seriously I'm always so interesting when I'm coked up, I'm the life of the fucking party, these freshers might be lame, but if they put out then maybe I'll forgive them."

**David died later that same day in a motorcycle accident... meh.**

## Two awesome jokes, try them at the Mingle

Why do you have to wrap duct tape around a gerbil?

So that it doesn't explode when you fuck it.

What did one lesbian vampire say to the other lesbian vampire?

"See you next month!"

**Disclaimer: It's not our fault if these jokes don't get you laid**



Everytime you get offended, a baby dies

**Anonymous** Hangman Editor

**L**isten, well read, but you know what I mean. You may have already read the rest of this page and may already be typing an angrily worded email to the Editor, with *hangman.felix@imperial.ac.uk* 'cc'ed. You are probably quite offended.

But let me tell you something. I hate being CCed into emails, if you got something to say, then say it directly to me, you got that?

If you send all your angrily worded emails directly to *hangman.felix@imperial.ac.uk* then everyone will be much happier. Dan "The Cunt" Wan, the Editor won't have to read your whiny emails and therefore won't know to what extent the bullocks that I write on this page destroys his reputation and the reputation of *felix* but more importantly, I'll spot the subject heading "I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT" in my mailbox and delete the message without reading it, so nobody will know

how much you hate me. I don't know if this will make you happier but I somehow doubt it, also I don't care.

Now, this is an anonymously edited page, so you'll probably think lots of crazy thoughts like, "I bet the guys who edit this page are lame and probably can't get laid". Let me correct you, each of the three guys who edit this page have girlfriends, cute girlfriends at that. Although, my girlfriend is kind of angry at me and the other two are from the North which isn't ideal but hey, sex is sex and my girlfriend won't be annoyed at me forever... (Your girlfriend hates you, like everyone hates you - Ed)

Let me finish by saying this, go to Tiger Tiger and Onanon and Opal because I don't want to see ANY of you anywhere else in London. They invented shit clubs in Leicester Square so that my friends and I could go out in London without having to endure the horror of your presence, so please, give Rough Hill my thanks.

## Hangman's Gardening Tips

**W**ith all the hustle and bustle of moving in to your newly acquired accommodation, you have more than likely forgotten to tend to your allotment. Imperial College gives you a great space of land in the centre of Knightsbridge to grow your own vegetables and fruits and if you neglect your personal garden it will end up overgrown with weeds and such. For those of you who have not yet been given you allotment number seek advice from the Student Hub located on level 3 Sherfield building. There they will give you your allotment number, directions and swipe cards to access the private complex.

Complete beginners need not worry about what to do with their garden, as Hangman is here to teach the ways of ninja cultivation. The first thing you need is an array of tools. When we say tool we don't mean the Deputy Editor Kadhim Shubber, we mean fully fledged instruments of brutal execution. That's right manly tools! Again not an attribute of Deputy Editor Kadhim Shubber. In fact we recommend just one tool, one manly blister forming tool. Your bear hands. Long fingernails are also a bonus.

Now your all set to begin planting your crops, so when the spring comes you can harvest the sweet sweet bounty mother nature has provided you. However like many novice students out there you probably have no idea

what to plant. Do you? DO YOU?! I thought not. Well Imperial College has that covered too. If you go the level M of the Union building situated in Beit Quadrangle you'll meet a man call Ashley Brown. Now Ash, as we like to call him, has organised for Imperial College Union to provide you with seeds to sow in you personal paradise. With a wide selection ranging from carrots to salvia there is bound to be something you want to plant. We heard from a not so reliable source that if you slip him £5 under the counter he will provide seeds previously only available from the black market.

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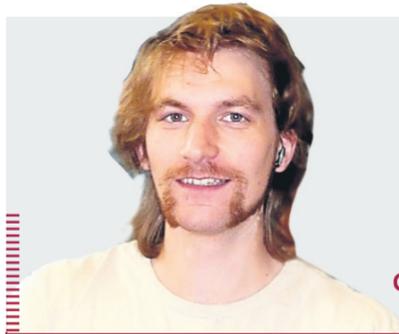
Percentage of people at Imperial College not eligible for a personal allotment.

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Percentage Imperial college student who have breasts and a vagina. Coincidence?

# Coffee Break

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Oh, hello there ladies

Charlie Murdoch Coffee Break Editor

So there's a new batch of starry-eyed Freshers about. And by about, I mean taking up your space at the bar, then vomiting in a biffa bin and generally failing to handle their beer in a way that a man would. But it's nice to have you, I'm sure you'll all settle down quickly- join a sports club, get drunk, deal with your hangover. That's what I did.

Well, now that's over and done with I can get down to ranting and raving about life, the universe and everything- this week is directed towards women. Right, you, the fairer sex, listen. Seriously, what the fuck? To all those freshers who come here with a girlfriend, good luck to you, she'll be gone by the time you finish reading this column. I split with my girl about a month after summer term finished, I say I split, I didn't do much of the splitting. I had the option of crying like a big gay baby or doing some hardcore manning up. I chose an eclectic balance of the two. Upside is that I am back on the market (I no longer sport that monstrous 'tash sorry) whoop! Anyway I am willing to help men all over the world/ the 5000 readership by printing a few helpful relationship based hints.

1. We are men. We eat, drink, sleep and occasionally buy some ridiculous gadget we won't ever need just so we can say we did to our mates. We are not clairvoyants. Never will be. If some shit is wrong, you're going use your mouth and bring it to our attention- or else we will be happy to assume all is lush. Maybe work it into a phone

conversation, because you do love the phone. In fact, I'd happily accept a note suck to the fridge- anything really.

2. We tend to do very little thinking, so when you demand of us 'what were you thinking?', we don't know because we don't think. We did it for one of two reasons: a) banter, b) I was drunk. Either way, we're sorry. Sit down, have a cup of tea, put on Barry Manilow's 'I Can't Smile Without You' and just chill the fuck out. Then feel free to attack us with the rolling pin if you still feel it necessary.

3. On the off chance that we do we enquire as to what is bothering you, we do expect, but don't wish to have to recreate Moses' attempts of getting water from a stone. Could you please just make it a lot easier and just, you know... tell us? Then we might ask more often and not just assume everything is dandy, as stipulated in point 1.

4. Finally, and most importantly: if you've had a crazy ex-boyfriend, please, please don't take it out on us. We'll try our best, but could you observe the above three points and make a small attempt to follow them?

Now, I don't claim to be some great advice giver, well not yet anyway, but I can safely say that that is some of the most useful stuff you will read this year. Forget lectures- do you actually give a perfectly formed shit about the complex number j? Guessing not, if you do, you're a right fucking nut job, go to the Si-Fi library. Finally, just to piss all over your small fresher bonfires, there are actually no women at Imperial. Just take a look around- see?

## Stuff Imperial students like:

### 1. Lagers:

This is mainly directed at our new 'recruits', as everyone else will already know all about the fun that can be had whilst one, two or ten beers are down. Before we go on, the Health Centre will have probably slipped a form into your fresher packs and one question will be 'How many units of alcohol do you drink a week?'. You drink 21, no more. Accept this.

There are many places to secure a lager in London, but by far the cheapest is the Union- go there (we exclude The Goose on North End Road as you will probably be involved in a bar fight at closing). Personally, I am attached to Tuborg at the moment, 10p more than Foster's, 0.1% more alcohol content, and oh yeah, doesn't taste like a convict's piss. If your desire is to be smashed off your nut for the cheapest possible price- Blackthorn is what you want. Now go fill your boots.



That's a beer being poured

## felix classic caption competition

After a spectacular flop last year, we are bringing back the caption competition to try and help us through the long nights. We will decide which

is the funniest, or which sound like they were sent in by a hot chick and award points as we see fit. If you turn to the next page you'll find all there is

to know about FUCWIT, points and more importantly, those iPods you get for winning. So start being funny and amuse us. Or not as the case may be.



Quote of the Week

Harold Kushner: "Caring about others, running the risk of feeling, and leaving an impact on people, brings happiness."

## Graphic music dingbats 1,438

Each week your lovely crew here in felix think up, and construct these amazingly funny dingbats. Normally they are based about a popular song that the office has been pumping out on our shitty, crackly stereo (take note Editor). This week is no different.

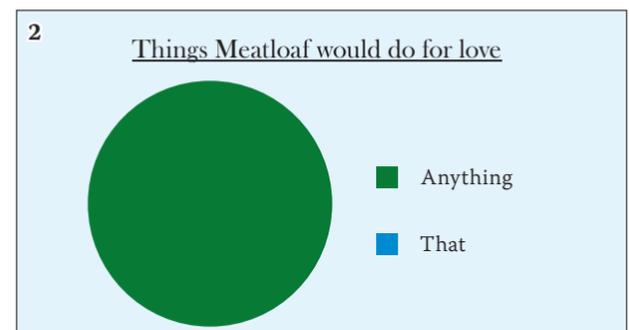
As usual these are FUCWIT eligible, all you need to do is send the correct name and artist for each song to [sudoku.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:sudoku.felix@imperial.ac.uk). There will be extra points on offer if you are able to offer a witty story linking all the titles. If you feel that you can do better, pop down, we are always looking for helpers, and to be honest my brain breaks quite often leaving you with some 60s throwback tunes to contend with. All the other editors say my music is shit. I say that they are shit and should go and get a STD from a German prostitute.

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Planner For The Week Of *The Cure*

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:00 am					<i>In love</i>		
9:00 am	<i>Don't care, could be blue, or black.</i>	<i>Initially grey.</i>		<i>I don't care about you.</i>			<i>Too late.</i>
10:00 am			<i>Same as Tuesday all day</i>				
11:00 am						<i>Wait all day.</i>	
12:00 pm		<i>Break my heart, leads to heart attack.</i>		<i>Start something about now.</i>			
1:00 pm	<i>Hold your head.</i>						
2:00 pm							
3:00 pm							
4:00 pm		<i>Stay in bed I think.</i>		<i>Don't look back anymore- watch the walls instead</i>			
5:00 pm	<i>Fall apart.</i>						
6:00 pm							

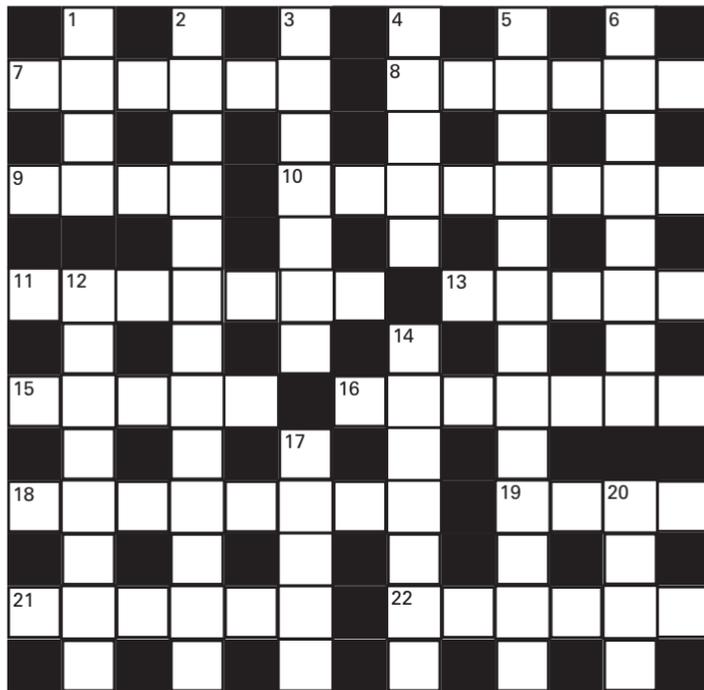
Source: "Wish" 1992



- 3 BEST WAY TO CROSS TROUBLED WATERS
- Canoe
  - Light aircraft
  - Raft
  - Bridge
  - Armbands and a rubber ring



# A quickie (crossword) 1,438



## ACROSS

- 7 Grand, moving, outdoor convoy (6)  
 8 Relating to heat  
 9 One unaccustomed to the ways of "teh Intrnetz!!" (4)  
 10 Frozen sweet-stick (3,5)  
 11 Comfy pellet filled sack (7)  
 13 A lady's "egg-machine" (5)  
 15 Foul, caustic, bitter (5)  
 16 What them inquisitors were (7)  
 18 Bendy (8)  
 19 Animal shite (4)  
 21 Set of technically demanding pieces i.e. studies (musical) (6)  
 22 Touring entertainers (6)

## DOWN

- 1 DC : Da \_\_\_\_ i.e. from the top (musical) (4)  
 2 CO2 (6,7)  
 3 Using base 10 (7)  
 4 Offshore (2,3)  
 5 A rotary entranceway (9,4)  
 6 Begg, urges, beseeches (8)  
 12 Rapidly increase (8)  
 14 Conductor's strokes before new measures (musical) (7)  
 17 Immeasurably deep chasm/void (5)  
 20 Back of neck (4)

We are at Imperial, but these crosswords are not meant to be so fucking hard that your brain explodes on viewing them. If that is your desire I suggest you look for a cryptic one on the back page. Or root out a copy of The Times. These are actually quite simple. Answers to the usual address.

Crossword by Peter Logg

## Generic solution



## Scribble box



# felix Lovestruck



"You, girl in the Union, Monday at 3.30pm ordering a Gin and Tonic with a lemon. Barman didn't understand. I have big lemons want a squirt of them.?"

Tall guy in ICHC hoody

"You were passed out in the Quad after exams last year. Your eyeballs had sunken to the back of your head. That's really hot. I'd like to meet you in the same state."

R. O'Hipnoll, 2nd Year Biology

"I saw you leave the RSM, you fell down the steps and face planted the floor. I pissed myself laughing. Should have offered to rub you better. Too late?"

Girl in black stilettos

"Mark, we spoke in the Union on Monday, you said you would ring but never have! Same place same time?"

Amanda the American

"You: so hot that you didn't need and umbrella in the rain as you walked past the library on Wednesday at 4pm. Me: falling off my chair. You laughed. Can I make you scream with joy?"

Library geek

07726 799 424

Seen that special person? Could be the one? Want to see them again?

Text **Lovestruck** to get a free union lunch together!

# Ho-bizzle-ro-dizzle-scopes! It's this week's Horoscopes

New year, new people, new Horoscopes? Shit no! Packed full of anger and abuse feel free to browse



## Aquarius

Hi. Welcome fresher. Please come in, don't be shy. Here take this pint. Drink fresher, fucking drink it.

Good. Here try this

pill. Yes, you munch that pill like it's a Smartie. How does that feel? Good? Are you enjoying yourself little boy. Your anus loose? You better hope it is or you'll be walking like a penguin for a week. Yes, you've been brutally gay raped.



## Pisces

Think I started off wrong there. I apologise if I come across as an angry, drunk, mentalist. Given a hug or kiss I am fully capa-

ble of putting my initial disgust of other humans to one side. But only if you're a pretty blond girl. So, if you are looking for a Ox/Horse/Olympic athlete cross (I'll let you work out what attributes go where) drop the cat phone a text. Kisses.



## Aries

As this is the first week of a new term for all us oldies out there, we all know that means one thing. Fresh poon. You will

dream about wallowing in this 'poon' casually tossing the second grade meat to Sci-Fi Soc. Don't kid yourself. There will be no poon, only men, spotty, adolescent, grimy 18 year olds. I hate you all, don't even think of spilling my pint.



## Taurus

Contrary to the Ar-ies, there will actually be one woman, Sunshine. You meet in dB's, take her home and rodger the life

out of her. Come morning she has left, initially a good thing, but your wallet, phone and for some reason you back catalogue of Phil Collins' hits has been taken. Fuck. Worse still you have a severe burning sensation when you piss.



## Gemini

Who the fuck are all these twats in the Union? Please sod off out the bar, and if you really do need to vomit, for your own

personal safety do not vomit in my vicinity. If you do happen to bust out a technicolour yawn anywhere, literally anywhere near me, I will punch the spleen out of you. Go back to Secondary School and wedgie the class retard.



## Cancer

You've started Uni life at Imperial, the love of your life is up in Glasgow. You promise to stay faithful, that you will marry and have

grotty kids. Oh do fuck off. You'll stay faithful because there's fields of cock here, wait, I'll check. Yep, no clunge. Her on the other hand is probably up to gag reflex in Scottish hockey players. Face facts son, she's gone. Go jump off Tower Bridge.



## Leo

Is it acceptable to stab you room-mate if the colon with an HB pencil? I am going with yes. It's not that he's foreign or a right

shit lad. More that he fucking stinks. You have tried to politely sniff the air and ask him if he has brought a dismembered rabbit into the room, he says he doesn't think so. Fuck it, nothing left to do but sharpen up the HB.



## Virgo

Traditionally Virgo was generally a nice Horoscope. Being in the middle of the page and after splaffing out seven paragraphs of

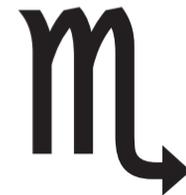
extreme anger, a more *lassier faire* incite into the world was in order. Well that's all change now. If you've got an issue, come down here to *felix*, and risk having to drag yourself back up the stairs after you've had you kneecaps removed.



## Libra

Oh fuck! You haven't been at university for 24 hours and you already have chronic knob-rot. Don't know whether to high-five

you for shagging that dirty slapper, or to keep as far away from you as possible... for the same reason. Lets be certain about this... it's fresher's week, so use you gift, even if that gift is knob-rot. Why go down on your own?



## Scorpio

I fucking love a good Scorpio lad. For that is what they are, proper good lads. We can drink, talk, act like a gentleman and look

cool all at the same time. Many of us drive powerful Ducati sports bikes, because, well, we can. Don't worry though, we also have some beautiful pop-pop classic Lambretta scooters to pose on. These are only some of our qualities. Kisses.



## Sagittarius

Why doesn't Lady Gaga, the hermaphrodite that she is just fuck off and get tangled in one of her stupid outfits, fall over and gouge her

ovaries out? If I happened to be walking down a street and she was being heavily gang raped, I, well I wouldn't join in, I'm not a rapist. Fuck no. But I might confiscate any lube that happens to be lying around. Might shit on her head too actually.



## Capricorn

Who the fuck do you think you are little fresher boy? Come over here taking our jobs, drinking my beers. Why don't you put your penis

between your legs and run back to where ever the fuck you come from because you're sure as hell not wanted here. I really hope that you trip over as you run and face plant the floor. Better still, go for a cliff walk and fall off the top. Now fuck off. Pint?

# Got any problems? Needy McNeedy has exactly three solutions, just for you, xoxox

Dear Needy McNeedy,

I broke up with my boyfriend before starting uni, I didn't want to be tied down with all this sausage around. Unfortunately I didn't get the blob this month and it turns out that I'm pregnant, probably by him. Help! What do I do?

Fat Slag

Dear Fat Slag,

Uh... contraception? With condoms, the pill and all manner of baby-stopping devices available nowadays, you must have about half a brain cell if you got preggers. But now that you've got into this mess there are only three possible things that you can do. Only three!

1. Be a mature human being and tell him immediately, he has a right to know. You should make a decision together about what path you're going to take, whether to keep the baby. You should get your parents involved also and remember, if you decide to keep the baby, the uni has a great support structure so don't be afraid to get in contact them.

2. Don't be a mature human being, keep the baby a secret, don't tell anyone! Hide the bump by wearing baggy, oversized clothes and then when the baby is born, throw it in a dumpster. That way no-one will ever, ever know...

3. You might not like this one, walk up to the top floor of your halls, stand at the edge of the staircase and then get a close friend to push you. It's either that or a gag and a coathanger. It's 100% safe, I promise...

Love,

Needy McNeedy. x

Dear Needy McNeedy,

Moving to Imperial was a big step for me, but I was always sure that I would be o.k. if I had my pet Gerbil Billy with me. But my halls have a no pets policy, I don't know if I can live without Billy, who will I turn to for emotional support? Is there anyway I can bring him to uni?

Concerned Gerbil Owner

Dear Concerned Gerbil Owner,

You look to your pet gerbil for emotional support? And who the fuck owns a gerbil anyway, you're almost an adult, try getting a girlfriend/boyfriend, or better yet, a friend full-stop. Or at the very minimum and umaginary friend. I think there are bigger problems here but if you must bring Billy, you do have some options.

1. Gerbils are pretty small, or at least that's what I remember from when I was 12 years old. It wouldn't be very difficult to hide a gerbil in your room, whenever the cleaner comes to your room just put the cage under your bed. As long as you make sure it doesn't escape and kill someone, there won't be any problems.

2. Buy a pair of dark glasses, a walking stick and a leash for your gerbil. All you have to do is pretend to be blind and claim that you own a guide gerbil. If anyone calls you out, get really indignant and shout "RACIST!"

3. Don't stand for this infringement on your human right to be pathetic! If the wardens demand that you get rid of Billy, stab them in the face, there won't be any negative consequences, I promise...

Love,

Needy McNeedy. x

Dear Needy McNeedy,

I've been making loads of friends since I arrived at Imperial, I even met some medics in Hackney at a warehouse party. What a coincidence I thought! I later found out that they're in the mafia and not at Imperial at all, they've been asking me to 'work' for them, I'm pretty scared, what do I do?

Naive and Scared

Dear Naive and Scared,

I don't know if you've ever talked to anybody at this corporate shithole of a university but for the future remember this, nobody at Imperial goes to warehouse parties in Hackney, except maybe Alex Ashford, she just might be cool enough. Back to your problem, don't worry; there are three ways out.

1. Cut off all contact with these people, change your number if necessary. If they don't get the message and continue to harass you, call the police.

2. You need to man the fuck up, this is a golden opportunity to make some serious moulah. Meet up with them and repeat these words, "Tell me what to do and I'll do it". Don't worry about going to hell, it doesn't exist.

3. Let's face it, these people are gangsters and from my vast experience of the criminal underworld, these guys are usually arseholes. They're not going to leave you alone, so we're going to have to do something drastic and by "we", I mean YOU and by "drastic" I mean stab them repeatedly in the face. There won't be any negative consequences, I promise...

Love,

Needy McNeedy. x



I hope all of you had an epic summer, and are ready to enjoy the best years of your life at Imperial! In order to take part in the full uni experience, you definitely need to be a part of RAG ("Raising and Giving"). We are a branch of the Union dedicated purely to raising money for worthy causes. Now, if you think that sounds boring, you couldn't be more wrong!

Last year we held some of the best events that Imperial had to offer during RAG Week in February, including the RAG Ball, CGCU Slave Auction and massive London Raid. As a RAG member, you'll also have the chance to go out in groups and harass rich Londoners for their coppers, while dressing up as ridiculously as possible. We've wreaked havoc in London, got on the news and a very credible source told me that the Rector may get pied this year...



This year RAG has undergone some major changes, mainly aimed at providing more events for you eager Freshers! Our first event of many is "Lost" on the 18th of November. You'll be blindfolded in teams, driven to an as-of-yet undisclosed location and compete to get back to the Union in time for our massive after party without spending any of your own money! There will also be prizes at stake.

Anyway I look forward to meeting every one of you altruists at our RAG stall at the Freshers' Fair! If you want to know more about us or want to get involved, e-mail us at rag@ic.ac.uk. RAG is all about having a great time while helping those who need it the most. Try it out, you'll love it!



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## We're ~~not~~ just about the Bar Nights... ACC Chair interview

Jovan Nedić Assistant Editor

Last year was a mixed year for the Athletics Clubs Committee (ACC), with the hype of national success at the British University and Colleges Sports (BUCS) Championships, combined with the suspicious financial dealings with those at the top. The man in charge of the sporting teams this year should be a familiar face, as he graced the pages of this very publication last year and is doing so again this year. He is the one and only Charles 'Chaz' Murdoch.

Chaz is no stranger to the challenges ahead of him as he was ACC Vice-Chair last year, with his main responsibility being organising the legendary ACC Bar Nights. So it seemed only fitting to ask him what he sees the Bar Nights as and what his plans are with them this year.

"I see the Bar Nights as a great place to meet up with like minded sportspeople, have a few, or ten, beers and then dance the night away to Geri Halliwell's *It's Raining Men*" Chaz informed me before breaking into a familiar giggle.

Continuing, "No seriously, it's not all about the beer. It's just a good, cheap, fun-filled night. It worked so well last year that we're just going to keep it the way it is."

Let us not beat around the bush here, the ACC Bar Nights have a huge reputation and is guaranteed to fill out the Union, with many clubs using it as an opportunity to dress up. The best bit about this is that it only costs you £5

and there are unlimited beers.

"Not strictly true" said Chaz. "We get about 23 kegs (80+ pints per keg) for these events, but they seem to go through them quite quickly."

Turning to more serious issues, I asked Chaz what his thoughts were on the 'scandal' last year, where last year's ACC Chair and Treasurer gave their own clubs more money than in previous years.

"I think Sam [ACC Chair 2008-2009] was guilty of nothing more than a greater awareness of his own clubs problems than those of other clubs." It was a political answer, one that he thought about a fair bit, and when probed further, he said that "I'll take extra precautions when it comes to the

budgeting of hockey, American Football and riding & polo [the clubs of the ACC exec members] next year, probably getting Danny Hill [Deputy President (Finance & Services)] to have a look at them."

Realising that we could probably talk about this topic for several hours over several beers, I thought I'd change the tone to a more light-hearted one and simply asked him if he could down a pint. His response was to down his Tuborg, although it did take him a good 11 seconds. However, the competitive nature of Chaz has him to this day, disputing this (sluggish) time.

"Oh, and the boat races are definitely going to continue next year, since it's always fun to see the rugby and foot-

ball clubs lose to the hockey club!" Chaz conjured, through half a burp as he finished his beer. Of course I [*and me - Ed*] somewhat doubt the accuracy of his statement.

After refilling the pints, we carried on with the interview and turned our attentions to what he actually plans to do this year, specifically with the freshers' at the start of the year.

"For the first Wednesday of term (7th October), after the Freshers' Trials, the ACC clubs have the sole use of the Union for about an hour-and-a-half to introduce the freshers into sporting life, the Union bars and Wednesday night banter, without the worries of them being bullied by some of the older mem-

ber of their clubs." This great event will cost the freshers only £5, which is a bargain considering that entry into the Union that night will cost you £6. He also informed me that the tickets for this event will be sold through the sports teams on the Wednesday, so be sure to bring enough money with you.

Looking forward to the rest of the year, I was curious to see what Chaz's feelings were on the age old argument of performance over participation.

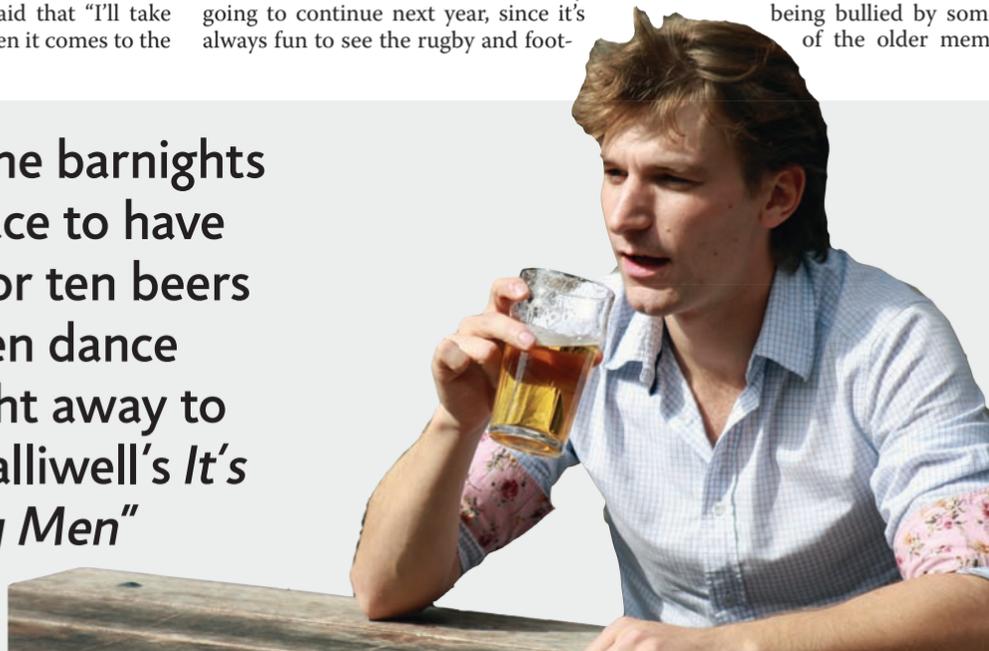
"No, no, no. It's going to be participation over perfection for me," interrupted Chaz as I was asking the question. He was obviously keen to get this message across.

"I'd be much happier if students were able to join the clubs and societies, have a great time and actually enjoy what they do. With increased participation, the perfection will come and the clubs will naturally perform at a higher standard, as we can see with hockey, rugby and fencing."

To round up, we looked toward the annual Varsity in which the majority of College and Medicals teams play against each other.

The event is huge and is fuelled with rivalry that no one is entirely sure its origin. During the day, hockey, football, rugby, lacrosse battle it out at Harlington Sports ground, whilst at Ethos, netball, squash, waterpolo, badminton and basketball fight out their matches before everyone converges upon Richmond Athletic Ground to watch the rugby Men's 1st battle for the JPR Williams Cup. Imperial have always won the day but never the cup, Chaz's prediction for this year?... Medics.

"I see the barnights as a place to have a few, or ten beers and then dance the night away to Geri Halliwell's *It's Raining Men*"



# Flying the flag for Imperial in the 2008/2009 season. Here's how they did it



These guys were amazing last year. Who knows, you can replicate such successes this year if you commit to Table Tennis.

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place in league 2A.

Moving away from the league table, our table tennis players have performed incredibly this year in a tough league and cup. Finishing 3rd place in BUCS division 1A, finishing behind Brunel and Middlesex (two sports-intensive universities) is not bad an achievement. The highlight of their year was winning the BUCS Trophy in Sheffield, beating York 9-7.

Whereas the ICSM (Medicals) netball teams have been performing extremely well, the IC ladies have had, to put it simply, a diabolical season. Their 1st team didn't win a match and as a club they came bottom of our very own table. So calling all college ladies, if you play netball, do not be put off, the team can only improve. In fact it will be more of an effort to do worse than last year!

For the last two years the Imperial Squash Club have been performing to a very high standard, with the men's 1st team winning promotion for two years on the trot. Do not be afraid of this,

however, as the club is open to anyone as they cater to all levels of ability.

As you can see, there are a lot of sports on offer apart from the big three; hockey, football and rugby. But how did they all do last year? Looking at the league table, Imperial hockey Men's 1st team are the only ones that made it into the top ten (just to let you know, there are 60 teams in total that participate in the league). In stark contrast, the bottom ten had five teams from the 'big three'. It is safe to say that the clubs are looking to improve their performance this season, and of course, they do cater for the experienced and novice players alike.

One other thing that you should probably realise sooner rather than later is that there is a fair bit of rivalry, mainly between the Medics and College teams. This rivalry culminates in the annual Varsity sporting event in late February with the spectacle being the rugby men's 1st teams battling it out at Richmond Athletics Club in front of a crowd of roughly 1,500 students and staff.

Each year the event gets bigger and

better, and the afterparty is one of the highlights of the year, so make sure you keep 17th March 2010 free and come along for some banter and a fun evening. There will even be the now annual 'The Rival' magazine published soon after Varsity, giving you a comprehensive round up of all the results.

Oh and if there are any rowers out there, I'm not sure how to put this to you, but we're good... Really good. World class in fact. But just like all the other sports, they cater for the novices, so if it tickles your fancy, give it a go.

Finally, apart from remembering to bring your kit with you to the first week, you must also remember to set a side some money to actually join the clubs. Membership can be bought online at [www.imperialcollegeunion.org/clubs-and-societies](http://www.imperialcollegeunion.org/clubs-and-societies) so make sure you pay the membership now before you spend it all in the bar.

Whatever club you join, you're bound to find a great bunch of people and your time will be better spent at Imperial. So get stuck in and look out for the ACC bar nights which are going to be entertaining.

Sports league										
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	%	FI	
1 Tennis Men's 1st	12	12	0	0	105	15	90	100	5.00	
2 Squash Men's 1st	12	11	0	1	51	9	42	92	4.25	
3 Fencing Men's 1st	11	10	0	1	1457	861	596	91	4.18	
4 Fencing Women's 1st	11	10	0	1	1445	1160	285	91	4.18	
5 Lacrosse Women's 1st	11	10	0	1	162	43	119	91	4.18	
6 Volleyball Women's 1st	9	8	0	1	17	3	14	89	4.00	
7 Hockey Men's 1st	13	11	0	2	65	19	46	85	3.62	
8 Squash Men's 2nd	13	11	0	2	40	21	19	85	3.62	
9 ICSM Netball 2nd	12	10	0	2	452	226	226	83	3.50	
10 ICSM Netball 3rd	12	10	0	2	444	225	219	83	3.50	



Varsity 2009 saw the Imperial Medicals win JPR Varsity Cup once again.

## Earn whilst you play - Imperial's Developing Excellence Scheme

Samantha Bell Sport Imperial



This could be yours, you know....

Are you a full time student at Imperial College as well as a committed sportsperson, a dedicated athlete, an elite athlete or part of a club that is performing to a high standard? Do you

have aspirations to compete nationally or even internationally? Do you represent Imperial College in British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS)?

Would you like some free support to aid the development of you as an individual or your club? The Developing Excellence Scheme offers support in the form of coaching, equipment, competition entry fees, travel costs, nutrition and physiological testing or strength and conditioning sessions. If so, the Developing Excellence Scheme (DES) may be what you are looking for. Imperial college and Sport Imperial encourage excellence in sport and have an established track record of elite performance in a range of sporting activities and the Developing Excellence Scheme aims to support this.

The scheme can award applicants up to £2000 or equivalent in services annually. A limited number of awards will be available per academic year so

don't delay in applying.

Applications are reviewed by a panel who meet every quarter throughout the year so don't feel it is ever too late to apply.

Over the past year the Developing Excellence Scheme awarded over 10 different individuals support as well as a range of clubs including Volleyball, Hurling, Lacrosse and American Football. Sport Imperial would like to increase these figures this year.

If you think you are eligible or would like some further information about the Developing Excellence scheme or Sports Development in general, please visit <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/sports/sportsdevelopment> or contact Sam Bell on [samantha.bell@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:samantha.bell@imperial.ac.uk)

### DES Athlete

### Hannah Bryars

**Personal Details:**

Age: 22  
Course: Medicine  
Sport: Fencing  
Highest Senior GB Ranking: 3rd

**Representative Honours:**

At county level, she has had 2 caps representing Cornwall. At national level, Hannah has represented Scotland at both the under-16 and under-18 age groups, captaining the on three occasions. She has also taken part in the U17 and U20 world championships and has also competed in the Commonwealth Games.

**Achievements:**

Cornwall Sabre Champion in 2006. Ranked 1st in Great Britain at U17 and U20 levels in 2001/02. At the Commonwealth Games won the Team Silver Medal and in 2006 became BUSA Women's Foil Champion.

**Aspirations:**

To win a Commonwealth gold medal, consistently win the big British competitions and to win the BUSA Premier League with Imperial College London





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# I want to ride my bicycle

## Imperial staff and students take part in charity bike ride from Edinburgh to London

Allisa Ayling Sports Partnership

Over the course of 6 days 100 people covered 542 miles by bicycle from Edinburgh to London raising a total of £140,000 for 'Right to Play', a charity chosen by British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS).

I signed up for the challenge as I wanted to try something new and this sounded like a fantastic opportunity to support a charity that uses sport and play to reach out to children and youths from the most disadvantaged areas in the world. I had no idea what the actual ride would be like so from day one climbing through the Edinburgh hills to Berwick was an eye-opening experience as to what was in store for the next 5 days. The first few days were very hilly [sic] as well as long, making it really tough. On top of that we had some cross winds and a little bit of rain just to remind us that we were up North! The days were very

long, setting off before 9am and arriving after 7pm most nights, just in time for some food and a hot shower.

For me the hardest day was cycling from Newcastle to Leeds; we eventually arrived at 9pm having cycled 110 miles and conquered some big hills in the process. There was just enough time to eat and shower before resting up for the following day which was another gruelling 105 miles.

All in all it was an unforgettable challenge, both physically and mentally and I will cherish the experience for the rest of my life. The camaraderie that came with such a trip was awesome. Each and every one of us experienced highs and lows and helped one another throughout the week. Being a part of the sea of yellow shirts that cycled down the mall at Buckingham Palace was fantastic and brought to life the reality of what we achieved and the reason we had raised so much money for Right to Play.



# Round up! Round up! 2008/2009 season a success across the board for Imperial's sports teams

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So you're new to Imperial and want to try out a sport during your time here. You read the Freshers' Handbook which has all the sports clubs on offer but you still can't decide which to join (if haven't read it then why not? In case you're wondering, the Handbook is the booklet with a red front cover. So now you know what it is, go and read it!). Well do not fear, *felixSport* is here to give you a breakdown of some of the sports clubs, as well as letting you know how they have performed in the past.

First thing's first, most of the trials will occur on the first Wednesday of term (7th October), so be sure to have all your kit ready when you arrive; the remaining trials will occur at the weekend (10th-11th October). If in doubt, just ask the members at their

stalls at Freshers' Fair which is held on the first Tuesday of term. Following the trials on the Wednesday, all the sports teams converge onto the Union for the first Sports Night of the year (they don't actually call it a Sports Night, but it pretty much is) so be sure to keep the night free as it is the perfect chance for all of you to meet your fellow club members and potential friendly rivals. But before you can do any of that, you still need to choose which sport is the right one for you. A lot of people decide they want a change when they come to university; this maybe because their school didn't offer much else apart from rugby for the boys and netball for the girls and cross country for both. At university, however, the world is your oyster and Imperial has a wide range of sports. So if you weren't very good at sport at school but had no choice, now you do. Similarly, if you were good at a particular sport, then rest assured our top flight teams

will be the right ones for you. All the clubs offer the full range of participation, from beginners to national level, everyone is welcome and everyone socialises after the games which are played on Wednesdays and Saturdays. So let's start from the top of last year's *felixSports* League (Page 27).

IC (College) Tennis Men's 1sts were the clear winners last year with a perfect 5.0 score to be crowned as the champions.

The gentlemen who aspire to be the bottle-job phenomenon that is Andy Murray have certainly proven their worth as team of 2008/2009 and can only be described as unbeatable. Blowing away their counterparts in BUCS league 2A, they both scored more points and conceded less than anyone in the league. In the BUCS Knockout Championships they emerged victorious as they won all of their rounds.

Winning over four-fifths of their 31 games, the fencers have produced re-

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markable results. The women stayed ahead of long-time rivals Oxford over the course of the season to lift the BUCS Premiership Trophy. The men's 1sts will be in the Premiership next year after going unbeaten in 1A and eventually destroying Bath 135-37 in the Premiership Playoff Final. The 2nds, in a league mainly composed of 1st teams, finished a respectable 2nd

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