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## A word from the Editor

**H**ello and welcome to this, the very first FELIX of the year. And thanks for taking the time to read my editorial, you sweet angel.

Congrats for getting this far! You all deserve a pat on the back for getting into Imperial. You deserve a little sit down for moving all your stuff into halls. By the end of freshers week, you'll need a beach holiday. But for now, it's time to forget your A-Level results, unfollow all your school friends on Facebook and think of a new nickname. Good luck to you.

Freshers' week, man, what a time. It's awful and great and terrifying, but you don't need me to tell you that. I wish you the best of luck – with your studies, with your communal kitchens and with your first load of washing. Don't tumble dry wool. You're welcome, friends.

But who am I to tell you how to wash your clothes? Well no one really – I've shrunk loads of washing in my time, but I'm just the Editor of your weekly student newspaper. Like the Union President, or any of her deputies (who you may well have already Facebook stalked) I am a sabbatical officer. We all get paid to take a year out of our studies and

run something. Don't ask me what the others are here for, but I do the newspaper.

It's a big old job, which needs a big team behind it. This means that there's plenty of room for you. We're always after illustrators, photographers, writers and other cuties to get involved. You can read more about what we get up to in Clubs and Societies on page 19. We have a good time.

Stop me if you see me around the place. Please. Most of my friends have graduated and have proper jobs so I have no one to eat lunch with. If you spot me wondering around Imperial, come and introduce yourself! Don't be scared. Much like a spider, I am more frightened of you than you are of me.

I hope you enjoy this issue. FELIX went to the big med student protest this week, we've got a lot of bolshy opinion pieces, and there's a big feature on sex and your health. That last one is a personal obsession of mine. Other people are passionate about *Star Wars* or *The Great British Bake Off*, but I love contraception (I really love all three of these things but contraception probably comes out top).

Have you left your room yet? Don't. Read on. Someone will



probably knock in a minute. Until then amuse yourself with news, culture, recipes, sport and some nudity in the form of our ancient centrefold tradition (flick to the middle you perv).

Don't be a stranger. Let me know if there's anything you think we should be reporting, and come say hi if you want to get involved, no experience necessary. You're reading this, which tells me you can read and are already vastly overqualified.

Our brand spanking new office is in the West Basement of Beit (by the union) or you can email me at [felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:felix@imperial.ac.uk). Finally, have a lovely week, and if you get to the puzzles and no one's knocked on your door yet, you should probably go outside and introduce yourself.

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## Imperial's University Challenge team through to second round

Our boys attained the highest score so far this series, beating the University of Reading

Cecily Johnson  
News Editor

A team of students from Imperial College London has made it through the first round of popular BBC quiz show University Challenge this month. They will face a new team in the second round of the knockout tournament on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

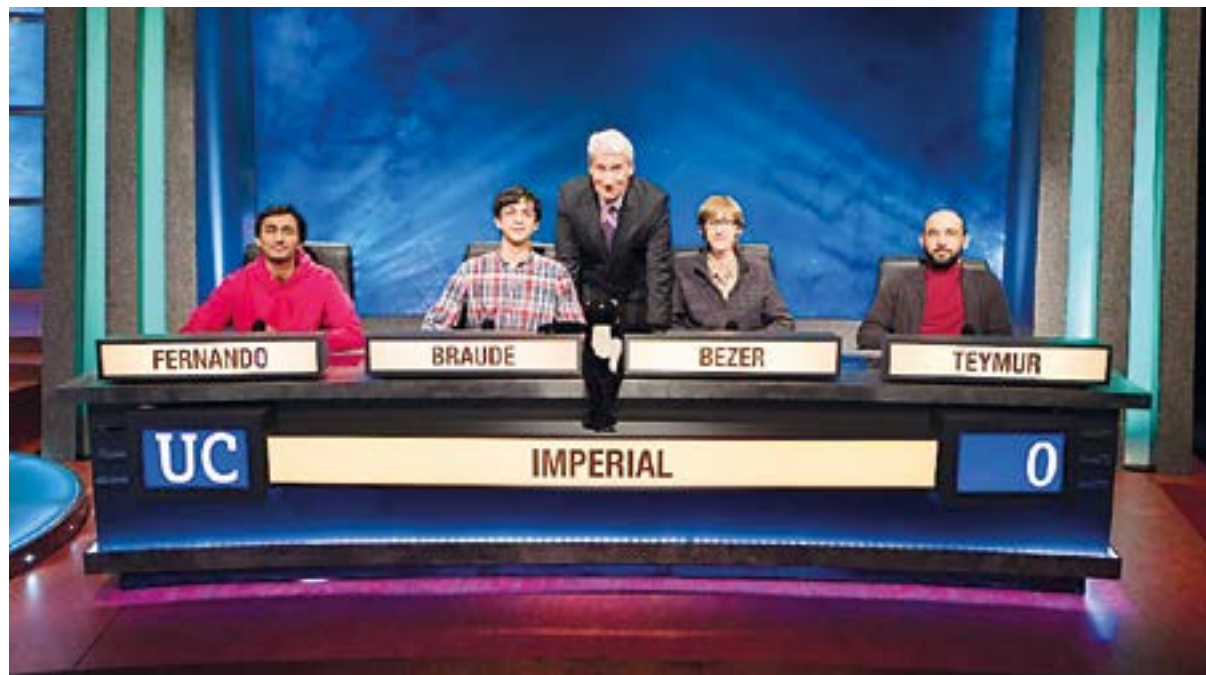
Headed up by last year's FELIX Science Editor James Bezer, a third year student of the Department of Physics, the team also features postgrad Onur Teymur, who is working on his PhD in statistics, fourth-year physicist Ashwin Braude and Ben Fernando, also a third-year physics undergrad.

They were featured in the tenth episode of the 2015/16 series, which

aired on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Imperial thrashed the University of Reading team with a current series high score of 285 to 110.

Performing strongly on the range of science and mathematical questions, the team earned a rare "well done" from host

Over 100 students took part in the internal team selection process



The Imperial College London team pose with host Jeremy Paxman and a FELIX mascot. Photo Credit: Ben Fernando

Jeremy Paxman after successfully completing a starter round on planetary astronomy. However they flopped the second picture round, not recognising Salma Hayek's portrayal of artist Frida Kahlo. Seriously guys, Kate Winslet?

Imperial last won the show back in 2001, also coming runners-up one year later. This is the first team to make it onto the televised portion of the series since 2012/13, when we were eliminated in the quarter-finals. Over 100 students took

part in the internal team selection process earlier this year.

Winners of the quiz show get bragging rights and a shiny trophy. See how the team fare in the second round at 8pm Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November on BBC Two.

## Times rankings put Imperial eighth globally

Overall a good year for European and UK universities as US dominance wanes

Cecily Johnson  
News Editor

The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2015/16 were revealed this week, with Imperial College London gaining one place from last year. Four of London's universities were ranked in the top 30.

Imperial took eighth position this year, with University College London in 14<sup>th</sup>, the London School of Economics 23<sup>rd</sup> and King's College London 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson said that he was "incredibly proud" of the capital's performance in the rankings: "The capital continues to be the global leader in education, innovating and inspiring top talent from both across the country and

overseas."

Other top UK universities included the University of Oxford, in second place, and the University of Cambridge in fourth.

Topping the table was the California Institute of Technology for the fifth consecutive year. A total of 78 UK universities made the top 800, second only to the United States. Editor of the THE rankings Phil Baty described the UK as a "stand-out performer".

"However, despite the UK's success, its continued cuts in higher education funding ... and series of immigration measures affecting overseas students, will hinder its performance in the long run". He continued: "The UK will have to work hard to ensure [these] do not hinder its place in the World University Rankings".

Jo Johnson, Minister for

Universities and Science, did his best to assuage these concerns: "These rankings confirm the world-class standing of our education sector.

"Our reforms will ensure our universities continue to compete with the very best internationally and deliver high-quality teaching to students at home"

The capital continues to be the global leader in education



Imperial came third in the UK and top in London. Photo Credit: Imperial College



# FELIX NEWS



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On Monday, around three thousand junior doctors, medical students and supporters marched on Whitehall to demonstrate against the proposed changes to junior doctors' contracts. The protest began outside the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster, near the Houses of Parliament, where a meeting between the NHS and some junior doctors about the proposed changes was supposed to be taking place. When this meeting was cancelled halfway through the day, organisers of the evening's protest encouraged supporters to come along anyway. Jennie Watson, Deputy President of Welfare of Imperial's own student

### 3000 medical students and junior doctors marched on Whitehall

Union, was one of a handful of students who arranged the protest. She predicts she was joined on the march by several hundred students from Imperial's medical school. One of those was Med Harris, the school's Union President. Both of these positions are elected and paid sabbatical roles.

After an hour of shouting and

# IMPERIAL MEDICS ORGANISE PROTEST

## The government's proposed new contracts could see newly qualified doctors taking a significant payout

sign waving around the meeting hall, protesters with megaphones maneuvered through the large group and headed towards Parliament. The handful of police officers who were stationed to look after the event seemed vaguely surprised at the movement, but were far outnumbered by a growing crowd of young, well-educated and well-behaved medics.

Organisers, including medical students from Imperial, had only applied for a stationary protest permit, and it was obvious that

“This isn't about money,” she said, “this is about patient and doctors' safety”

the police weren't expecting any deviation from this. It is technically illegal to stage a march without letting the police know at least six days beforehand, but the timeline of the protest and good behaviour of the crowd meant that the organisers are unlikely to face any action from the police.

The group moved across to Parliament Square, joined by swathes of junior doctors, getting off shifts with some having brought young children. The road around Parliament was blocked by sheer



volumes of protesters attempting to walk down Whitehall. Instead of Downing Street, the group congregated around the Department of Health. Doctors crossed the roads in huge numbers, stopping cars and buses, none of

whom had been stopped further up. Whether the horn tooting that ensued was in frustration, or as the crowd interpreted them, in support, it wasn't going to make any difference. The junior doctors knew where they were heading, what they

### The road around the houses of parliament was blocked by sheer volumes of protesters



wanted, and who they wanted to see. After congregating around the health ministry, they bayed for Jeremy Hunt, the health secretary, while he tweeted from safety, most likely from home, about childhood obesity.

When Hunt didn't emerge from the grey buildings, despite cries of NO IFs, NO BUTS, NO JUNIOR DOCTOR CUTS, the crowd turned on its heel, slower than before, and edged back towards Parliament and Big Ben. None of this movement was planned, and the wild gesticulation involved in encounters between organisers and



Grace Rahman Editor-in-Chief

police officers made this obvious.

As a giant red moon rose above Westminster, police stopped traffic again, allowing protesters to cross back. Someone with a megaphone meekly asked if people could disperse, but with Whitehall closed in one direction and traffic heading away from Parliament Square completely blocked by demonstrators, they weren't keen to

give up just yet, and crowds milled about for a while.

It was bit like the end of a house party. People who lived far away started to leave, and some bloke got out an acoustic guitar and started singing the unofficial junior doctor's anthem, to the tune of Jessie J's Price Tag.

The doctors' union, the British Medical Association (BMA),

### Demonstrators say their main concern is safety, and that long hours would affect quality of care

We cornered the Imperial College School of Medicine's elected president, Med (right), at the protest. Yes, he's a medic called Med at the protest for medics.



“We're here as medical students and junior doctors in protest at the announcement by NHS Employers [the organisation in charge of NHS employers in England] that they were going to go ahead and enforce the DDRB recommendations [the independent report on contract reform for doctors and dentists in training].”

“The BMA, the representation body for the medics, were in negotiation with NHS Employers, but they had to withdraw from the negotiation process because they couldn't see an adequate, safe way forward. The meeting was called off only hours before we were meant to come here, but I think it's a great turnout.”

was never going to be present at the cancelled meeting, having stepped away from negotiations in protest. Just before the demo, NHS Employers announced that Jeremy Hunt himself had officially asked the head of the BMA's junior committee to return to the negotiating table, and for that reason the planned meetings were postponed.

With nothing yet decided, the doctors may go further. Although the profession hasn't taken industrial action since the 1970s, medics are warning that they may be forced to strike. Another protest is planned for the 17<sup>th</sup> of October.

Jennie Watson told FELIX “This isn't about money, this is about patient and doctors' safety, but the two are inextricably linked”.

### They bayed for Jeremy Hunt, the health secretary, while he tweeted from safety about childhood obesity



### The protest by numbers

**200** **3000** **£23,000** **30%** **90** **10**

Signatures the Imperial medics got on their board outside the meeting hall. It's now at Reynold's bar, if you want to sign.

Number (ish) of protesters. Although almost five thousand clicked attending on Facebook, police seemed unprepared for such a crowd.

A junior doctor's basic rate of pay before subsidies for working overtime. About the same as newly qualified police officers earn, and slightly more than newly qualified nurses. Less than half of newly qualified tube drivers get though.

Potential payout junior doctors from the BMA say the new contracts would cause. Although the basic rate of pay would increase, overtime for antisocial hours would be reduced.

Hours per week a junior doctor would be expected to work as standard under the new contracts.

pm would be how late junior doctors would have to work as standard. At the moment it's 7pm.



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## They're all the same: why arguments for not engaging in student politics are baseless

Despite growing turnout, fewer than half of 18–24 year olds believe they have a duty to vote



Eamonn Postlethwaite  
Comment Writer

It has been a tumultuous year for British politics. We had a surprise majority appear after the general election, the Labour leadership campaign played out exactly opposite to how people expected, the Liberals have gone back to the '70s and we came within a whisper of having the British Isles trimmed at the neck.

For politicians like me, this is such stuff as dreams are made on, and yet time and time again the data shows that the younger the age bracket, the less people seem to care. This article is not one of statistics and figures though, but of arguments against political apathy. The interested reader who wishes to add context might be interested in The Hansard Society's annual audit on the subject or any number of useful documents from the Commons Library or Parliament websites.

Here are a few common maladies the younger voter may suffer from:

### “Voting won't change anything.”

Whether a lazy excuse or a genuine belief, it is false. It is clear that the act of voting decides the constituent parts of the government, which may radically change the direction the country is taken in. Whether we are talking large individual issues, such



Jeremy Corbyn won the Labour leadership election with a surprising 59.5% majority. Photo Credit: Huffington Post

as the Commons' 2013 rejection of airstrikes in Syria (285–272, against), or multiple small related changes which follow a clear and distinct direction from that of a hypothetical alternative administration, such as the many alterations and reductions in the scope of legal aid we've seen over the past five years, just because an individual's life isn't altered drastically over the course of one parliament says nothing about the state our country is left in.

### “My vote won't change anything” (a slight refinement).

It is often said that absolute power corrupts absolutely, and there's no quicker path to absolute power than an electorate who think their voices carry no weight. I don't know enough about the subject (and don't have time to sufficiently educate myself). This can be quite an earnest argument at times, stemming from

an understanding of the majesty and importance we should all attribute to our democratic system. However I believe that firstly we should allow our conscience to inform, at least in part, our vote, without worrying solely about hard facts and figures, and secondly someone who realises the importance of voting in an informed manner should probably take a look at their priorities and set a little time aside, they may even find they find politics interesting! Furthermore we live in a democracy (and all of the problems that may come with it) rather than a genocracy, so perhaps we should not worry about our relative or assumed ignorance about politics. Plato's dialogue Protagoras, in which he recalls Socrates asking the sophist Protagoras why we consult only shipbuilders about building ships, only architects about house design etc. and yet all citizens about the running of the state, is a far more intelligent exposition on the subject.

### “The voting system is flawed.”

Yes it is, terribly terribly so (or you may not think so), and yet to change it democratically we can only work within the system by voting or applying pressure through other democratic means; such as petitioning the government or peaceful protests, all of which require far more political nouse and engagement than simply voting every few years.

### “None of the parties represent me.”

The usual responses to this are

unreasonable even to me. They vary from “start your own political party” to “join the one closest to your views and change it from within”. Neither of which are feasible for the vast majority of us, and certainly don't help you if you need to vote tomorrow!

Instead I would suggest going to spoil your ballot paper. It's quite fun to come up with inventive ways to invalidate your ballot and if the 34% of adults who didn't vote all spoiled their ballot, vote hungry established parties would sit up and take notice and there would be massive incentives for newer parties to innovate and try to harness this sudden outpouring of dissatisfaction.

It would also create a boom in grassroots politics, desperate to engage the same, suddenly vocal, unhappy majority. All of the above can do nothing but fuel direct democracy, perhaps then a party might start to represent you more accurately. You can't be represented unless people know what you want.

Hence this is my plea to you, especially those of you just starting your time at this wonderful place, get yourself registered to vote and to damn well do so, and if you decide to exercise your democratic right by drawing a massive hairy cock on your ballot paper, then hurrah!

You can register to vote if you're a British, EU or qualifying Commonwealth citizen. Visit [aboutmyvote.co.uk](http://aboutmyvote.co.uk) to find out if you're any of the above. The London Mayoral elections are next May.



Really don't want to vote for anyone? Spoil the ballot. Photo Credit: mirror.co.uk



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## This crisis needs actions, not words

Jonathan Masters questions why we failed to respond to the refugee crisis in Europe at all until we saw *that* photograph



Jonathan Masters  
Comment Writer

This summer I had a typical first year student holiday and went interailing around Europe. During this trip we spent three days in Budapest, Hungary frequenting the assortment of cheap bars and inexpensive restaurants due to the excellent Pound to Forint exchange rate.

On the last day we had to catch a night train from Budapest to Krakow which meant catching the metro to the Keleti train station.

As soon as we stepped out of the metro, we were greeted by the sight of tens upon tens of families sleeping, eating and living on the ground floor of this station, each lying with all their worldly possessions on a variety of flattened cardboard boxes.

We walked in silence as the various other travellers that were due to depart from Keleti train station filtered past the asylum seekers in order to catch their trains.

As I passed one family I saw a young boy, about eleven gesture to one of the stations cleaners to borrow his broom as he wanted to clean what little space his family occupied.

A small boy approached me, no more than five years old, with bloodshot eyes and gestured towards the stall selling pastries and then pointed at his mouth, stretching out his hands and all I could do was helplessly shrug and indicate that I had no money left.

We then passed up the escalator to the train platforms where there was no sign that you had ever seen anything out of the ordinary.

Before this experience, my only knowledge of the Syrian asylum seekers had been that of distant ideas of barricaded channel tunnels and David Cameron's promise that there was no better life here awaiting these "migrants".

There was nothing as sobering as walking through this and then watching a Hungarian train employee search underneath the train carriages with a flashlight in order to make sure there weren't people risking their lives for another country.

For many people there was a single moment this summer when their opinions of nervous discomfort of these Syrian migrants making their way across Europe to become a National Burden became one of, well, human compassion. But the fact that it took photos of a drowned three year old boy on a Turkish beach should disturb us all.

The photo of Aylan Kurdi's limp body became the defining



Refugees try to board a train in Budapest. Photo Credit: Washington Examiner

image of this summer, with many publications refusing to publish the pictures showing his full body; but before long this three year old's corpse had become nothing more than clickbait to be shared among social media users as an attempt to look interested in something other than themselves.

One newspaper was even advocating at the end of an article about Aylan Kurdi's journey to tweet using the hashtag #refugeeswelcome and then to sign their own petition, which all feels so very close to the 'pat yourself on the back' culture of egotistical charity support that we only recently saw with the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Perhaps social media is again culpable: the sidebar on the right of the Facebook home page now gives all users a brief list of current events, allowing us to selectively participate in what has been deemed important.

It feels like once again our national reaction to this tragedy is one of self aggrandising for the small time we spend campaigning for social action, and by signing an online petition we can go forward and forget.

The one thing that makes me feel incredibly uncomfortable is the fact that only now when the image of this dead child has been seen are people starting to wake up to this crisis. Since May there has been report after report after report

these people as people rather than a faceless, job-taking horde.

My question is: why did it take an image of a dead child to change the national sentiment?

It has to be said that within Europe there is a general unease about allowing more migrants into the respective countries, and in Britain it is even further heightened by our national propensity to feel that we are separate to the rest of Europe and its woes, whether that be economic, social, or political.

There is a palpable unease within the parties as to what the British people's attitude to remaining in the EU is.

I believe that a great amount of that comes from our heavily ingrained idealism that as an island nation the literal geographical separation also separates us from the aforementioned issues, and therefore a responsibility for them.

### Why did it take an image of a dead child to change the national sentiment?

What remains now is to wait until the situation settles: at the time of writing, the Hungarian border police have set up a barrier to the displaced peoples, retaliating in waves of tear gas and baton strikes.

Croatia has become the new route to pursue for these people, with their prime minister freely admitting that there is no way that they can stop the flow of asylum seekers.

The truth is that no one knows what will happen with this current crisis: will Cameron relent with the current figure of 20,000 migrants over the next 5 years, will there be an E.U consensus on a unified response to work towards a more stable Europe?

Frankly this situation will only take time, money, and planning. What it doesn't need is views, likes, and shares.

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## Words can help us understand this

Tessa Davey champions the need to talk about events to truly comprehend them



Tessa Davey  
Comment Editor

Under the strain of thousands of people seeking refuge in Europe, several countries including Germany began to restrict their borders, after decades of free travel within the continent and the Schengen Area.

As a result, my well planned and advance booked night train from Vienna to Munich, being a direct train from Budapest, was partially and then fully cancelled in the early afternoon. I hurried to the train station, cursing the refugees, assuming that I would be able to switch to a different train fairly easily.

When I got to the station, it was clear that this wouldn't be the case. The back of the station was organised chaos, with volunteers and refugees milling around, distributing food or organising people. Sleeping and children's play areas had been set up, and this had clearly become a temporary home for hundreds of families. At the ticket office, armed police were guarding the ticket machines, inspecting passports before you were allowed to buy a ticket, not that it would have got you anywhere.

### Germany is obviously desperate to regain some control over the situation

The scale of what Europe is facing rapidly hit me. Although still accepting refugees, Germany is obviously desperate to regain some control over the situation, and the border at this rail crossing is probably going to remain closed for some time. I had to find another way to get to Munich.

Tickets into Germany were scarce,



Refugees are rescued from an overcrowded boat by the Irish Naval Service. Photo Credit: Wikipedia.org

selling out quickly, and mainly only available at sales offices, not online. Buses seemed to be the only way, but with roadblocks throughout Austria, and the border being partially closed, it wasn't clear if anything would be running at all, how delayed it might be, or if it might have to turn back. Neither the bus operators nor the staff at the bus stations could offer any reassurances. After a day of chasing tickets for services that shortly got cancelled, I shelled out a final €40 for a night bus that looked hopeful, and settled down for an evening of obsessing about roadblocks and border controls.

Just before midnight, dozens of clearly stressed people waited for the bus, worrying about where they would stay should they be left without anywhere to go in the middle of the night. When the bus finally arrived, the passengers desperately swarmed towards it, overpowering the driver.

I was lucky. The only thing that this cost me was a wasted ticket to the ballet (that I didn't go to so I could catch the bus), some money, and a few hours of my time. I was stressed, for sure, but it was nothing compared to the stress and desperation that has become

the reality for many families whose lives have become a matter of trying to find ways to travel to the next country.

In most of the central European countries, people are clearly very sympathetic to their plight, and are very willing to offer provisions, belongings, time and space to help ease the situation.

In the UK we're clearly shielded from the worst of this crisis. Beyond the basics in the news, I hadn't kept abreast of all the reporting surrounding this exodus of humanity, and so it wasn't until I saw the crisis for myself that it became more of a reality, and I immediately became far more empathetic.

Cold, hard facts can tell you a lot about a situation, but to really understand it, you need to feel.

People write about their opinions to convey their emotional response to those that cannot witness something firsthand.

Through observing the reaction of others, we can be more informed, and draw more educated conclusions for ourselves. Through discussion, we can challenge negative sentiments, spread awareness, and explore new viewpoints.

Our opinions are what define us as people, and what makes us

human. It is my opinion that if we experience something that changes our perspective, it is almost our duty to share that.

I am humbled to admit that the conclusions I draw at first are not always the way that I want to see things, and it is the ideas of others that change that. Comment is something that is important to me, and something that I'm proud of.

*If you also think that sharing your comments can change the world, email me at comment.felix@imperial.ac.uk, and join my team of opinionated writers who probably love a good argument.*

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# FELIX COMMENT



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## A word of advice from one Imperial graduate



The Angry Grad  
Columnist

Welcome to Imperial, you fools. Our resident anonymous graduate columnist is only slightly bitter...

**G**o to a world class institution they said. You'll be hyper-employable, they said. Well here I am, three years on with a bang tidy degree from Imperial College London.

Now, the ickle little freshers amongst you might be feverishly reading my words at this point, looking up to me; an Imperial survivor (squeals excitedly as if Harry Styles himself just tweeted back).

As a graduate, what exciting adventures am I embarking on currently? Raking in dollar like the banker wanker Imperial wants us to be (obvsiously for alumni contributions). Cotching in Sierra Leone, battling the Ebola epidemic?

Well actually, avid readers, I'm currently rolling around on my parents' couch in urban Berkshire, feeding on my mother's (perfectly round) chapattis and writing for my old student newspaper. That's right kids, I'm unemployed (and Asian, so

double whammy there but at least I'm defying stereotypes).

Thus, this is my probably-not-very-weekly column on the world of graduate bliss. Willkommen my pretties, to the life of the angry grad. Seeing as it's freshers' (woops, fist pumps, claps chaotically like a slippery seal), this column is about what to expect from freshers' week; what to do, what not to do and what I would do differently. Trust me kids, take my advice, I've turned out great (if in doubt, refer to the intro above... I mean, I get my washing done for me, be envious).

First and foremost, be excited! You've left the nest (for now), hurrah! Genuinely, congratulations on getting here. It is an achievement, and don't let those Oxbridge rejections get you down! If you are feeling bitter, just remember: at least you're not at UCL, with all their fit arts students and University of London benefits.

Anyway, freshers' is truly the time to go big or go home. Come out of

your shell, be spontaneous, and if you hate the morons/friends you've made in a couple of weeks, not a problem! Getting an upgrade is bloody easy; if Eleanor's jodhpurs and shocking horsey tales are getting on your tits, tell her you love a ready meal "beef" lasagne and you won't even recognise her two years on. I mean, be ruthless.

Wasabi  
is an evil  
temptress,  
enticing you  
with her  
sushi

Secondly, turn down your bloody expectations of what University entails. You're at Imperial for god's sake, not Loughborough/Leeds Met/anywhere with more than one good looking bloke within a 10 mile radius. We have a reputation of nerdsdom to live up to! You will most likely not be going out five times a week or grinding on a chirpsing second year in the erotic egoboosting steam room that is any central London club. You live in London now, you will be broke.

Yes, you might spend your money on alcohol over food because you're a studentLAD and yes, Wasabi will steal all your sterling. For you new to London cuties, Wasabi is an evil temptress, enticing you with her perfectly salty and starchy sushi or curry delicacies. While she may make the voices in your head stop throwing around antipsychotic drug names (which ironically, you will probably rather need than study) for twenty minutes, she will also make you crash into a worthwhile food coma.

So yeah, you can't spend six quid on a tofu curry and another twenty in Soho's finest discotheques every night (plus a bloated stomach is never attractive in body con, gurl, so really, Wasabi saves your liver). The overdraft struggle is real my friend. If you can afford to party that hard, you're probably either a) spending your nights in Metric, which is never cool, or b) the child of a sheikh. I despise you Sheikh spawn, you, with your super snazzy multimillion pound South Kensington flat, and your mindblowing ability to make shisha look cool.

Lastly, get involved. Join clubs and societies, (write for FELIX, please). They're the perfect place to expand your Facebook friend count and get away from your course mates. That's my biggest regret, not involving myself in clubs and societies properly. You see those netball girls wearing those tiny nurse's costumes at Drs and Nurses club nights, who you judge from the bottom of your heart? You could be one of them!

You probably weren't that cool at school, but at Imperial, we have different standards. You CAN be a plastic or a jock, because, well, IMPERIAL, YO.



You do get to graduate here. That's a benefit, right? Right? Photo Credit: Imperial College London



# WELCOME

## OCTOBER 2015

YOUR ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON OVER WELCOME WEEK AT IMPERIAL COLLEGE UNION

### 03 UNDERGRADUATE MINGLE

03 & 04 October

19:00 - 01:00  
ALL UNION BARS  
£10.00

SHIFT K3Y



Split across two nights, your hall will be invited to either the Saturday or Sunday night Mingle. As the first big social event of Welcome Week it's the perfect way to get to know new friends from your hall of residence and meet new ones from others. Shift K3Y headlines both nights.

03 - 09 October

### PIE & ALE FESTIVAL



12:00 - 21:00  
H-BAR  
PRICES VARY

We're hosting a Pie & Ale Festival in the h-bar during Welcome Week featuring a host of pies and matching ales for you to try! You'll find the full food and drink menu for the festival on our website.

03 October

### LIVE ACOUSTIC FESTIVAL



20:00 - 22:00  
H-BAR  
FREE  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

Visit the h-bar and enjoy some live music from our Jazz & Rock society on the first Saturday of term! Our Jazz & Rock society are one of the Union's long running live music club, and feature a host of talented student musicians.

03 & 04 October

### LITE MINGLE



19:00 - 01:00  
JUNIOR COMMON ROOM  
FREE

The Lite Mingle is for anyone who fancies a chilled-out alternative to the Mingle. We will be showcasing a live lounge of student performers as well as offering coffee and other non-alcoholic refreshments.

### 05

05 October

### COCKTAIL BAR LAUNCH



19:00 - 23:00  
H-BAR  
FREE  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

Fancy a Mojito or like a classy Cosmopolitan? There will be something for everyone at the launch of the new h-bar Cocktail Bar.

05 October

### LIVE COMEDY



20:00 - 23:00  
METRIC  
£3.00

Bring your new friends and have a giggle with our line-up of stand up comedians. Performances from Marcel Lucont, Carl Donnelly, Andrew Watts and special guest stars from Imperial Comedy! Presented by MC Sion James.

### 06

06 October

### FRESHERS' FAIR



11:00 - 16:00  
SOUTH KENSINGTON CAMPUS  
FREE

Imperial College Union Freshers' Fair is packed with 400+ stalls showcasing the best of what student life has to offer. The biggest day of Welcome Week is not to be missed!

06 October

### FRESHERS' FAIR AFTERPARTY



17:00 - 20:00  
FIVESIXEIGHT  
METRIC  
FREE

Freshers' Fair doesn't quite end when all the stalls have packed up - join us in Metric to see some of our Clubs, Societies & Projects showcase their talents.

06 October

### WINES, WHISKYS AND SPIRITS



18:00 - 23:30  
H-BAR  
FREE  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

The h-bar serves a range of premium wines, whiskys and spirits all year round - come and sample some of the range and learn more about what's on offer from experts on the night.

06 October

### BANDEOKE



20:00 - 23:00  
FIVESIXEIGHT  
METRIC  
£3.00

What do you get when you cross a live band with karaoke? Bandoeke! Bust out your karaoke favourite or try something new alongside a live band.

07 October

### CSP WEDNESDAY



19:00 - 01:00  
METRIC  
£2.00

CSP Wednesday is your weekly night featuring live sport and music and is open to all, whether you're part of a Club, Society or Project (CSP) or not.

07 October

### H-BAR PUB QUIZ



19:30 - 23:00  
H-BAR  
£1 ENTRY  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

Get a team together and use your grey matter to compete for some great prizes! Pub Quiz in the h-bar is on the second and last Thursday of every month during term time.

08 October

### LIVE MUSIC, FEATURING IC BIG BAND



19:00 - 23:00  
METRIC  
FREE

Metric plays hosts to a number of live bands for your listening pleasure! The line up includes IC Big Band playing swing and jazz classics as well as mixing up modern classics.

08 October

### NICE N' SPIKY COMEDY



19:00 - 22:30  
H-BAR  
FREE  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

Bring your new friends and have a giggle with our line-up of stand up comedians presented by Nice 'n' Spiky Comedy. We want to tear the roof off the h-bar with laughter! Performances from Earl Okin and James Dowdeswell, and presented MC Sion James.

09 October



FRESHERS' BALL 2015  
20:00 - 03:00  
METRIC  
£12.00 IN ADVANCE  
£13.00 ON THE DOOR

The Freshers' Ball is the final party of Welcome Week for Undergraduates and a great way to celebrate with your new found friends. Alex Mytton (Made In Chelsea) is your headliner for the night alongside a host of DJs.



ALEX MYTTON

(MADE IN CHELSEA)

09 October

### PGI FRIDAY SILENT DISCO



20:00 - 01:00  
H-BAR  
FREE  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

Celebrate Friday at the h-bar with our Silent Disco! There will be two channels of music you can listen to on your own set of headphones - which will you choose?

10 October

### THE POSTGRADUATE Mingle



19:00 - 02:00  
ALL UNION BARS  
£10.00 IN ADVANCE  
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE  
POSTGRADUATE ONLY

The Postgraduate Mingle is Imperial College Union's official welcome party for all new incoming Postgraduate students. DJ Yoda will be headlining the largest PG social event of the year.

11 October

DRI  
19:00 - 01:00  
FIVESIXEIGHT  
FREE



DRI is Imperial College Union's alcohol free club night. From 19:00, FiveSixEight, Metric and the Union Bar will be serving only non-alcoholic drinks for the rest of the evening. Entry for DRI is free. All students are welcome at DRI, including those under 18. It's a great chance to meet with new and old friends and have a chilled night out after Welcome Week, whether you drink or not.



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## LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX (NO, SERIOUSLY, LET'S TALK)

It was World Contraception Day last week, so we thought we'd use that as an excuse to give you lot the lowdown on sexual health. Plus it meant we got to say sex a lot in the office (SEX) and share gross stories about our "friends from home".

Grace Rahman  
Editor-in-Chief

No one remembers how weird you were in year nine, and damn, your bedroom's just down the hall!

**S**o you're a fresher embarking on your first year away from the homestead. Your parents coming back early can't stop you now. Halls feels like a giant school trip; the bubbling sexual tension, lack of teachers after dark and playful fights in the communal kitchen when you should be working. Except now there are several hundred of you, no one remembers how weird you were in year nine, and damn, your bedroom's just down the hall!

All this might lead to you bringing back your new bae for Christmas, but unless you're careful, your first holiday home could bring something decidedly itchy.

FELIX doesn't slut shame and we're totally pro you enjoying your sexual awakening in between lab reports. However, if you're a novice in the contraception department, that has got to change.



Look at this lovely doctor from Imperial's Health Centre. She's not going to judge you. Photo Credit: Jody Kingzett

You might not be planning on shagging your way through freshers' week, but experience has taught most of us that these things are mysterious, and if they happen, it's often when you least expect them. So be prepared, rubber up and take note.

Whether your mum, slyly and without mention, packed you a Costco bulk box of condoms when you left home, or you lost your virginity at fourteen with an exchange student, we still think you might discover something new in this spread.

You know you're meant to use a condom. We all know, but it can be a little more complex and confusing than that. We're not trying to scare you, but 'super gonorrhoea' is a thing now.

Maybe you'll have loads of sex, but maybe you won't and that's okay. At least after this you'll be well armed with contraceptive knowledge. All this information works really well as stilted small talk at freshers' events. At least it does for the medics.

### - DID YOU KNOW? -

#### RESPECT THE RUBBER

I can't believe anyone thinks this is funny, or (god forbid) sexy, but like, obviously don't rip open the condom wrapper with your teeth. The poor thing is no match for your sharp and beautifully maintained by modern dentistry knashers. Also don't pin it to the noticeboard in your room. It sounds ridiculous but babies have definitely been born because of this. Maybe you were? Nice subject for your first phonecall home, that.

Let's start with the basics. Double bagging is not a thing. Contrary to *Gavin and Stacey's* Smithy, using two condoms at once is not a way to give yourself double protection against STIs. You go to Imperial, and so probably know more about friction than this ex-biologist. It's a great way to break them and make yourself even more vulnerable to disease/pregnancy/embarrassment that you thought double bagging was a thing.

Ok this one surprised even us, but according to the NHS you shouldn't be using a condom for more than half an hour. So if you're getting it on in anything nearing endurance, best change it up part way through. Better safe than sorry. This could act as a nice snack/phone checking break for your lover, which they will undoubtedly be grateful for. Again, it's a friction issue. Hurry up with that super-condom your lot are working on, Bill Gates, jeez.

Look, even if you're on the pill, having a stomach upset could nullify its effect. If you throw up within two hours of taking it, chances are you're probably not going to have absorbed those lovely hormones. The NHS recommends you take another one straight away and that then you'll be okay. However, if diarrhoea or vomiting continue for longer than 24 hours, you should assume that the pill won't have worked. If you are going to have sex during this bout of what sounds like a pretty awful stomach bug, you'd better use a condom.

#### ONE AT A TIME, GUYS

#### THE 'HALF AN HOUR RULE'

#### BEING ILL FUCKS UP THE PILL

### Sexual F.A.Q.

Still got some questions?  
Here's some answers!

#### I had a great gap year, but now it burns when I pee.

If you have any actual symptoms, best to get yourself checked.

As well as the classic urinary burn, they can extend but aren't limited to: weird genital discharge, pain when having sex, needing to piss really urgently, out of the ordinary periods or any new bumps around your junk. Gross to read, but grosser to have.

Look, it might be nothing, but you could just get a free STI test to put your mind at ease. It might be something else, like a urinary tract infection, which you'd want to get sorted anyway.

You know when something's changed down there, so if all is not quite how it should be, best get it sorted.

#### But getting an STI test is such a massive effort.

You can book an STI test at Imperial's own health centre in Prince's Gardens or there are walk-in clinics all over London if you're worried about bumping into someone you know.

Tests for Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea for lads just involve pissing in a cup. You can do that, can't you?

Ladies, there is a little swabbing involved, but you can usually do it yourself, and it's nothing particularly out of the ordinary.

#### But I feel fine!

Loads of stuff can be symptomless. If you're at it all the time, we advise getting checked every three months, or between sexual partners.

Look, sleep with who you will; we're not about shaming, we're just about safety.

Some of this shit can make you infertile, and although babies is exactly what we're all trying to avoid right now, anything that has consequences that dramatic has got to be pretty grim.

We're not trying to scare you, but 'super gonorrhoea' is a thing now

#### How much is all this safe sex going to cost me?

Nothing! God bless the NHS. Contraception is free in the UK, to everyone. Even if you're an international student, you are entitled to free contraception and sexual health checks.

We're not saying you can waltz into Boots and nab a box of Durex without paying, but all methods of contraception are free once you've registered with a GP. The contraceptive pill and everything.

Condoms can be picked up at the Student Union and the Imperial College Health Centre on Prince's Gardens, FOR FREE. Don't be embarrassed, just walk in and ask. You're a strong independent person who requires some rubbers, well done you, and if anyone in the waiting room looks at you funny, they're probably just jealous.

If you're really worried you could probably just write it on a little note and hand in to the receptionist. But come on now, we're all grown ups.

#### Condoms are a pain.

Do they actually hurt? If you genuinely think they're too small, there's a site called TheyFit who measure your member and ship specially made rubbers. They also have a money back guarantee if you're not happy.

There is literally NO EXCUSE. FELIX is certainly not judging you for how you choose to get your kicks, but use a freaking condom.



Jennie Watson, the Union's Deputy President of Welfare, with her weekly stash. Photo Credit: Grace Rahman

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#### All this talk of condoms, are you lot sponsored by Durex? What are the alternatives?

Much to our editor's disappointment, we are not yet sponsored by Durex, but no, condoms aren't the be all and end all of contraception. There are myriad other methods for ladies and gents to prevent pregnancy. The obvious one is the pill. To get it you will have to see a doctor. They weigh you, check your blood pressure and ask a few questions just to make sure it suits you. Then they give you a three month prescription to see how you fair.

After that you go back, and they'll give you as many as you want. This being said, condoms are the only form of contraception that protect you from STIs.

### Useful Contacts

For urgent care, e.g. if you think you've had unprotected sex with someone with HIV, you may need to be put on emergency medication. You can go to A&E for this. If you've had unprotected sex within the last 72 hours and want to take the morning after pill, you can get it at most pharmacies, and Boots offers an online ordering service.

#### 24 hour pharmacy

You can buy condoms here at any time of day.  
*Zafash Pharmacy, Old Brompton Road, SW5 0EA*

#### Jefferuss Sexual Health Walk In Centre

Run by the NHS and here for all your contraception/STI testing needs  
*0203 312 6626  
St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W2 1NY*

#### John Hunter Clinic for Sexual Health

*0203 315 6699  
Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, SW10 9NH*

#### Non-emergency NHS 111

#### Dean Street Express

Fully automated STI check ups in Soho. You literally don't have to talk to a human to get tested. Futuristic and super quick, the Ferrari of sexual health clinics  
*34 Dean Street, W1D 4PR*

#### Pharmacy in South Ken

You can pick up the morning after pill here. Open on the weekends and until 8pm every weekday  
*0207 589 8788  
35 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3HZ*

#### Imperial College Health Centre

GP Practice right by uni  
*0207 594 9390  
40 Princes Gardens (below Selkirk Hall), SW7 1LY*



YOUR REPS

# ELECTIONS

AND UNION COUNCIL

**Get involved in making your student experience the best it can be.**

This year we are electing Year and Course Representatives, the 16 Ordinary Members of Council and the Graduate Students' Union Reps simultaneously. This is a brilliant way to get involved and be part of ensuring student views are expressed to the right bodies to make changes for the benefit of students.

**Nominations close 23:59, 15 October.**  
**For more information, visit**  
**[imperialcollegeunion.org/elections](https://imperialcollegeunion.org/elections)**





## Outbreak of drug-resistant 'super gonorrhoea'

Imperial College President calls for urgent action in combatting antibiotic resistance

Cecily Johnson  
Science Writer

**A** new highly drug-resistant strain of gonorrhoea has emerged in the north of England, leading health authorities have warned. First detected last March in Leeds, the infection has reportedly spread as far as Macclesfield, Oldham and Scunthorpe.

Some infected patients disclosed

that they had recently had sex with people from other parts of England. Sixteen cases have been confirmed by Public Health England (PHE) so far, all in heterosexual individuals.

Gonorrhoea is a sexually transmitted bacterial infection that can be passed on through unprotected oral, vaginal and anal sex. Many more people in the UK could already be harboring the new strain of bacteria, as patients do not always experience symptoms.

Effective treatment of gonorrhoea

relies on two antibiotics taken concurrently, one by injection (ceftriaxone) and the other in tablet form (azithromycin). The newly discovered strain exhibits resistance to azithromycin, according to PHE.

In a statement, the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) expressed concerns that "the effectiveness of current front-line dual therapy for gonorrhoea will be threatened if this resistant strain continues to spread unchecked."

If left untreated, gonorrhoea can result in infertility and chronic pain. People under the age of 25 are most likely to be affected, with almost 35,000 cases reported in England in 2014. Symptoms for both men and women can include pain during sex or while urinating and unusual discharge.

Infection can be prevented by always using condoms with new partners. It is also advisable to get regular sexual health checks; testing for gonorrhoea is easy, painless and available for free on the NHS.

This new outbreak coincides with the launch of a new Imperial College London campaign to combat

the rise of antibiotic resistance. The Antimicrobial Resistance Collaborative was launched by Professor Dame Sally Davies, the UK's Chief Medical Officer, at an event last week on Imperial's South Kensington campus.

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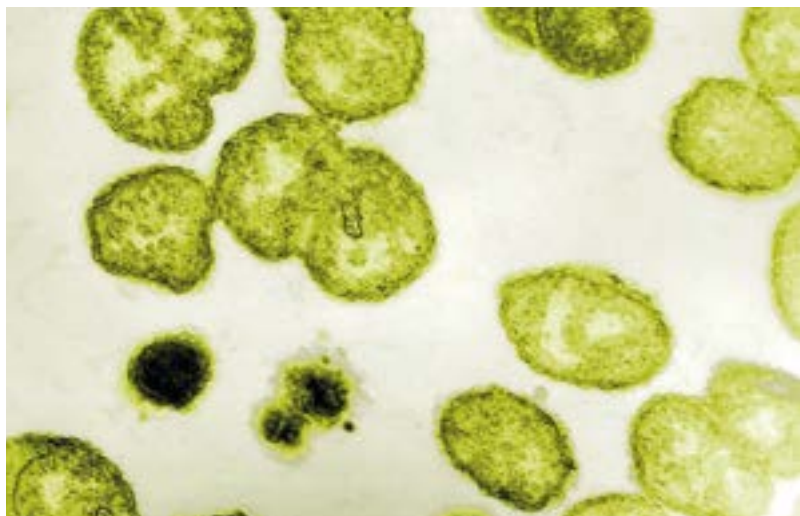
"Drug-resistant infections are one of the great health challenges of our time. We need the best and brightest

minds from all academic disciplines and all sectors to contribute to the fight" said Dame Sally Davies. "Working across disciplines to solve global challenges, like drug-resistant infections, is what [Imperial] does best."

Imperial College President Professor Alice Gast warned that the long-term consequence of failure to tackle the issue of drug resistance would be 10 million extra worldwide deaths per year by 2050. She called for doctors and scientists to take action by accelerating the hunt for new drugs.

"Our efforts to stem infectious diseases are increasingly futile. Bacteria are getting stronger, while the illnesses they cause are getting worse. London's academics, businesses, hospitals and charities can help solve this great challenge of our time.

"As medicine advances, we expect to get healthier. But our faith in medical progress is being turned on its head. And we should have seen it coming." Professor Gast added: "We've heard the warnings. Now's the time for action ... to tackle this great threat to humanity."



*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* under the microscope. Photo Credit: Rex Features

## Water flows on Mars, but is it habitable?

NASA researchers 'follow the water' in ongoing search for life elsewhere in the universe

Cecily Johnson  
Science Writer

**T**he strongest evidence yet that liquid water flows intermittently on the present-day surface of Mars has been provided by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) this week.

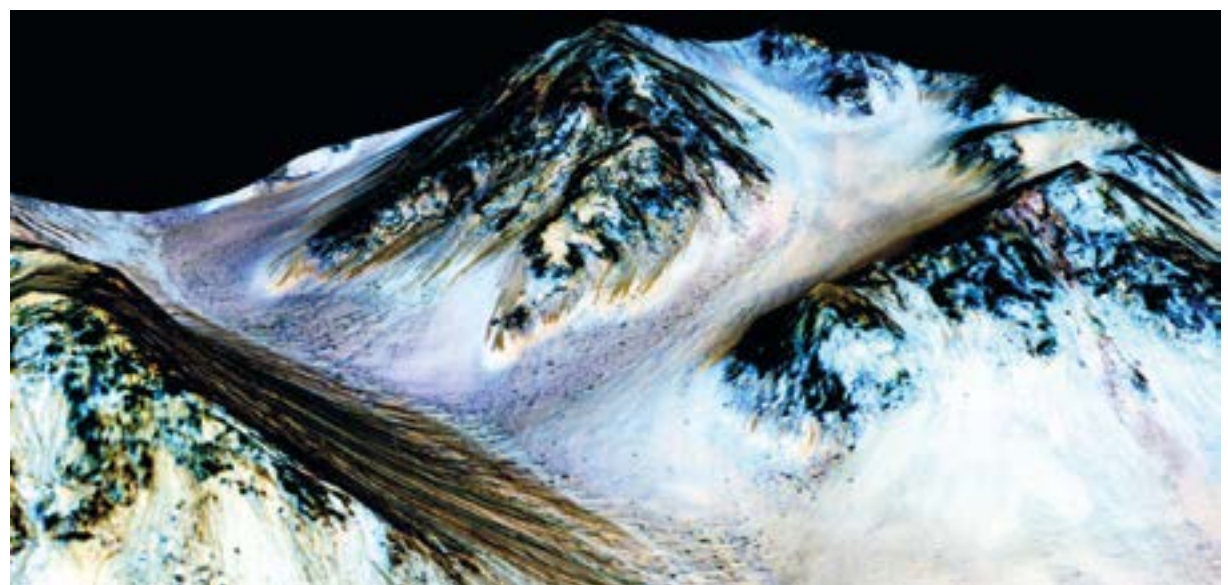
Researchers studying mysterious dark streaks which appear to flow down steep slopes during the red planet's warmer seasons were able to detect the signatures of hydrated minerals using the MRO's imaging spectrometer.

The narrow, dark streaks were previously believed to be caused by

a process involving liquid water. The new findings, published in *Nature Geoscience*, confirmed the presence of perchlorate salts, known to lower the freezing point of water.

"The detection of hydrated salts on these slopes means that water plays a vital role in the formation of these streaks" said the paper's lead author Lujendra Ojha of the Georgia Institute of Technology. The scientists hypothesise a shallow subsurface flow, leading some water to rise to the surface and produce the dark streaks.

Astronaut and associate administrator of NASA's Science Mission Directorate John Grunsfeld stated that "This is a significant development, as it



Flows of water leave dark narrow streaks on Mars' steepest slopes. Photo Credit: NASA/JPL/University of Arizona

appears to confirm that water – albeit briny – is flowing today on the surface of Mars.

"Our quest on Mars has been to 'follow the water', in our search for life in the universe, and now we have

convincing science that validates what we've long suspected."

Michael Meyer, the lead scientist for NASA's Mars Exploration Program, confirmed that "now we know there is liquid water on the

surface of this cold, desert planet.

"It seems that the more we study Mars, the more we learn how life could be supported and where there are resources to support life in the future."



**\* WELCOME \***

**from Imperial College Union!**

**#helloicu**

**Keep a look out for our team of student volunteers around campus all Welcome Week in their purple shirts.**

**They are here to answer any of your questions and help you have the best possible welcome to the College and your new Students' Union!**

All things  
**Welcome Week** on our website!

**[imperialcollegeunion.org/welcome](https://imperialcollegeunion.org/welcome)**

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# Freshers' Fair 2015

**Tuesday 6 October**  
**11:00 - 16:00**

**DON'T MISS**

## CommunityConnections

### Volunteering Fair

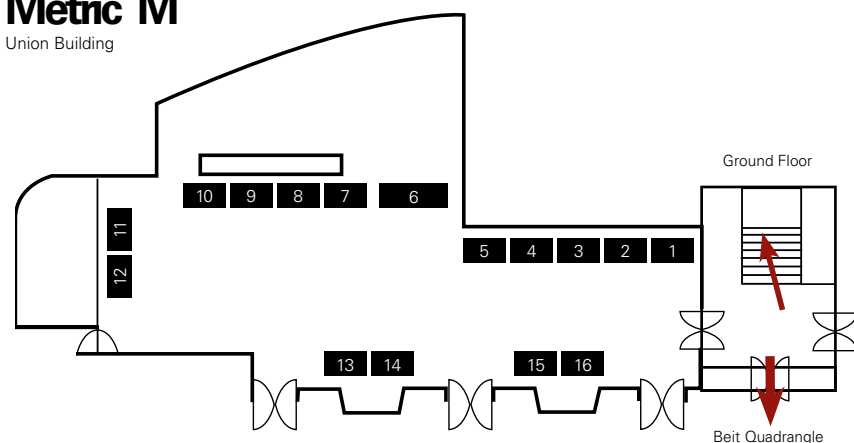
Tuesday 13 October  
11:30 - 14:00, Great Hall

The Community Connections Volunteering Fair returns for its second year! The Volunteering Fair is the place to be if you are looking to volunteer alongside your studies.

**See the back page for a list of stallholders and their locations**

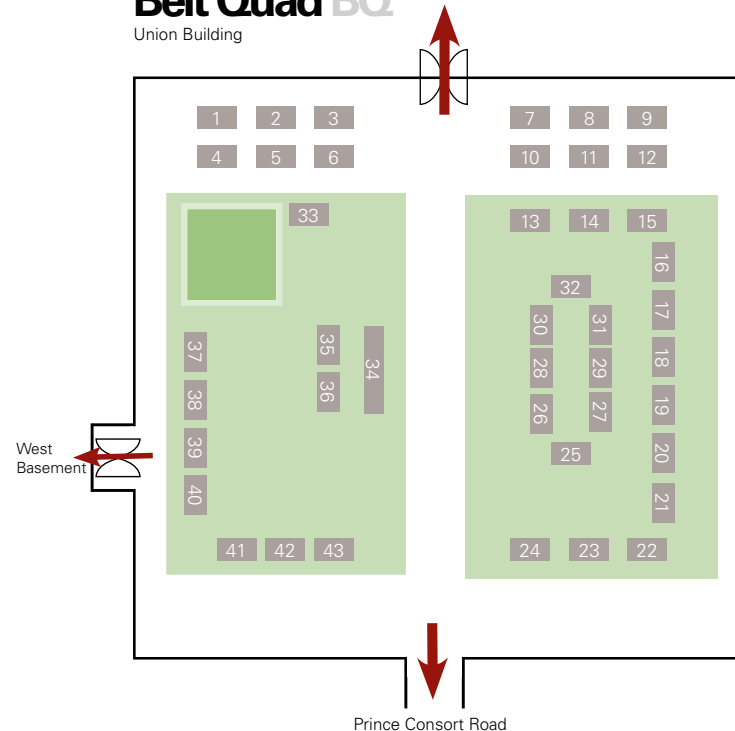
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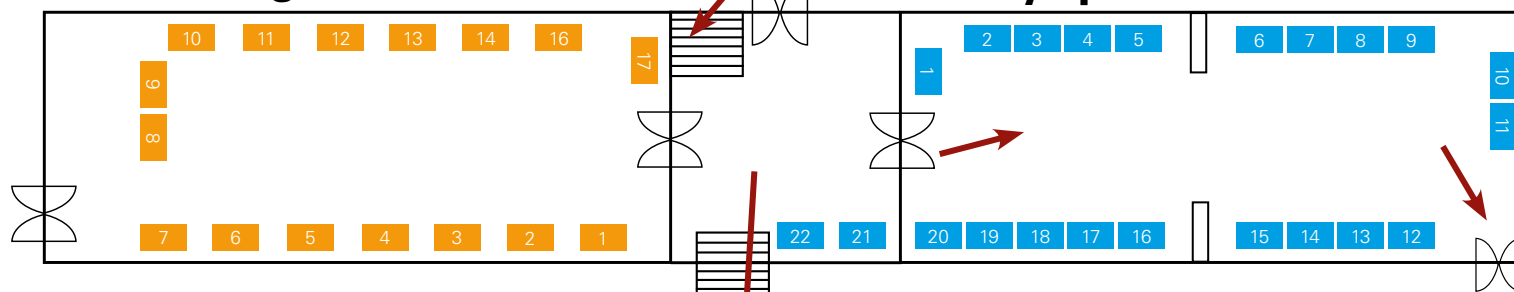
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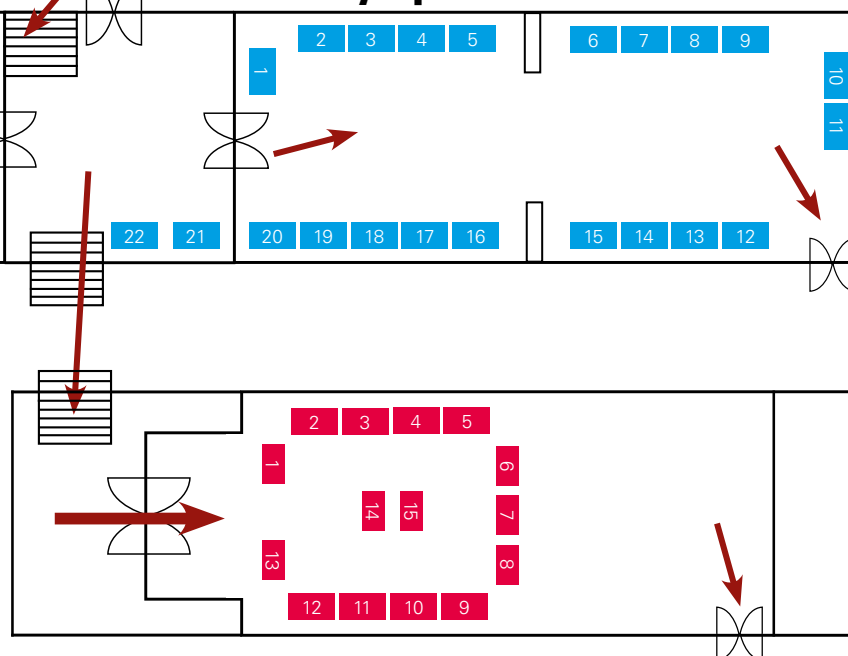
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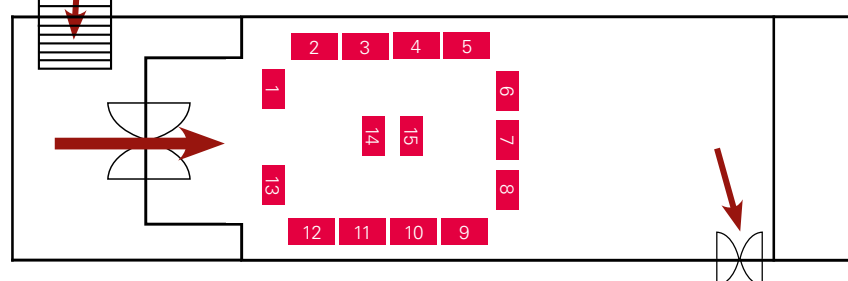
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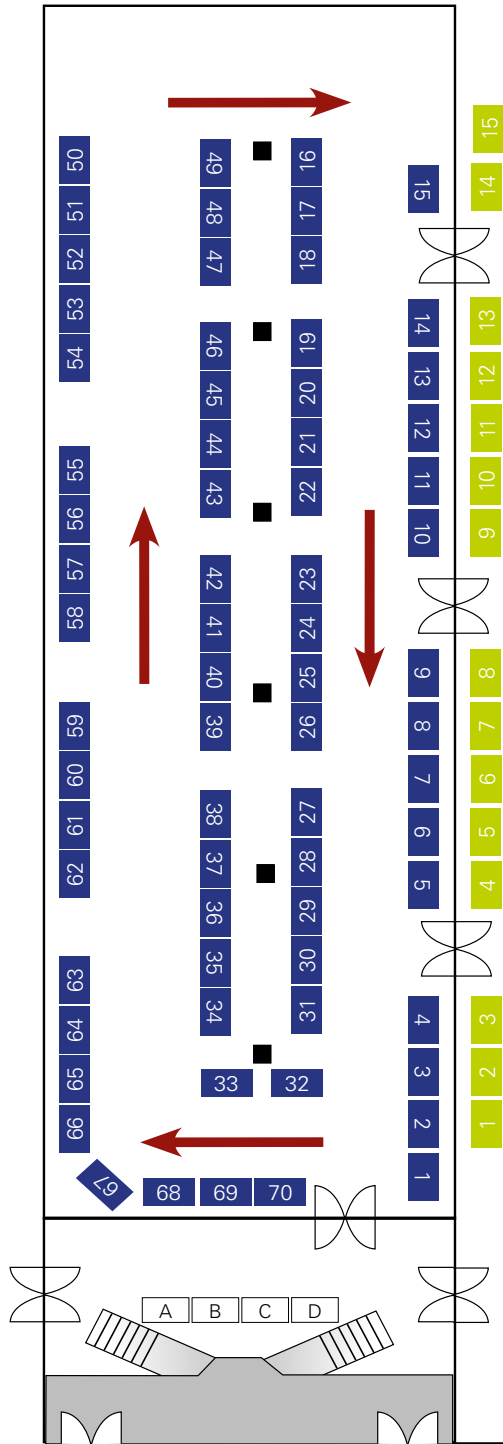
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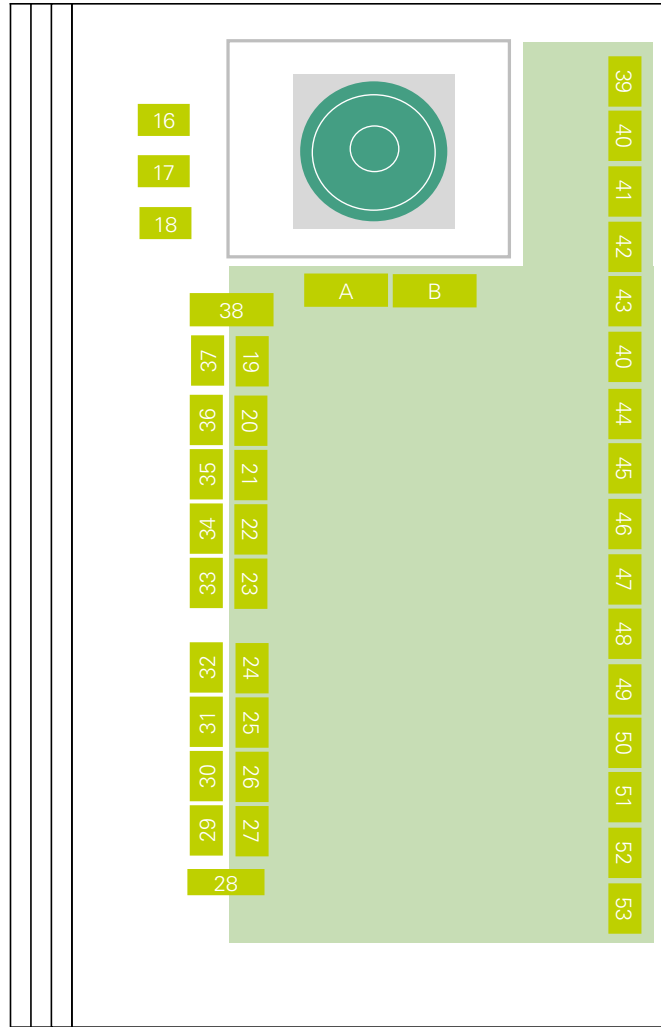
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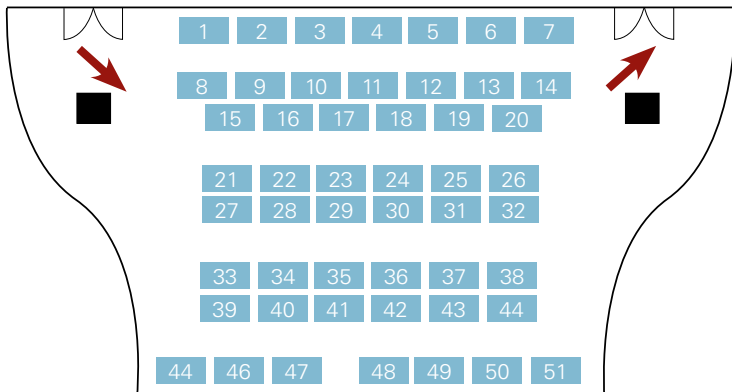
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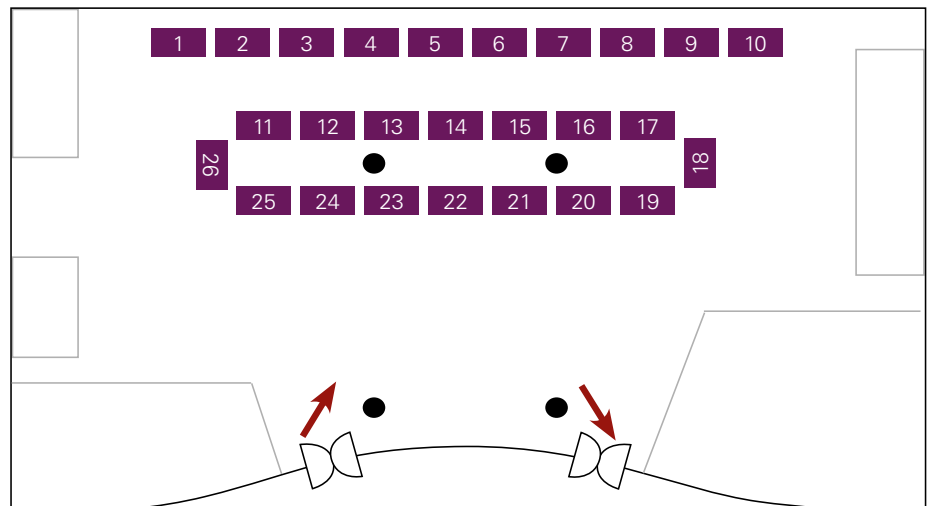
**Queen's Lawn QL**



**Great Hall GH**



**Junior Common Room JCR**





# FELIX CLUBS & SOCS



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## Make friends and influence people at FELIX

Read all about it – a week in the life of Imperial’s student newspaper society!

Cecily Johnson  
Writer

### The Weekend

Here at FELIX, our week normally starts on a Saturday. This is when the editors start thinking about sending emails to each section’s mailing list or posting on their respective Facebook groups, requesting article submissions from the writers.

Some editors will already have a bank of story ideas for the coming issue and will offer these up for anyone to take a punt at writing; others might just ask you to pitch your own piece. Content can be submitted to any section editor at any time, but this is when the majority of ideas get discussed.

FELIX Arts will have already sent students out to shows and exhibitions for reviews, while sports teams write up their match reports as soon as they finish celebrating (or commiserating). Science will be eyeing up the latest discoveries, Food will be cooking up ideas and Hangman thinks about crawling out of his dungeon to predict your future for the next week.

Writers can come down to the office in the west basement of Beit Quad and use our shiny shiny Macs, or work from home – whatever environment you prefer to get stuff done in. There’s usually a couple of us in the office. Section editors will

FELIX will  
take up as  
little or as  
much of  
your time  
as you’ll  
allow it

usually set their own deadlines for submissions, so just ask them when they need an article finished by.

### Monday

Our glorious leader – Editor-in-Chief Grace Rahman – starts drawing up the pagination spreadsheet, asking each section’s editors to confirm how many pages they’d like to fill that week. She figures out how much ad space we’ve sold and makes sure someone’s organising a (tasteful) nude photoshoot of a club, society or project for the Centrefold.

We’ve got 40 pages to fill and by now the content is flooding in to the section editors. Big pieces for the Features and News sections are being researched and lots of coffee is consumed. At this point we still have no idea what will be on the front page.

### Tuesday

Section editors will usually set their final submission deadline for Monday or Tuesday at the latest, so they can get down to the basement and start laying out. We use software called InDesign to put the paper together, working from templates to make sure each section has a common look.

Around 900 words fill a page of FELIX – 450 for half a page – but often content comes in a little over so the editors will have to play around with the scissors and make sure everything fits. Editors will find photographs and graphics to go with each piece and come up with headlines as they go.

### Wednesday

One by one, sections are laid out and ticked off ready for the final copy and layout edit. The News team will have a few articles ready to go, but more news is always breaking – if we’re half a page short at this point we can almost guarantee something will happen tomorrow to fill the space.

Adverts and Centrefolds are sent in by today and Hangman coughs up some witty satire. Puzzles puts together a page or two of sudoku, slitherlink or crossword puzzles



We have many leather-bound books and our office smells of rich mahogany. Photo Credit: Cem Hurrell

to entertain you between lectures. The office is always buzzing on a Wednesday as everyone starts worrying about tomorrow’s print deadline.

### Thursday

Panic stations! Our crack team of copy and layout editors take the reins, working through the entire paper again making sure everyone successfully dotted their ‘I’s and crossed their ‘T’s. Most of the problems at this stage are simple tweaks to improve the paper’s design and readability.

Sometimes, however, things get stressful on Thursdays – we might find that a section promised more pages of content than they actually put together, forcing us to write something quickly to fill the space. Conversely, we might also need to bump some excess content to next week’s issue.

We scramble to finish the News stories and design the front page. Grace writes an editorial piece, commenting on the events of the week or something of interest featured in another part of the paper. Finally the whole issue is finished and ready to send over to the print company. We celebrate!

### Friday

Deeply hungover, a few of us drag our sorry selves back to Beit Quad early(ish) in the morning to see the fruits of our efforts; overnight a van has delivered a giant pile of fresh-off-the-print newspapers. We load up the trolley and get distributing thousands of copies of FELIX all over the South Kensington campus.

A few bundles of papers are taken to the internal post office to be sent to Imperial’s campuses in St Mary’s, Charing Cross, White City and Hammersmith. Finally we reserve some copies to send to the British Library for archiving, and a bundle to have bound in giant leather books for those of us who want a memento of our time here.

After distribution we grab some food – cheeky Nando’s or maybe a liquid lunch in FiveSixEight – and breathe a sigh of relief. Then members of the Web team come in and make sure every article in the paper gets posted on *felixonline.co.uk* for those of you who don’t like getting inked fingers.

And then, of course, the cycle repeats! We publish every Friday during term time except in the last week, as well as putting bonus content online throughout the year.

So that’s it folks – a week in the life of your student newspaper. Hopefully I’ve convinced you that there’s tonnes of ways for you to be involved in FELIX. We’re currently recruiting for photographers, web editors, programmers, copy and layout editors, illustrators and (of course) writers. If you’re really keen, you also have the opportunity to take over as Section Editor this year for Puzzles, Technology, Games, Fashion, Television, Books, Food or Science.

You can submit content for any section of the paper. Many people work on several – personally in the last year I’ve written for Comment, Features, Science and Film on top of editing the News section; just in this issue you’ll see me in News, Science, Food and here in Clubs and Socs.

I started out after Freshers’ Fair last year as a copy editor and fell in love with the office atmosphere, quickly learning how to use InDesign and Photoshop to help edit layout too. By the end of second term I was a Section Editor and elected Vice Chair of the society. As you can see, FELIX will take up as little or as much of your time as you’ll allow it. I urge you to get involved – some of the best people at Imperial are.



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# FELIX MUSIC



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## Four of London's top music venues to try

As live music becomes more expensive, which club nights and gig venues are worth it?

Cale Tilford  
Music Editor

London is home to some of the greatest music venues in the country with heavyweights such as O2 Academy Brixton, the Roundhouse and Alexandra Palace playing host to the biggest names in music.

As artists shift away from making their money on album and single sales, live music has become more expensive than ever. A ticket for a midrange gig (which usually lasts only a few hours) now often exceeds £30.

With this in mind, we've compiled a list of some of our favourite (relatively) cheap music venues that offer not only great live music but great club nights too.

**The Lexington's** downstairs lounge is a modern-day hipster's dream, offering a massive selection of American microbrews and whiskeys whilst hosting the Rough Trade Shop pop quiz every Monday.

Upstairs, you'll find one of

London's best small and intimate venues where an impressive line-up of alternative pop and rock artists will drown you in sound.

Recent acts include dark wave

If you're a fan of indie, punk or metal it's well worth making the trip

newbie Petite Noir and Japanese acidpunk four-piece Bo Ningen with Seattle punk group Chastity Belt taking the stage later this month.

White Heat is the venue's



Nonprofit art space Village Underground is painfully hip. Photo Credit: Daddy's Got Sweets Photography

popular Friday club night (from 11pm-4am) playing the finest in leftfield pop and house. (Angel, club nights £5, live music ~£10.)

If you're feeling adventurous head down to **Banquet Records** in Kingston. Frequent in-store live shows where bands squeeze into the stores tiny interior bundled with the latest releases (a pairing that has also found success at

Rough Trade East and West).

The popular indie club night New Slang each Thursday is a must, hosting massive DJ sets from the biggest names in electronic music such as Jamie xx and Disclosure.

To top it off, you can catch store-organised gigs during the week at The Hippodrome with both Foals and Bring Me The Horizon playing in the coming months.

If you're a fan of indie, punk or metal it's well worth making the trip to experience Banquet Records exhaustive live music line-up. (Kingston upon Thames, New Slang and live music ~£10.)

Situated in Shoreditch in a renovated warehouse, **Village Underground** describes itself as a nonprofit art space and it's easily one of the East End's hippest venues (they even have their own zine).

From afar, the venue is instantly noticeable thanks to the tube carriages perched atop its street-art covered walls. The cavernous interior's fantastic acoustics help deliver some of the best experimental clubnights in the capital.

From now until December, the venue is one of many hosting Clock Strikes 13 – a series of nights focusing on the future of electronic music – evenings from labels XL and Hyperdub are not to be missed.

Expect an abundance of finely sculptured beards and moustaches and not to be able to afford any of the drinks. (Shoreditch

High Street, from ~£10.)

Easily one of London's best clubs, **XOYO** in Shoreditch is well known for its excellent residency series bringing some of world's best DJs to the capital (Busy P, who managed Daft Punk, is in residence from now until the end of the year).

Split across two floors, the venue was refurbished in 2013 and it now boasts one of the best lighting and sound systems in town.

Expect an abundance of finely sculptured beards and moustaches

Student club night Sneak on Tuesdays is always a rave, delivering the best in house, tech and bass – just make sure to get there early to avoid the massive queues.

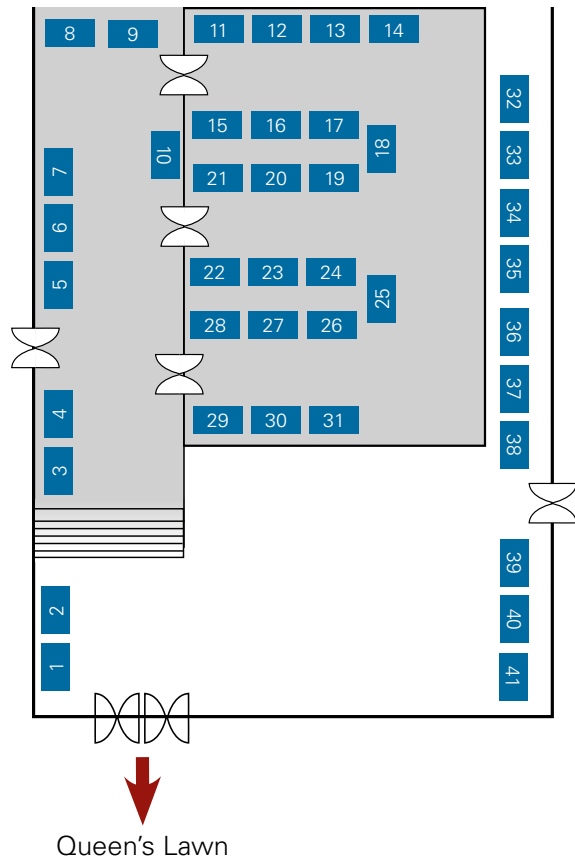
Regular live events are also available with electronic post-rockers Vessels playing in the coming weeks. (Old Street, student club night £3, live music ~£14.)



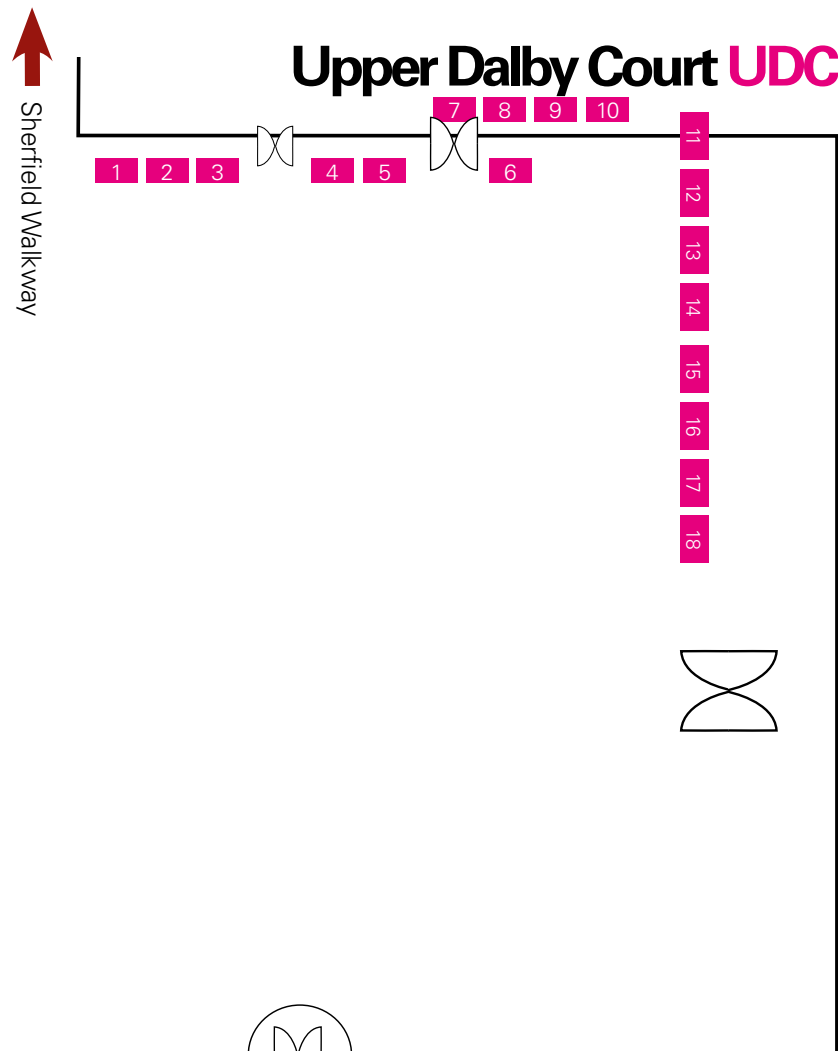
Club night White Heat moved to The Lexington from now-closed Soho institution Madame Jojo's. Photo Credit: Time Out



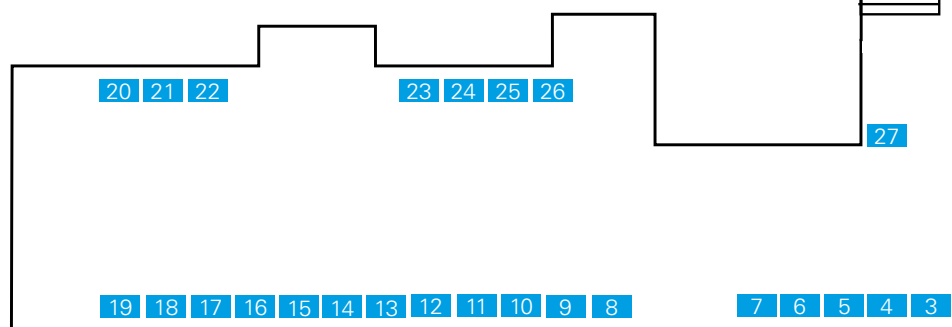
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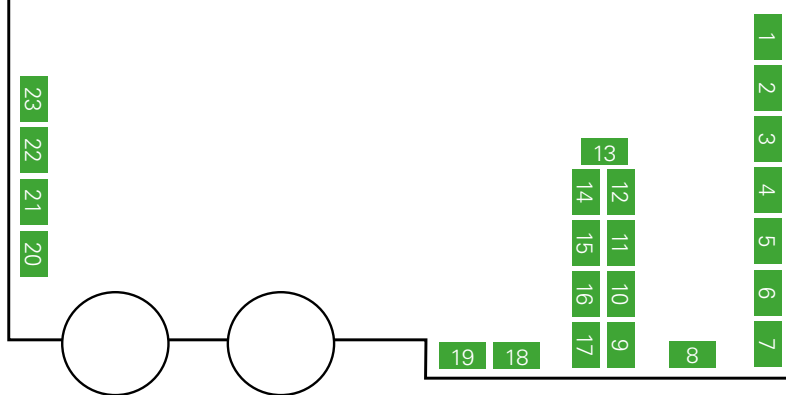
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**Stall Club, Society or Project**

BQ 1 A Cappella  
 GH 7 ABACUS  
 M 4 Activities for Children with Disabilities  
 JCR 16 Advertising Society  
 MEF 4 Aeronautics  
 GH 6 African-Caribbean  
 ICME 1 Ahlul Bayt  
 ICME 2 Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association  
 UCH 1 Alternative Music  
 QL 25 American Football  
 UDH 2 Amnesty International  
 SAF 3 Anaesthetics and Intensive Care  
 ICME 12 Animal Protection & Education Society  
 JCR 17 Anime  
 GH 13 Arabic  
 QL 18 Archery  
 JCR 18 Architecture  
 BQ 33 Artisans  
 JCR 19 ArtSoc  
 SAF 7 Asian Medical Students' Association  
 JCR 3 Assassins Guild  
 DC 5 Astro  
 ICME 3 Atheists, Secularists and Humanists  
 QL 49 Athletics (Medics)  
 GH 8 Australian  
 UDH 7 Avicenna Project  
 QL 31 Badminton  
 SAF 27 Badminton (Medics)  
 CP 9 Badminton (RSM)  
 GH 9 Bangladeshi  
 QL 22 Baseball  
 QL 1 Basketball  
 QL 42 Basketball (Medics)  
 AS 18 Belly Dancing  
 M 5 Bike Users Group  
 MEF 5 Bio Engineering  
 MEF 12 BioChem  
 SAF 34 BioMed Society  
 MEF 13 BioSoc  
 QL 38 Boat  
 QL 47 Boat (Medics)  
 JCR 20 Book Club  
 QL 2 Boxing  
 JCR 1 Bridge  
 DC 17 Bright Futures  
 BQ 10 British Heart Foundation  
 SAF 39 British Medical Association  
 GH 10 Bruneian  
 ICME 4 Buddhist Society  
 GH 22 Bulgarian  
 GH 1 Caledonian  
 BQ 2 Calligraphy and Oriental Painting  
 BQ 26 Campaigns  
 BQ 21 Canoe  
 SAF 37 Careers (Medics)  
 ICME 6 Catholic  
 BQ 17 Caving  
 CP 12 CGCU Motor Club  
 UCH 3 Chamber Choir  
 UCH 4 Chamber Music  
 ICME 5 Chaplaincy  
 QL 26 Cheerleading  
 DC 8 Cheese  
 MEF 6 Chem Eng  
 MEF 14 Chemistry  
 JCR 5 Chess  
 GH 11 Chinese  
 UCH 5 Choir  
 SAF 33 Christian Medical Fellowship  
 ICME 7 Christian Union  
 MEF 23 City & Guilds Union  
 MEF 7 Civil Eng  
 AS 21 Comedy Society  
 UDH 1 Connect  
 ICME 8 Conservative  
 DC 4 Consultancy  
 QL 3 Cricket  
 QL 43 Cricket (Medics)  
 QL 51 Croquet Club  
 QL 14 Cross Country & Athletics  
 GH 15 CSSA  
 JCR 7 Culinary  
 QL 15 Cycling  
 GH 42 Cypriot  
 GH 16 Czecho-Slovak  
 AS 1 Dance  
 AS 19 Dance (Medics)  
 AS 16 Dance Company  
 SAF 16 Darts  
 MEF 17 De La Beche  
 DC 9 Debating  
 SAF 5 Dermatology  
 BQ 3 Design Collective  
 MEF 8 Doc Soc  
 QL 6 Dodgeball  
 SAF 12 Drama  
 UCH 15 Dramatic Society  
 GH 18 Dutch  
 UDH 8 E. quinox  
 DC 10 Economics  
 UDH 9 El Salvador  
 MEF 9 Elec Eng  
 UDH 3 Empower  
 SAF 6 EMSA  
 UDH 10 Enactus  
 M 1 Energy  
 BQ 28 Entertainments  
 ICME 13 Environmental  
 GH 2 Erasmus  
 GH 3 European Union Society  
 ICME 9 Every Nation Christian

UDH 11 EWB  
 BQ 16 Exploration  
 BQ 4 Fashion  
 BQ 37 Felix  
 BQ 13 Fellwanderers  
 ICME 10 Feminist  
 DC 1 Fencing  
 BQ 6 Film  
 DC 3 Finance  
 QL 50 Fire Department  
 CP 2 First Aid Society  
 JCR 6 Floorball  
 QL 20 Football  
 QL 48 Football (Medics)  
 CP 9 Football (RSM)  
 GH 17 French  
 UDH 4 Friends of Medicins Sans Frontiers  
 AS 17 Funkology  
 QL 7 Gaelic Sports  
 JCR 15 Gaming  
 SAF 9 Gazette  
 SAF 8 General Practice  
 UDH 13 Geology for Global Development  
 MEF 18 Geophys Soc  
 GH 19 German  
 QL 16 Gliding  
 UDH 14 Global Brigades  
 JCR 9 Go Society  
 SAF 29 Golf  
 UCH 6 Gospel Choir  
 SAF 32 GradMed  
 MEF 27 Graduate Students' Union  
 UCH 7 Guitar  
 MEF 27 Hammersmith Students' Community  
 QL 8 Handball  
 SAF 28 Heart Society  
 GH 43 Hellenic  
 ICME 11 Hillsong Powerhouse  
 ICME 22 Hindu Society  
 QL 35 Hockey  
 QL 40 Hockey (Medics)  
 CP 8 Hockey (RSM)  
 QL 41 Hockey (Women, Medics)  
 GH 20 Hungarian  
 UCH 8 IC Big Band  
 BQ 35 IC Radio  
 QL 36 Ice Hockey  
 BQ 36 ICTV  
 UCH 14 ICU Cinema  
 SAF 38 Immunology  
 UDH 6 Imperial College Aid to the Balkans  
 M 7 Imperial Cooperative  
 BQ 29 Imperial Entrepreneurs  
 GH 24 Indian  
 GH 25 Indonesian  
 DC 11 Innovation Society  
 GH 4 Int. Tamil  
 M 8 Interact  
 MEF 26 International Public Health  
 DC 12 Investment  
 DC 18 IQ LGBT+  
 GH 26 Iranian  
 GH 12 Iraqi  
 GH 27 Irish  
 ICME 23 Islamic  
 GH 21 Israeli  
 GH 28 Italian  
 GH 23 Japanese  
 M 6 Jazz & Rock  
 ICME 14 Jewish  
 AS 15 Jiu Jitsu (Aiuchi) (Medics)  
 AS 3 Ju-Jitsu  
 AS 2 Judo  
 BQ 11 Juggling  
 QL 23 Kabaddi  
 AS 5 Karate Shotokan  
 AS 6 Kendo  
 GH 29 Kenyan  
 UDH 15 Kenyan Orphan Project  
 AS 7 Ki Aikido  
 JCR 10 KnitSock  
 GH 30 Korean  
 AS 8 Krav Maga  
 ICME 15 Krishna Consciousness  
 AS 4 Kung Fu  
 ICME 16 Labour  
 QL 44 Lacrosse (Medics)  
 GH 31 Latin-American  
 DC 2 Law  
 QL 30 Lawn Tennis  
 GH 32 Lebanese  
 JCR 21 Lego  
 BQ 5 LeoSoc  
 ICME 21 Liberal Democrat  
 QL 28 Liberation  
 SAF 14 Light Opera  
 JCR 11 Linux Users Group  
 MEF 2 London Forum for Science & Policy  
 BQ 38 Magazine  
 JCR 12 Mahjong  
 GH 33 Malaysian  
 DC 13 Management  
 MEF 19 Materials  
 MEF 15 Maths  
 GH 34 Mauritian  
 DC 6 Meat Appreciation  
 MEF 11 Mech Eng  
 SAF 35 Medical Education  
 SAF 2 Medics Students' Union  
 SAF 4 MedSIN  
 ICME 21 Mentality  
 JCR 22 Model United Nations

BQ 18 Mountaineering  
 SAF 20 Mountaineering (Medics)  
 AS 9 Muay Thai  
 SAF 13 Music  
 UCH 10 Music Technology  
 AS 22 Musical Theatre  
 ICME 20 Muslim Medics  
 QL 9 Netball  
 QL 45 Netball (Medics)  
 CP 10 Netball (RSM)  
 SAF 10 Neurology  
 MEF 21 New Activities (Academic)  
 QL 52 New Activities (Clubs)  
 SAF 31 New Activities (Medics)  
 BQ 34 New Activities (Societies)  
 GH 35 Nigerian  
 GH 36 North American Society  
 SAF 15 Obstetrics & Gynaecology  
 MEF 1 Oil and Gas Forum  
 SAF 17 Oncology  
 SAF 18 Ophthalmology  
 UCH 11 Orchestra  
 BQ 31 Outdoor Club  
 ICME 17 Overseas Christian Fellowship  
 SAF 21 Paediatrics  
 GH 37 Pakistan  
 GH 14 Palestinian Soc  
 QL 24 Parkour, Free Running & Gymnastics  
 M 2 Pass  
 SAF 22 Pathology Society  
 DC 14 Pharmacology  
 DC 15 Philosophy Soc  
 BQ 39 Photographic  
 MEF 16 Physics  
 QL 16 Pilots  
 M 9 Pint of Science  
 JCR 13 Poker  
 AS 20 Pole and Aerial  
 GH 38 Polish  
 GH 39 Portuguese Speaking  
 SAF 23 Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine  
 UDH 16 Project Nepal  
 SAF 24 Psychiatry  
 GH 5 Punjabi  
 JCR 23 Quiz  
 CP 5 Racing  
 SAF 26 Radiology Society  
 BQ 43 RAG  
 SAF 1 RAG (Medics)  
 CP 6 Rail and Transport Society  
 UDH 12 Raincatcher Imperial  
 CP 1 RCS Motor Club  
 MEF 20 Real Ale  
 CP 4 Red Bull  
 M 10 RED Project Borneo  
 QL 10 Riding & Polo  
 BQ 15 Rifle & Pistol  
 SAF 1 Right to Play  
 M 12 Robogals  
 MEF 22 Robotics  
 UCH 2 Rock and Metal  
 GH 40 Romanian  
 BQ 7 Rotaract  
 QL 11 Rounders  
 MEF 24 Royal College of Science Union  
 MEF 25 Royal School of Mines Union  
 CP 7 RSM Motor Club  
 QL 5 Rugby  
 CP 11 Rugby (CGCU)  
 QL 39 Rugby (Medics)  
 CP 10 Rugby (RSM)  
 QL 32 Rugby League  
 GH 41 Russian Speaking  
 BQ 22 Sailing  
 GH 44 Saudi  
 BQ 25 Save the Children  
 GH 45 Scandinavian  
 BQ 40 Sci Fi  
 M 13 Scout and Guide Association  
 AS 13 Shaolin Kung Fu  
 AS 10 Shorinji Kempo  
 ICME 18 Sikh  
 UCH 12 Sinfonietta  
 GH 46 Singapore  
 BQ 8 Skate  
 QL 27 Skydiving  
 BQ 9 Snooker & Pool  
 QL 17 Snowsports  
 SAF 41 Society of Research and Academia  
 M 11 Soup Run  
 JCR 2 \_Software  
 GH 47 Spanish  
 DC 16 Speakers  
 QL 37 Sport Imperial  
 QL 29 Squash  
 SAF 25 Squash (Medics)  
 GH 48 Sri-Lankan  
 JCR 14 Starcraft  
 UCH 13 String Ensemble  
 UDH 17 Student Action for Refugees  
 BQ 30 Student Development  
 MEF 10 Students for the Exploration and Development of Space  
 BQ 27 Surfing  
 SAF 36 Surgical Soc  
 QL 13 Swim/Waterpolo  
 QL 12 Synchronized Swimming  
 BQ 12 Table Football  
 QL 33 Table Tennis  
 JCR 8 Tabletop Gaming  
 AS 11 Tae Kwon Do  
 GH 49 Taiwan

ICME 19 Tandem  
 JCR 4 Tea Society  
 M 14 TEAM Students  
 SAF 40 TeddyBear Hospital  
 M 15 TedX  
 QL 46 Tennis (Medics)  
 GH 50 Thai  
 QL 14 Triathlon  
 GH 51 Turkish  
 QL 34 Ultimate Frisbee  
 QL 53 Underwater  
 UDH 5 UNICEF  
 DC 7 VegSoc  
 MEF 3 Vehicle Design  
 M 3 Vision  
 QL 19 Volleyball  
 CP 3 VVMC  
 BQ 24 Wakeboarding  
 QL 49 Water Polo (Medics)  
 SAF 19 Weights & Fitness (Medics)  
 JCR 24 Wikipedia  
 BQ 42 Wilderness Medicine  
 UCH 9 Wind Band  
 BQ 23 Windsurfing  
 AS 12 Wing Chun  
 M 16 Women in SET  
 QL 21 Womens Football  
 QL 4 Womens Rugby  
 JCR 25 Writers' Society  
 AS 14 Wushu  
 BQ 19 Yacht  
 BQ 14 Yoga  
 SAF 11 Yoga (Charing Cross)

**External Organisations**

QTR 21 Action Tutoring  
 QTR 54 Acts London  
 QTR 36 Al-Khair Foundation  
 QTR 43 Alpha International - HTB  
 QTR 32 Bright Network  
 QTR 6 Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM)  
 QTR 48 Central London CCG  
 QTR 10 Chinese Church in London  
 QTR 59 Christ Church Kensington  
 QTR 29 Christ Church Mayfair  
 QTR 24 Credit Suisse  
 QTR 45 Dice  
 QTR 17 EdAid  
 QTR 64 Endsleigh Insurance  
 QTR 27 Eyeworks London  
 QTR 55 Fresh Hairdressers  
 QTR 18 Gideons International  
 QTR 65 Gradcracker Ltd  
 QTR 68 Gradlancer Ltd  
 QTR 11 Graduate Jobs  
 QTR 31 Graduate Prospects  
 SF B Graduate Recruitment Bureau  
 QTR 70 Here & Now  
 CP A Hertz  
 QTR 5 IAESTE, British council  
 SF C Image Scotland  
 QTR 39 IC Careers Service  
 QTR 34 IC Clinical Research Facility  
 QTR 8 IC Heart and Lung Institute  
 QTR 7 IC NHS Neonatology  
 QTR 23 IC Rectors Ambassadors Scheme  
 QTR 69 IC Success Guide  
 QTR 42 IntoUniversity  
 QTR 36 LFKO Ltd  
 QTR 28 London Business School  
 QTR 47 London Farmers Market  
 QTR 58 London Sinfonietta  
 QTR 41 London Symphony Orchestra  
 QTR 61 Lucozade  
 SAF 30 Medical Protection Society  
 QTR 16 Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle  
 QTR 52 Milkround  
 QTR 40 Minted  
 QTR 15 Nandos  
 QTR 66 Notting Hill Community Church  
 QTR 57 NHS Blood and Transplant blood bank  
 QTR 6 Notting Hill Arts Club  
 SF A Now TV  
 QTR 62 Party Hype  
 QL A Pepsi Max  
 QTR 53 Pimlico Connections  
 QTR 25 Prospect  
 QTR 60 RMP  
 QTR 56 Royal Albert Hall  
 QTR 51 Royal Borough Kensington and Chelsea Council  
 QTR 20 Santander  
 QTR 14 Sesquis  
 QTR 67 Shazam  
 QTR 35 Soup Run  
 QTR 63 Sta Travel  
 QTR 19 St Andrews Church  
 QTR 12 Studybuddy  
 QTR 46 Target Jobs  
 QTR 37 Teach First  
 QTR 33 TfL  
 QTR 30 Tutorfair  
 QTR 38 Wagamama  
 QTR 4 Westminster Chapel  
 QTR 49 Would Love To Go  
 QTR 3 University of London Officer Training Corps  
 QTR 22 University of London Air Squadron  
 QTR 2 University of London Royal Naval Unit  
 QL B Virgin Media  
 QTR 13 Yada app  
 QTR 44 Zoological Society of London





## ARTS ARTS ARTS ARTS ARTS ARTS

This year's FELIX Arts editors welcome you to the London art scene

Jingjie Cheng, Indira Mallik &  
Max Falkenberg  
Arts Editors

**C**ongratulations! Welcome to Imperial and the next three to six years of your life! What were you thinking?

Of course we're all looking forward to not having to spend time with humanities students, but let's face it – we're sitting in the epicentre of global arts and culture, so let's make the most of it!

If you're like the three of us and have nothing better to do with your time, you've already made a list of all the galleries, plays and stand-ups you want to see.

But London isn't cheap and if we went to see everything we wanted,

we'd be a couple of grand out of pocket. Wouldn't it be great to see all these wonderful things for free, and not just now but throughout your course?

Before you ask: no, it doesn't involve any nefarious cult-like ceremonies or deals with the devil. We, the wonderful people at FELIX Arts, can get you the tickets for almost any new London show and all we ask in exchange is 400 words of your most scathing opinions – no previous writing experience necessary!

If you're worried you're not a good enough writer, or that you won't know what to say, stop right there. The three of us will guide you through the process and we promise, every review you write gets easier than the last one.

We're sitting in the epicentre of global arts and culture, so let's make the most of it

Don't be put off, we're lovely people, honest! Besides getting to see the shows on press night – often weeks before anyone else, in some of the best seats, for free – the more delightful venues often like to throw free booze at you and many offer a second free ticket!

Of course they are hoping you'll be nice to them, but with your livers hardened by freshers' week, your journalistic integrity is unlikely to be challenged.

Tldr: if you like art, free things and alcohol, come write for FELIX Arts!

If for now you just want to enjoy reading our awesome Arts section, you can check out our favourite upcoming shows and our guide to London's best cheap venues.

In the upcoming weeks we'll be

introducing our brand new poetry and comedy sections. We also have a bunch of arty events in the pipeline and a number of features and interviews with London's art scene.

Later on this term we'll be publishing Phoenix, the Imperial Arts magazine and we'll need lots of you artists, photographers, short story writers and poets to submit your work.

This is all in addition to our regular content of reviews and hard hitting comment pieces as the culture bible of Exhibition Road.

If you'd like to get involved but are unsure what with, or if you just want to put faces to the words, drop by the FELIX office in the West Basement of Beit Quad or drop us an email on [arts.felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:arts.felix@imperial.ac.uk). We'd be delighted to meet you!

## A pictorial representation of the Arts section





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## The Young Vic

Consistently brilliant and constantly pushing the boundaries of modern theatre, the Young Vic showcases the best of the best on the British stage. Having stolen the show at the 2015 Olivier's, the YV unsurprisingly approaches the New Year with sky high expectations. With two shows transferring to New York after a sell-out season in London, the YV might be one of London's smaller venues, but they carry a big punch.

*Tickets from £10 for students and under 25s.*

## National Theatre

One of the great arts institutions in the country, the National Theatre is at the forefront of British theatre. A major collaborator both internationally and at home, the NT is an essential component of the UK's arts scene with its shows frequently transferring to the West End and beyond. Although the NT isn't the biggest risk taker, its shows are always accessible and of a consistently high quality.

*Tickets from £5 with NT Entry Pass.*

## Barbican

A world class arts organisation with a stellar reputation for innovation and learning, the Barbican covers all areas of the arts with one of the greatest purpose built venues in London. Home of the London Symphony Orchestra and Cumberbatch's Hamlet, the Barbican represents the best of the best in British creativity.

*Tickets from £5 with Young Barbican.*

## The Comedy Tree

Having recently relocated from Putney to Hammersmith, the Comedy Tree starts a new season of Thursday night stand-up. Despite not being a particularly well known venue, the CT has welcomed a number of big names including Milton Jones and Reginald D. Hunter. While I doubt it lives up to London's more famous comedy clubs, the bar is open until 1am and the tickets are surprisingly cheap. Who can complain?

*Tickets from £6 for students.*

## Tate Modern

One of the best collections of contemporary art in London, and part of the Tate Collective London, there's plenty of opportunity to enjoy the art and get involved more actively.

*Free! Special exhibitions typically from £10.*

## Victoria and Albert Museum

The V&A is so close to campus and halls that there is really no excuse not to visit. It houses everything from punk rock fashion to classical sculpture, by the way of jewellery and tapestries, so there's something for all tastes. In addition to the permanent displays, free themed exhibitions are staged regularly in the Porter Gallery. The V&A is the perfect place to go to sketch, explore or escape the rain. Plus the café is pretty great.

*Free! Special exhibitions from £9.*

## Tate Britain

Tate Britain is placed bang in the middle of the tourist heartland; minutes from Big Ben and the Palaces of Westminster, it is home to the Turner Prize. That's not all, The Tate Collective London which works with Tate Britain and Tate Modern run free events and festivals for students. On the first Friday of October, November and December there will be workshops, talks, live performance, even a DJ as part of Late at Tate Britain.

*Free! Special exhibitions typically from £14.*

## National Gallery...

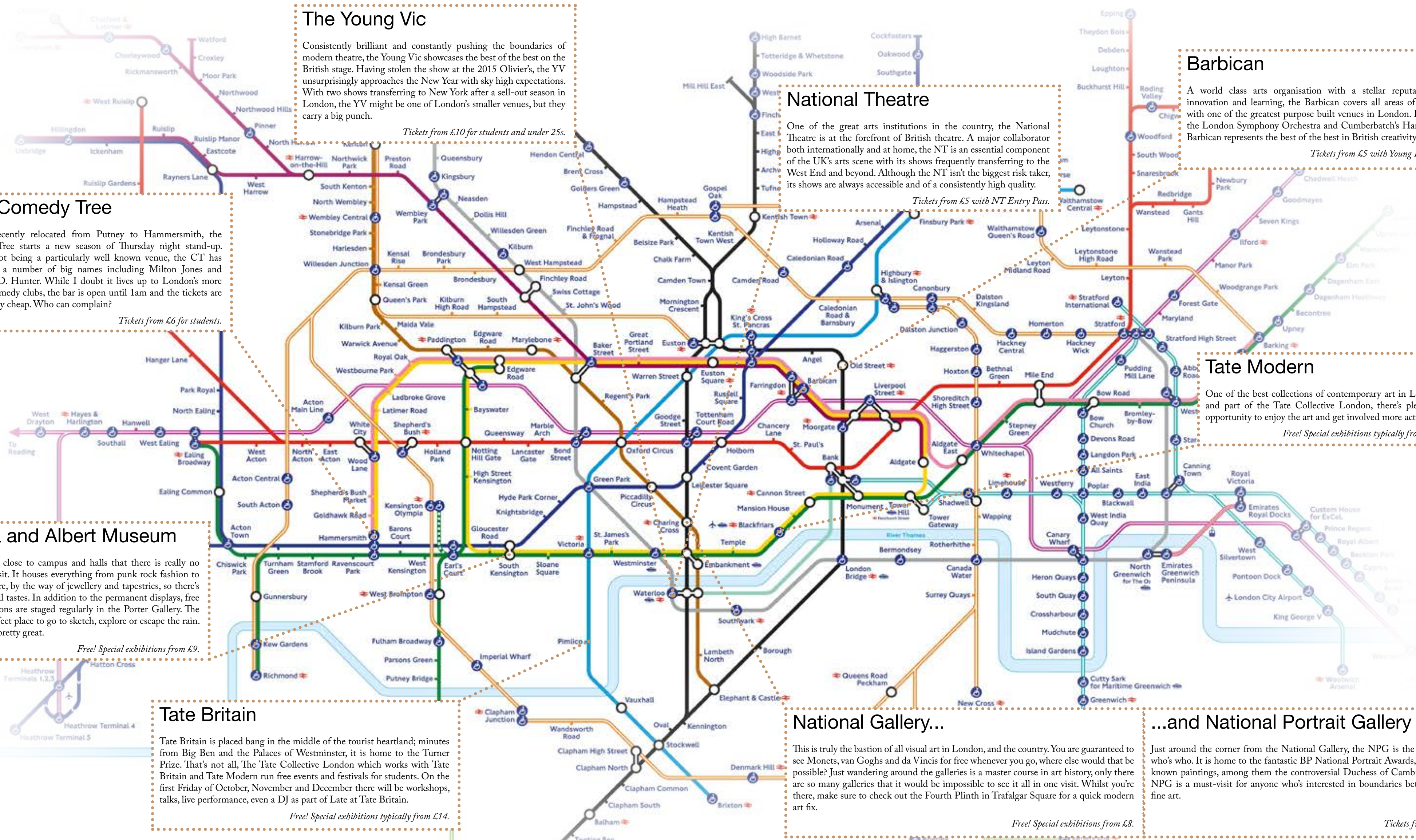
This is truly the bastion of all visual art in London, and the country. You are guaranteed to see Monets, van Goghs and da Vincis for free whenever you go, where else would that be possible? Just wandering around the galleries is a master course in art history, only there are so many galleries that it would be impossible to see it all in one visit. Whilst you're there, make sure to check out the Fourth Plinth in Trafalgar Square for a quick modern art fix.

*Free! Special exhibitions from £8.*

## ...and National Portrait Gallery

Just around the corner from the National Gallery, the NPG is the ultimate illustrated who's who. It is home to the fantastic BP National Portrait Awards, and numerous well known paintings, among them the controversial Duchess of Cambridge painting. The NPG is a must-visit for anyone who's interested in boundaries between celebrity and fine art.

*Tickets from £6 on Thursdays.*







# Recommended: Things to see in London



## Photograph 51 (Noel Coward Theatre, Until 21 November)

In recent decades, as the sexism in science has become more recognised, Rosalind Franklin has been increasingly brought up as an example of an under-credited player in the all-important discovery of the structure of DNA. In Anna Ziegler's new play, Nicole Kidman portrays the scientist's life and career in her return to the West End stage. Many critics have praised her precise performance in bringing out Franklin's ambition, dedication and intelligence.

## Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Natural History Museum, 16 October – 10 April)

One of the most important competitions in wildlife photography in the world, the winners and commended pieces from the Wildlife Photography of the Year are exhibited yearly in the Natural History Museum. From intimate portraits to grand landscapes, the works on display tell compelling stories from the natural world around us in beautiful ways. With over one hundred images on display creating an immersive experience for the senses, this is definitely not an exhibition to be missed by anyone interested in photography, art or nature.



## The World Goes Pop (Tate Modern, Until 24 January)

Pop Art has become synonymous with western consumer culture, but its history as a global medium of protest has been largely forgotten. The Tate's new exhibition explores the unseen side of Pop Art and its diverse cultural adaptations. From Latin America to Asia this exhibition delves into the rich history of this global phenomena and celebrates an art form whose subversive message is more relevant now than ever before.

## Ai Weiwei (Royal Academy, Until 13 December)

Arguably more famous for his political dissidence than his art, Ai Weiwei was put under house arrest and tortured due to his vocal opposition of the Chinese government. The RA has given over many of its main galleries to showcasing his work; this is a chance to judge the art on its own merits, and it does not disappoint. Filled with powerful political messages and humanity, Ai combines the remains of Ming and Han dynasty artefacts with his own minimalist constructions in a witty and moving re-imagination of Michel Duchamp's 'readymades'.



## National Poetry Day Live (Royal Festival Hall, 8 October)

The theme for this year's National Poetry Day is "Light", and in line with this Southbank Centre and The Poetry Society have teamed up to organise an afternoon of events celebrating up-and-coming young poets and artists presenting their take on light and its manifestations. There will be poetry readings, workshops and installations, including performances by Karen McCarthy Woolf, John Hegley and many more. There will also be an installation by poetry light artist Robert Montgomery and opportunities to create your own light-inspired artwork.

## Hamlet @ NT Live (Various Cinemas across London, From 15 October)

Whether Cumberbatch's Hamlet is an exciting, fresh staging or not – and consensus seems to be that this production isn't hugely special – Hamlet is still the greatest play ever created. Though I firmly believe that Cumberbatch is simply too old to play the great Dane, Ben is still a seasoned, powerful performer who I'm sure will go to great lengths to put his unique touch on Hamlet. Whether it's worth the several hundred pounds you'd pay to see it on stage is difficult to judge, but NT Live offers a well produced filming at a fraction of the price.

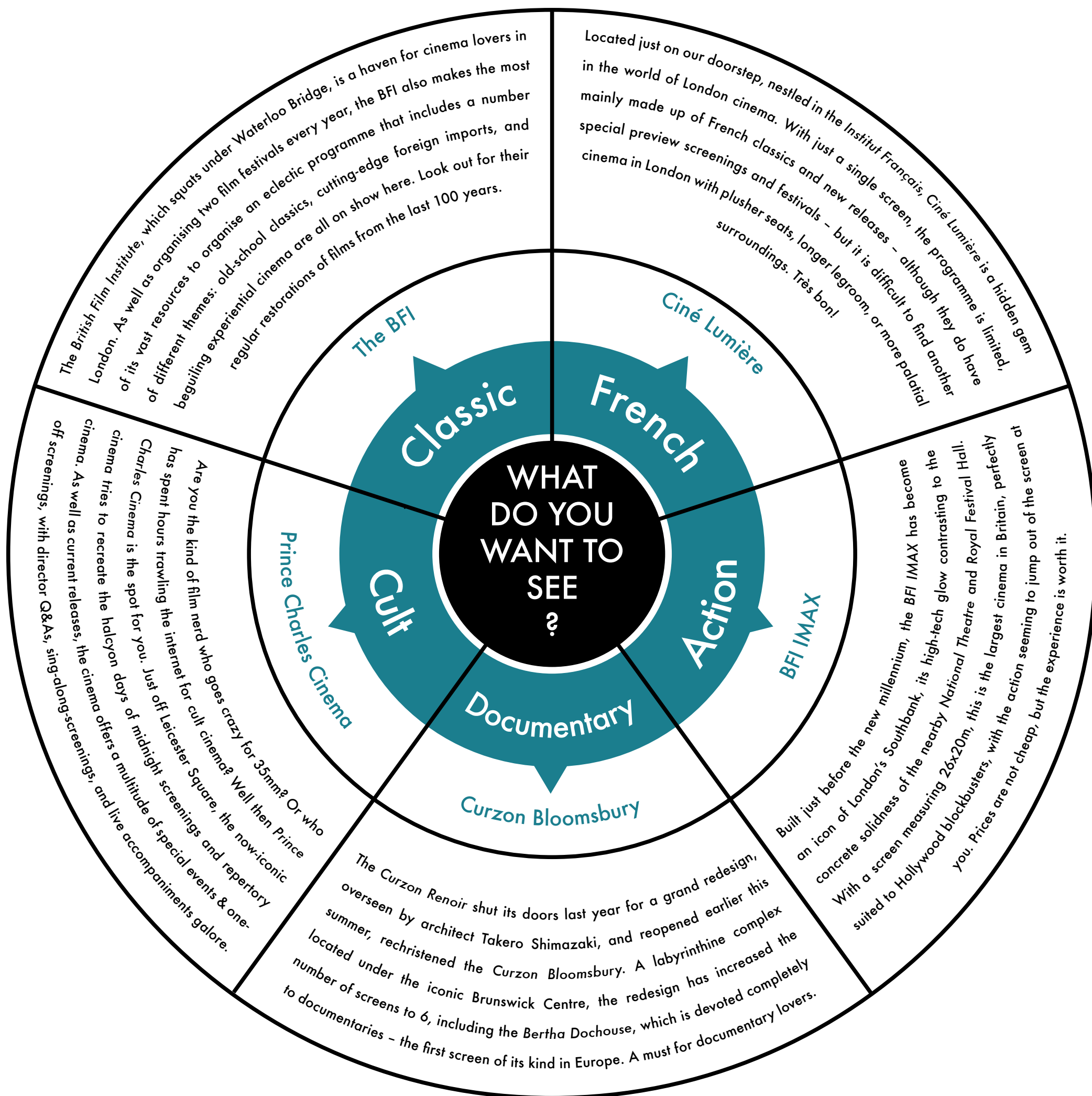




# FELIX FILM



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# FELIX Film presents: The A-Z of Being a Film Snob

So, you've packed your bags with colour-coded stationary, set off from your hometown, and are finally about to get rid of that unfortunate nickname that plagued you through secondary school. However, as any of the biologists can tell you, in order to survive the jungle that is the university food chain, you need to find your ecological niche. Maybe a #unilad? Only if you want to spend the next three years necking snakebite with a group of fucking wankers named 'Jonno'. High flyer? Unless you're prepared to lock yourself in your room and risk a breakdown before freshers' week has even finished, you should just aim for a 2:1. Luckily for you, the role of 'corridor film snob' is easy to fill. We've even provided you with a guide, so tear down that *Star Wars* poster, sit down, and pay attention.

## Almodóvar, Pedro:

Remember, accent at the end. It's *Almo-DO-var*, you fucking uncultured cretins.

## Bergman, Ingmar:

'Yeah, it really reminded me of *Persona*'. Never explain how.

## Critics:

Remember, film critics all know nothing, unless they validate your own opinion. Complain about the rating system. Say that you can't place a number on art. Secretly attend everything *The Guardian* gives five stars to.

## Dubbing:

Give me original language or give me death. Placing chopsticks into your ears would be preferable to seeing a dubbed French film for you.

## Eating in the cinema:

God, just die already.

Fight Club: You can't call it a 'Cult Film' if everyone's fucking seen it...



When you first arrive in halls, clutching your belongings, it can seem like a scary place. It is. Assert your cultural dominance by becoming a film snob. Photo Credit: David Lynch/Creative Commons

## Fight Club:

FYI – It's not a 'Cult Film' if everyone's fucking seen it.

## Genres:

Dilettantes of cinema seem to think there are a set number of genres: comedy, drama, romance, action etc. But you know better. As anyone who's read a music review on *Pitchfork* knows, the best way to seem to know what you're talking about is to be as unintelligible as possible, and this is where obscure film genres come in. Wikipedia has a list of about 200 different ones, so there's no excuse for not being able to tell your Metacinema from your Mumblecore

## Hype:

What kind of person comes to mind when you think of the word cool? Wearing lots of black? Most definitely. Sunglasses on indoors? Perhaps. Excited about anything?

Hype is the devil trying to get you to look like a nark; never reveal just how pumped you are about the new *Star Wars*.

## Image-Maker:

Using terms like director and filmmaker are so trite nowadays, and the time when you could refer to Hitchcock as an 'artist' is long gone. Now, in order to be hip, you've gotta use terms like 'Image-Maker', or perhaps 'Image-Creator' when describing your favourite auteurs.

## Judging others:

Yeah, you'll be doing this a lot...

## Kickstarter:

Crowdfunding used to be a nice little niche industry; a way for creative people, who wouldn't otherwise have the resources, to achieve their vision.

But then Zach Braff (net worth: \$22 million) convinced nearly 50,000 idiots to fund his next pet project, *Wish I Was Here*, a critical

The harder a film/director's name is to pronounce, the better it sounds in conversation. Example: *Koyaanisqatsi*.

and commercial disaster. We don't talk about crowdfunding anymore.

## Lynchian, use of:

While technically meaning a balance of the mundane and the macabre, as found in Lynch's work, use it to describe any film that fulfils any of the following criteria: is bleak; has a weird soundtrack; features a dream sequence; features a dance sequence; is in black and white; you find it confusing and you don't know why. When you're constructing an opinion of a film, substitute in for every third word and you're in business.

## Mainstream cinema, boycott of:

'You guys are off on a hall trip



Decorate your room with freaky Polish film posters! No-one will ever want to visit, giving you more time to watch arthouse films. Photo Credit: Cinéphilie

to see the new *Hunger Games* at Imperial Cinema? Ah, I wish I was free, but I'm going to see an experimental art film from the 60s of a man in a relationship with a cheese grater. It's all about Vietnam. Obviously.'

## Names, pronunciation of:

Remember, the harder a film/director's name is to pronounce, the better it sounds. Prime example: *Koyaanisqatsi*.

## Originals vs Remakes:

Similar to the dubbing idea. The newer film may have a bigger budget, better actors, a more coherent script, and special effects that don't look like a child's Christmas play, but for you the original is always better. Complain about the remake endlessly. Never go and see it.

## Posters:

A chance to put some of your personality on your bedroom wall. 1 point for a foreign film. 2 points for a foreign film poster in a different language. 3 points for anything Polish – that shit cray.

## Questions:

'What kind of movies do you like?', the biochemist on your floor asks at the hall social. 'I prefer to look at cinema in terms of directors', you reply. It's over. You win. You have won Cinema.

## Realism:

Basically, in order to really impress people you need to par down your interests into two main camps: disturbingly depressing realism, and depressingly disturbing fantasy. You can either watch Olivia Colman being urinated on in graphic detail in *Tyrannosaur*, or John Nance cutting open a mutated foetus in

*Eraserhead*. As long as you're sure you won't get any sleep that night you're in business.

## Sundance Festival:

Everyone says that Sundance is the new Cannes, but we all know that really TIFF is the new Sundance, Berlin is the new Telluride, and anyone who's anyone heads to Locarno come August. What were we talking about again?

## Time:

The best films are all either 75 minutes long, or 5 hours. Everything else is shit. Make your opinion on this well known by loudly espousing it in the hall kitchen at 2am.

## Underground:

Underground cinema is good. Underground cinemas are better. Watching underground cinema in an underground cinema is best.

## VHS:

As vinyl records are to music twats, VHS cassettes are to film snobs.

Lynchian: Use it to describe any film that has a weird soundtrack, features a dream sequence, features a dance sequence, is in black and white, or you find confusing.

## Widescreen: Y chromosome:

As aspect ratios get larger and larger, it's only a matter of time until films are beamed directly onto our eyeballs. Make your opinion on this travesty known by refusing to watch anything that's not in 4:3 ratio.

## X-Rated:

Now you've escaped the awkwardness of watching nude scenes with your parents, you're free to watch as many R-rated films as you want. Just remember – if there's no explanation for the nudity, it's art.

## Zero:

The number of friends you will have if you follow this guide. Film snobs are awful people, everyone knows that. But at least you have your Criterion Kurosawa Collection to keep you warm at night.



'I would literally rather have my eyes sliced open with razor blades than watch fucking *Harry Potter* again' – you, all the time. Photo Credit: Creative Commons





# FELIX Film's Guide to Cinema on a Budget

## Fred Fyles on how to see the most films on the least cash

Being a film-lover in London is both a dream and a nightmare. Sure, you may be able to achieve your goal of seeing all the latest arthouse releases as soon as they hit distribution, and be spoiled for choice in terms of preview screenings, but unless your budget is at a Ridley Scott level, you'll soon find yourself living off cereal in order to make that *Les Enfants du Paradis* screening you've been hyping up. Don't despair – here at FELIX we have used our years of experience of the London cinema scene to discover the best deals in the capital, so you'll have more money to go clubbing, splash out on new clothes, or just buy emergency Library Café jacket potatoes. We've all been there...

### 5. Picturehouse Cinema – £5.60

While the Picturehouse chain's latest opening, the **Picturehouse Central** in Leicester Square, has hit the news for charging £18 per ticket at peak times, once you get out of the centre, things tend to be much more reasonable. The closest

branch to Imperial, **The Gate**, is located just by Notting Hill Gate station, about 30 minutes from campus. They offer a £15 student membership, which includes two free tickets (peak price for students is £11.60, so you're already making a

saving). This membership will then give you access to £5.60 tickets all-day Monday.

Nearest Station: **Notting Hill Gate**



Just a short walk from Imperial, The Gate is one of the closest independent cinemas that doesn't cost the earth. Credit: Our Screen

### 4. Barbican Cinema – £5

Part of the **Barbican Centre's** jaw-droppingly large offering of cultural activities, the **Barbican Cinema** sits apart from the Ballardin towers of the estate, in a squat building off Silk Street. They offer a mixture of

mainstream and arthouse cinema, mainly focussing on independent films made by well-known directors. The Young Barbican Scheme is free to join for those aged 14-25, and gives you access to £5 tickets all

day, Monday through to Thursday, as well as numerous other discounts on art, dance, and music events organised by the Barbican Centre.

Nearest Station: **Barbican**



The brutalist Barbican Centre's newly developed cinema. Photo Credit: Mihai Andrei

### 3. PeckhamPlex – £4.99

Sure, south of the river may sound like a scary place, but with ever-improving transport links, and a propensity for edgy overpriced cafes to pop up overnight, make sure to get the most out of the

**PeckhamPlex** before East Dulwich is unrecognisably gentrified. The cinema offers all the latest big-budget showings, with tickets costing only £4.99, all day, every day. By the time of writing, it may have

been replaced by a branch of The Breakfast Club, or maybe another motherfucking Foxtons, so hop on the overground fast!

Nearest Station: **Peckham Rye**



The PeckhamPlex's cheap tickets are worth making the journey south of the river. Photo Credit: Time Out

### 2. Genesis Cinema – £4

With the building functioning as a cinema since 1912, Whitechapel's **Genesis Cinema** offers a piece of local history, along with ludicrously plush seats. They show a mixture of blockbuster and independent fare,

as well as a number of special events – this year it hosted the annual Twin Peaks Festival, a celebration of all things Lynch, and similar things are planned throughout the season. Student tickets are £6.50, but if you

want the best deal you should go along on Mondays, when tickets are £4 only.

Nearest Station: **Stepney Green**



Whitechapel's Genesis Cinema, where you can view in style. Photo Credit: Ewan-M

### 1. ICA Cinema – £3

A hidden gem in the London cinema world, the **Institute of Contemporary Arts** on the Mall offers two small screens, showing the very best of arthouse and international films. A student membership will set you back

£15, but is well worth it for the benefits: £3 cinema tickets before 6pm Wednesday to Friday, and £3 tickets all day on Tuesday, as well as discounts in their café and bar. They also offer up special seasons on the regular, from a retrospective

of Kieslowski to an exploration of women filmmakers working today. Definitely one to visit.

Nearest Station: **Piccadilly Circus**



The ICA Cinema – London's cheapest arthouse venue. Photo Credit: Victoria Erdelevskaya



# Imperial Cinema: Autumn Term Line-Up

It's a brand new academic year and here at Imperial Cinema we've come up with a fantastic line-up of films to keep you folks entertained. Whether you're looking for some high-octane post-apocalyptic action or are more of a classic Shakespeare kind of guy/gal, we have something for all your cinema taste buds. As usual we've kept our prices at just £4 a film (or £3 with our bargain discount pass) so you don't have to forgo next week's dinners for some quality entertainment.

#### Week 1: 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> October

##### Inside Out

In this Pixar adventure, the five emotions come alive; Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust all have a part to play when 11 year old Riley is uprooted from her home in this riveting and touching story.

##### Mad Max: Fury Road

Our favourite anti-hero Max is imprisoned by the gang the War Boys. But when the warrior Imperator Furiosa escapes with the War Boys' leader Joe's five wives, he will stop at nothing to recover them.

#### Week 2: 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October

##### National Theatre Live: Coriolanus

The sell-out Donmar Warehouse production returns to cinema screens. Starring Tom Hiddleston

in the title role with support from Sherlock's Mark Gatiss, this is a powerful, unflinching take on Shakespeare's classic tale.

##### National Theatre Live: Hamlet

Benedict Cumberbatch takes on the Danish Prince in this sell-out production. Hamlet's father, the King of Denmark, has been murdered and usurped by his own brother, the evil Claudius. Can Hamlet allow this to go unchallenged?

#### Week 3: 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October

##### Jurassic World

In the fourth instalment in the Jurassic Park series, Isla Nublar is yet again the home of a fantastical dinosaur theme park. However, when the latest attraction proves to be too much to handle, it's up

to dinosaur expert Owen Grady to save the day.

##### Spy

When the list of all active CIA agents falls into the wrong hands, desk jockey Susan Cooper takes to the field in an effort to locate a dangerous suitcase nuke, in this hilarious action comedy.

#### Week 4: 27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October

##### Ant Man

From the Marvel Cinematic Universe comes well-meaning thief Scott Lang, inadvertently caught in a battle between shrinking technology inventor Hank Pym and his former protégé Darren Cross. When Cross perfects his own shrinking suit it's down to Lang to save the day.

#### Week 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November

##### Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation

The IMF is disbanded and Ethan Hunt left a fugitive. Despite this he and his team face off against criminal organisation the Syndicate, who will stop at nothing to establish a new world order.

#### Week 6: 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November

##### Straight Outta Compton

In 1988, the group N.W.A. revolutionised the music scene and pop culture with the titular album. This biopic tells the story of their rise to fame as the five members use their swagger, bravado and talent to fight back against the authorities trying to keep them down.

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#### Week 7: 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November

##### Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials

In the second chapter of the Maze Runner, Thomas, our hero, has escaped the Maze but must now face a new set of trials. Will Thomas and his friends survive The Scorch, a desolate landscape filled with challenges in a world contaminated by the deadly disease known as the Flare?

For detailed times visit our website. For screenings find us on Level 2, Union Building, Beit Quad.



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## Freshipes: How to make a basic...

Four fabulous foods to get you started in the challenging task of feeding yourself

Cecily Johnson  
Food Writer

For most students, the move to University coincides with the first time in your life that you're 100% responsible for looking after yourself. One of the biggest challenges for many will be learning how to make tasty, healthy meals on a budget.

Some of you may never have cooked before, and with that in mind FELIX Food are presenting four simple, basic recipes to try out while you're still learning which end of the spatula is which – plus a few extra tips to get you going as you're unleashed in the Hall kitchens.

I've given you the recipes for my legendary chocolate brownies, a fresh pasta sauce for when you get sick of the stuff in jars, chicken fried rice to help use up leftover rice and vegetables, and classic British comfort meal: toad in the hole.

### There are tonnes of resources online

There are tonnes of resources online to help you find recipe ideas. I recommend the BBC Good Food website, Jamie Oliver's YouTube channel for videos on how to prepare a range of basic to more complicated meals, and the Guardian's Word of Mouth blog for its 'How to cook a perfect...' series.

If you're starting to get a queasy feeling in your stomach every time you view your bank balance, consider hitting up the local supermarkets after around 9pm. Most, if not all, will have a reduced price section for items coming up to their 'best before' date.

You can often find very cheap meat and vegetables that – with a little imagination – you can turn into a decent meal, as well as sandwiches and salads if you just want to grab something light before heading back to your library all-nighter.

### ...Chocolate Brownie

#### Ingredients:

250g unsalted butter  
200g dark chocolate (70% cocoa)  
80g cocoa powder  
65g plain flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
360g caster sugar  
4 large eggs  
75g white chocolate chips  
75g mixed nuts (brazil, hazelnut)

Start by melting the chocolate and butter together (microwave in 10 second blasts and stir). Mix all the dry goods together in a bowl and add the chocolate mix.

Beat the eggs together then stir into the rest until everything is combined. Add the nuts and chocolate chips last, then pour into a brownie tin or any dish with tall enough sides. Bake at 180°C for about 25 mins; they should be cooked through but still fudgy.



### ...Pasta Sauce

#### Ingredients:

1x 400g tin plum tomatoes  
1 stick of celery  
1 carrot  
1 large onion  
1 tbsp tomato puree  
1 tbsp olive oil  
salt and pepper  
a handful of fresh basil (or dried)  
bay leaf or any other herbs

Finely chop your celery, carrots and onions. Fry them up in the oil until they soften up and get a light brown colour.

Pour in the tomatoes and add the herbs, salt and pepper to taste, plus a glass of water. Mix it all up and cover with a lid.

Simmer the mixture on a low heat for half an hour, stirring it occasionally. Try not to let it boil. Make a big batch and store the leftovers in the freezer.

### ...Chicken Fried Rice

#### Ingredients:

400g cold pre-cooked rice  
1 tbsp sunflower/groundnut oil  
2 medium eggs  
2 spring onions  
1 carrot  
50g frozen peas  
50g sweetcorn  
150g chicken thighs  
salt and pepper

Cook your chicken first – just fry it off in the pan with a little oil until it browns. Chop your vegetables up small (or just grab a bag of mixed veg out of the freezer and chuck some in the microwave to defrost).

Remove the chicken from the pan and heat some more oil. Move the rice around in it until it's hot through, then add the beaten eggs. Stir like crazy for a minute then throw in your vegetables. Add spring onions last for some crunch.



### ...Toad In The Hole

#### Ingredients:

6 pork sausages  
2 tbsp beef dripping (or any flavourless vegetable oil)  
140g plain flour  
2 eggs  
125ml semi-skimmed milk  
50ml water  
salt and pepper  
dried sage

Fry the sausages in oil for 10-15 mins until brown – or save on washing up by baking them in a deep-sided dish. Make up the batter mix by combining the flour, seasoning, and both eggs first.

Whisk the mixture for a few minutes while slowly adding the milk and water. Get your pan sizzling hot – the oven should be at 220°C – and pour the batter in. Cook for 25 mins until golden brown, then serve with gravy.



# FELIX WELFARE



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## Coping with tough times in this brave new Imperial world

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Welfare Editor

**W**elcome to Imperial! I'm sure you're enjoying your newfound freedom as freshers, and are looking forward to making lots of new memories and friends. The first few weeks at uni are some of the most exciting and fun, because everything is still so new and fresh. But on arrival, things can also feel overwhelming, and very different to what you are used to.

Being faced with a sea of new people and having to interact with them, trying to find friends and make memories and join all the interesting clubs and societies, can start to feel like a lot of pressure. I know that when I first came to uni I started out excited, but ended up feeling a little overwhelmed by all the things I could do and people I could meet.

Imperial seemed so large and everyone seemed like they had already established friendships and activities, and I felt like a tiny, unnoticeable and awkward fish in this enormous pond. Home and all the things that were familiar to me seemed very far away.

Given that I also often find it hard to talk to new people, being convinced I will make a total fool of myself and cause them to ostracise me forever, I ended up mostly staying

You are guaranteed to find some people who you will 'click' with



It is very normal to feel a little overwhelmed at times when you're first starting out at uni. Photo Credit: Newscast Online

in my room and only venturing out to a couple of freshers' events. They were enjoyable, but sometimes left me feeling as if I hadn't managed to connect with anybody properly.

However, after a few weeks when I sorted out which clubs were to be my regular commitments, I was able to find a core group of friends who shared my interests. I also made a few good friends on my course who I am still in contact with today.

To deal with homesickness, I personally found that trying to line up plenty of new and exciting things to do can help. Keeping busy makes it a lot harder to dwell on the things you're missing at home – plus when you next see or talk to your family, you will have loads of cool stuff to tell them about.

But on the other hand, it is also absolutely okay to take a day where you cuddle up in your room, watch Netflix or a DVD, have some tea and chocolate and just let yourself feel a bit rubbish, call your parents and comfort yourself with fluffy socks and blankets. Of course that's just my method, but finding your own way of practising self-care and allowing yourself a healthy way to express and work through your emotions is very important.

The next most important thing though is to know when to stop indulging yourself. After spending a day feeling down, try to make yourself do something sociable, be it attending a freshers' event or baking cookies in the kitchen in halls – and trust me, the kitchens are wonderful areas for friendship-formation!

Dealing with the social anxiety that made it hard to talk to people in the first place was somewhat more difficult, and coping mechanisms for this are even more personal than those of self-care. General helpful tips include practising breathing exercises or repeating some mantra that gives you self-confidence, reinforcing your ability to just walk up to someone, introduce yourself, and start a conversation.

Another thing that can be useful is to try and pull your thoughts into perspective. This is very tricky, and in itself the advice of 'get some perspective' can be radically unhelpful. But try to take some time to breathe and remind yourself that others probably won't notice the mistakes and social awkwardness that seems glaring to you.

It can be liberating when you accept that things won't go perfectly with everyone you say hello to. There

are just so many people at Imperial that it's impossible to connect with and befriend everybody, but this also means that amongst our number you are guaranteed to find some people who you will 'click' with. Generally speaking students are always grateful to find another person who is feeling a bit overwhelmed.

You are under no obligation to immediately form a group and have a perfectly structured social life – it's okay if it takes a while to find your circle of friends. But if you persist in investigating all the clubs and societies, and keep on striking up conversations with the people you think are interesting, it will pay off.

Finally, bear in mind that there are so many resources available for you if you're feeling worried or alone or overwhelmed. Take a look at our resources section and pick a person or group you feel most comfortable talking to – and don't forget that your peers can also be a great source of validation and comfort!

Good luck on your first year at Imperial. It can be tough – the workload will build up quickly – but it's more than worth it. I hope you all get settled in and have a wonderful Welcome Week and rest of year!

### Mental health helplines and resources

If you are concerned about your own mental health or that of a loved one, there are people out there you can talk to who can give you advice, or will be there to listen.

#### Helplines and Online Resources

If you are distressed and need someone to talk to:

##### Samaritans

Phone: 08457 90 90 90  
(24 hour helpline)  
[www.samaritans.org.uk](http://www.samaritans.org.uk)

For issues with anxiety:

##### Anxiety UK

Phone: 08444 775 774  
(Mon-Fri 09:30-17:30)  
[www.anxietyuk.org.uk](http://www.anxietyuk.org.uk)

##### No Panic

Phone: 0808 800 2222  
(Daily 10:00-22:00)  
[www.nopanic.org.uk](http://www.nopanic.org.uk)

For eating disorders:

##### Beat

Phone: 0845 634 1414  
(Mon-Thurs 13:30-16:30)  
[www.b-eat.co.uk](http://www.b-eat.co.uk)

For addiction:

##### Alcoholics Anonymous

Phone: 0845 769 7555  
(24 hour helpline)  
[www.alcoholics-anonymous.co.uk](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.co.uk)

##### Narcotics Anonymous

Phone: 0300 999 1212  
(Daily 10:00-midnight)  
[www.ukna.org](http://www.ukna.org)

#### College Resources

##### Student Counselling Service

Phone: 020 7594 9637  
Email: [counselling@ic.ac.uk](mailto:counselling@ic.ac.uk)

##### Imperial College Health Centre

Phone: 020 7584 6301  
Email: [healthcentre@ic.ac.uk](mailto:healthcentre@ic.ac.uk)

You can also go to your academic or personal tutor regarding pastoral issues, especially if you think your mental health might be affecting your academic performance.



# FELIX PUZZLES



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## Sudoku

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3		6				4		
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			3	4		8	1	
7	1	4		8				3

**Sitting in your bedroom, waiting to make friends? Don't go to the mingle, or even unpack before you've finished these puzzles. Email them to us when you're done and you could make it onto the below leaderboard. You can enter as a team, or as an individual, you little star.**

### FUCWIT BOARD

Points available this week:  
Sudoku 3 points  
Slitherlink 2 points

We're being extra generous this week because you're all new and fresher's week is tough. You miss your dog and you've got no clean underwear left, have some extra puzzle points.

Also, if you send us even one of these puzzles (completed, obs) you'll basically be guaranteed a place on the FUCWIT puzzle champ leaderboard. We haven't put it here, because, well you aren't on it yet. But you could be. Dream big guys.

Email solutions to fsudoku@imperial.ac.uk. Do it.

## Slitherlink

### How to play

Slitherlink is a bit like the puzzle love child of Mindsweeper and Sudoku. The object is to draw lines between the dots to create one long and importantly, looping line. It shouldn't start or finish, it should be like an elastic band. Each number indicates how many lines should be drawn around it.

Cells which don't contain a number can be surrounded by any number of lines. The line must form a loop, so no branching. Squares aren't allowed either. There are never cells containing the number 4. Not in Slitherlink. Oh no.

The best place to start is usually by drawing crosses around the few zeros on a Slitherlink grid. These crosses indicate that you can't have a line there.

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Do you love puzzles more than your friends and family? We really need a puzzles editor. No experience necessary. Holla at [felix@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:felix@imperial.ac.uk) if you're interested.



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## Top Tips for Freshers (But Just the Tips)

The first in a long-running advice column without your best interests at heart

**W**elcome to Imperial. For whatever reason, your life choices have led you here, and you now stand on the precipice of higher education. Hooray for you.

Whether you're here to study science, science that isn't actually science or medicine, this is where you'll be spending the next three/four/six/several years.

No doubt you've picked up this issue looking for a glimpse into what awaits. That was your first mistake.

Hangman has been reading a lot of articles with titles like "Top Tips for Freshers' Week" and "36 mistakes every Fresher will make" recently.

It's been a long summer.

The upside of this for you is that

we've picked up a few things from our reading that we thought were worth passing on.

### **Nobody cares what you did at A Level.**

Seriously. Nobody cares. It's great that you did some. Now you are here, and A Levels are history. Nobody cares about history except history students, and we don't have those at Imperial. For good reasons.

### **Nobody cares what you did on your gap year.**

They really don't. They care so little, in fact, that we're not even going to justify this claim any further.

### **Nobody cares that you didn't do a gap year.**

You didn't do a gap year? Congratulations. Now shut up.

### **Nobody cares about Oxbridge.**

We know, you applied to that College at Cambridge/Oxford/whatever. Yes, we're sure it was really nice and just the perfect place for you to learn. We all failed at getting into Oxbridge too, so stop loudly protesting the injustice of it all. Because you're not there. You're at Imperial. We're better, anyway.

### **Freshers' Fair is good for one thing and one thing only.**

Freebies.

### **There is only one way to endure the unending awkwardness of the Mingle.**

But we thought we'd just leave this space blank to represent said unending awkwardness.

Or something.  
(See picture)



This space intentionally left blank for artistic purposes. Photo Credit: Hangman

### **Something something triangles.**

If you spend any time near the Union, you'll notice an abundance of triangles being used for marketing and such. There is a reason for this, but no-one knows what it is. Something to do with the Illuminati, if you ask Hangman.

### **Use a condom.**

We're actually being serious here. This is the only time that Hangman will ever be serious during your entire stay at Imperial,

so you'd better listen up.

USE A CONDOM (or equivalent method of protection\*). That is all.

\*Pulling out is not an equivalent method of protection. Anyone who says or thinks otherwise is an idiot and should not be getting any.

At this point, we would put something about how we hope you find these Top Tips (But Just the Tips)<sup>TM</sup> useful, but honestly we don't care.

Do what you want.

Just beware the Hangman.

## HOROSCOPES



**ARIES**

This week the crippling loneliness felt during freshers week causes you to have a promiscuous rendezvous with a Sainsbury's basics chicken breast. Unfortunately your roommate takes a GoPro video of you and instantly everyone calls you chicken fucker. Succinct at least.



**TAURUS**

This week you have this awful nightmare that Imperial has placed you in a Halls of residence that's five miles away from the main campus. You then wake up and realize you're in Woodward.

At least you're not in Xenia.



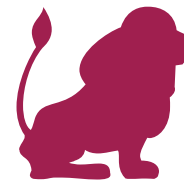
**GEMINI**

This week you discover to your horror that your mum packed some baby photos in your luggage and after a drunken Freshers party, your new friends discover this and purloin them. The next day you are awoken to the sight of a photo of 5 year old you in the bath emblazoned around your halls.



**CANCER**

This week, after your lads' holiday to Malaga you receive a friend request from Manuela, your 46 year old one night stand. She is pregnant with triplets and is demanding that you marry her. At least if she comes to halls, she won't have an ID card to get in.



**LEO**

This week after discovering that all students in the School of Medicine receive a free iPad, you go to the head of the school and remove his plastic mask in a Scooby-Doo like fashion only to discover it was in fact Oprah that has been running ICSM this whole time.



**VIRGO**

This week after a Summer of being a #Corbynite, you discover that you are beginning to grow a grey beard and you keep finding black caps in your house after you wake up. You realize you really do have Corbyn fever and the Daily Mail was right!



**LIBRA**

This week after arriving at Imperial you decide to go to one of the local clubs as you assume it can't be that expensive and you might as well whilst you're in South Kensington. The morning after you sell your kidney to Wonga to be able to eat.



**SCORPIO**

This week in your Halls someone has left some chicken breast in the fridge that you can use, and despite from a slightly strange odour, it tastes quite good fried with a little garlic butter. The day afterwards you unfortunately develop mouth herpes.



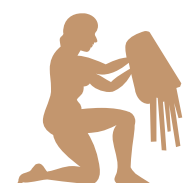
**SAGITTARIUS**

This week you believe that your long distance relationship with your girlfriend/boyfriend from home will last because you are an idiot. After taking a miserable National Express coach to go see them, you discover they have left you for a Brazilian god/goddess.



**CAPRICORN**

This week you are the horoscopes writer. You start the year by trying to sneak an unprintable horoscope in, thinking Hangman won't be paying attention. You are wrong. Hangman is always paying attention.



**AQUARIUS**

This week you realize that perhaps having sex with your Hall Senior was probably a mistake, as it appears that they were a 47 year old ost doc who probably should have learnt to live like an adult sooner. This makes Freshers' Mingle very awkward.



**PISCES**

This week you desperately name-drop brand names left and right in the vain hope they'll send some money or other free goodies your way.

Hangman is sponsored this week by Wonga, *The Daily Mail*, and GoPro.





## Imperial rugby wants you!

As England's dreams of Rugby World Cup success hang in the balance, Imperial College's rugby clubs tell us why the sport is so great

Vivien Hadlow  
Rugby Web Editor

Rugby is probably something you've been hearing a lot about recently, what with the World Cup currently gracing the pitches of England. But if you're just following score updates, or even religiously watching every match, you're missing out on a whole lot of the fun of the sport – and we can help you with that! University is a perfect opportunity to come and get a taste of what rugby's all about, whether you're a clean-faced fresher or an Imperial veteran. So what do we do at IC women's rugby? Obviously, we play rugby. We play against other universities once or twice a week during rugby season (November-March), preparing with weekly training sessions. Every training session brings us closer to being a slick, well-oiled rugby machine, something which can only come with team practice. The sense of camaraderie born on the pitch is increased tenfold at our weekly socials: every Wednesday our two lovely social secretaries organise an

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evening of merriment so we can all relax, forget all that Imperial stress and have a good time as a team. Sometimes this means a karaoke evening at the pub, or a civilised round of *Come Dine With Me*, and sometimes it means heading to one of our university bars in fancy dress to join in on sports night. If that weren't enough, we go on tour twice a year – last year saw us hit Southampton, with an inevitable visit to the infamous Jesters, and Newquay, where we entered the 'social' league for a more casual weekend.

We're a really friendly society, and we're unusual in that there's no separation between medics and non-medics, so here's your chance to mix with people outside your subject! We're from all years, undergrad to PhD, so if there is someone who does your subject, you've got a helper on standby if you're ever stuck on your course. Most importantly, though, we're mixed ability – we love to win, but mostly we love to play, and the more the merrier! Most of our players came to us as complete beginners, so it absolutely doesn't matter if you've never played before – and if you have, maybe you can show us a thing or two. If you're still not convinced we're the best society going, we'd love you to come chat to us at fresher's fair or at one of our other fresher events. Our first one's on move-in day, we'll be in Prince's Gardens from 10am playing touch rugby with the boys before heading to Eastside bar to watch the world cup, so come join in!

We've got a lot more going on in Welcome Week, so head to our website for more information. We hope to see you soon!

Tom Hedley  
Rugby Publicity Officer

Get more out of your studies, and play for Imperial College Union Rugby Club during your time at university. ICURFC offers members a full and diverse social calendar, as well as access to all the premier sporting facilities that Imperial has to offer.

ICURFC is made up of three teams. The third team, which plays in South Eastern 7A, offers a solid entry point for beginners and less experienced players. The second team plays in South Eastern 5B league, this squad is perfect for intermediate to advanced players looking to develop their skills further. The first team plays in South Eastern 2B and offers an environment for advanced players to take their game to the next level.

All teams have access to high quality coaching staff and conditioning sessions during term time. Dedicated line out and gym sessions are also incorporated for more advanced players.

We encourage players of all level

to attend our Fresher's Trial on the first Wednesday of term. Get to know the university outside of your course and halls by coming down to meet members old and new for the first session of the year.

Sign up now and join all these teams on tour to South Africa in the summer of 2016! These tours are the envy of all other Imperial clubs so don't miss out.

Find us at fresher's fair for more information.

Follow @ICURFC on twitter and like Imperial College Rugby on Facebook.

*The England vs Australia match is on ITV at 20:00 today. You can watch it at Eastside bar in Prince's Gardens.*



Success for the college team as they triumph over the medics at last year's Varsity rugby match. Photo Credit: Ben Lester



## Ultimate Frisbee finds life's not a beach

Susannah Rynhart  
Frisbee

For five days in September, Imperial Ultimate Frisbee Club attended Burla Beach Cup, a three-day international tournament held on the sandy beach of Torre de Lago, Italy. It was an enjoyable and challenging weekend for the team who attended, with Imperial discDoctors (dD) finishing 13<sup>th</sup> out of 16 teams in their division. For the majority of the group, this tournament represented the first time they would compete against top-level club teams from around the world and also the first time they would play beach Frisbee.

The team of fifteen all arrived in Italy ready to take on a new challenge and to have fun both on and off the pitch. On the first day of the tournament dD faced a tough group stage and managed to come third in their group of four. The final game of the day was a cross-over match against a strong Italian

team. Despite not being aware of this game and swimming in the sea until five minutes before it was due to start, dD put in a very strong performance but were unable to secure a win. Once the game had finished, dD were able to relax on the beach and watch the sun set in style with the mountains behind them.

The next day was an early start and a brand new pool, based on Friday's results to compete in. The team found this group more suited to their level of play and were able to finish second overall, after a close defeat by the Warwick University alumni team, where dD struggled against an all-male team with experience and athleticism. The final game was another cross over match, against yet another Warwick University team. It was hard fought by the discDoctors but yet again they could not break through their opponents to reach a win.

That evening dD attended the tournament party, which was 'Kings and Queens' themed. With the party being held on the same site

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as the team's accommodation, this was a great opportunity for the team to relax after another day of ultimate, mingle with players from other teams and get dressed up! Tin foil proved a useful asset to costume making, with crowns and even dragon wings being made to keep with the party theme.

With another early start on Sunday, dD were beginning to tire from the hard days of playing. However, they managed to sail through their first game of the day. Although the team were tired from the night before, dD managed to reach the point cap of 13 whilst conceding only a few points. The team was working well together and communicating effectively with the handlers – dD had reached their stride.

Winning their first game meant that dD were to play Sky Hawks, an experienced Swiss team they had beaten the previous day. The last match had been close, but Imperial knew it would be even tougher this time round. discDoctors had the

initial momentum and managed to draw out a lead before Sky Hawks battled back with some big grabs in the end-zone to bring the scores level at eight all. The final point of the game was again close, with both teams turning over, however dD stayed patient on the disc, before a forehand caught easily in the end-zone brought the game to an end, and Imperial to a final finishing place of 13th.

For a team not used to playing on sand and who always tried to have at least two women per line in a mostly male division, discDoctors played extremely well over the weekend, which is promising for the upcoming university season.

Ultimate Frisbee train twice a week and regularly compete in tournaments throughout the Autumn and Spring terms. All are welcome to attend training, regardless of experience. Please contact [ultimate@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:ultimate@imperial.ac.uk) for more information.

## Rowers gonna row row row row row

Toby Heaton  
Rowing

As a fresher, you're bombarded with propaganda from different clubs and societies telling you what fun you can have if you join their gang. How many provide any proof of this? At Imperial College Boating Club, we offer more than that. We are consistently the most successful sports club at Imperial, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> at BUCS regatta this year, qualifying 8 crews for Henley Royal Regatta and winning a silver medal at the European university rowing championships. Even if you've never rowed before, ICBC can be the club for you. Every year we have an excellent novice programme for people who haven't rowed before and even devote a coach specifically for this group!

But it's not all hard work either. We do fresher's week properly and play host to some legendary parties

throughout the year. Our toga party is our flagship social and is spoken of in hushed tones throughout the land.

If you're still not sold, come along

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to some of our taster sessions at our Putney boathouse. These are on Wednesday 7th, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>

and Wednesday 14th. They will all be early afternoon but follow us on Twitter @Imperialboat to

stay updated or come to our stall at the fresher's fair if you have any questions about ICBC.



We asked for a picture of them falling in but they didn't have any, so they must be good. Photo Credit: IC Rowing





## A word from the adrenaline junkies



And you thought The Mingle was scary. Photo Credit: José Videira

Jukka Hertzog  
Ice Hockey

Ice Hockey is without a doubt one of the most exciting games in the world. With speedy skaters, powerful shots, fearless goalies, and big hits, the intensity and pace of the game is unrivalled by any other sport. Last year had many great moments for the Imperial Devils, including a fantastic performance at nationals in April, and attending an international tournament in the Netherlands. Now, after a long summer of rest and preparation, the Devils are looking forward to another fierce season. Both the A and B teams are ready to build on last year's successes and work harder than ever before.

If you're interested in trying ice hockey at Imperial, everyone, from seasoned skaters to complete beginners, is welcome to get involved. Since we provide sticks, full kits and transport to the rink,

the Imperial Devils club is the best place for those looking to try out the sport. Experienced players will find a superb atmosphere in the dressing room and on the ice at our weekly training on Monday nights. New skaters will be helped to pick up the fundamentals at our "learn to play" programme throughout the autumn term. Email [ice-hockey@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:ice-hockey@imperial.ac.uk) for more information, or visit us at fresher's fair.

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It's hard to believe that at one point all these people were once nervous about Freshers Week. Photo Credit: Adam J Webb

### Fancy something more extreme than football?

Jonny Jackson & José Videira  
Skydiving

When did you last really test yourself, your mind or your body to its limit and experience something you've only ever heard about, or watched on YouTube? For example, have you ever wondered what it feels like to fall through a cloud at 150mph, or use the sky as your playground?

IC Skydiving, Imperial's most adrenaline-fuelled extreme sports club is here to give you that opportunity! We can help you with everything, from charity jumps to getting a full skydiving license from scratch (no prior experience

required!). We have experience in every discipline, from canopy formation to acrobatic wingsuiting, and can guide you from zero to hero.

We had an incredible year last year, obtaining two brand-new club parachutes, year-round jumping, foreign tours (2015 saw a crazy week in the idyllic Portuguese Algarve) and a new competition Formation Skydiving team.

If you aren't sure about skydiving, we run frequent vertical wind tunnel trips, so you can experience freefall while hovering only a few feet off the ground! Plus with newly formed relationships with other unis and skydivers, our social scene has never been better. You don't have to be a skydiver to join IC Skydiving, and who knows, you might just get hooked.

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