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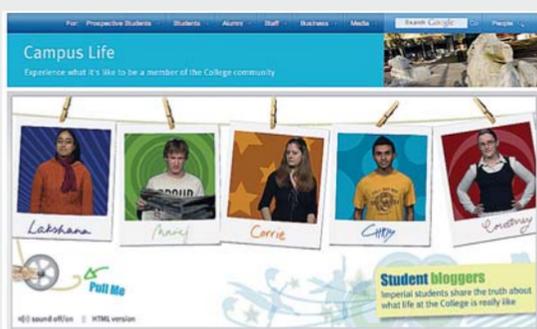
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Your chance to be a student blogger

At the beginning of the Autumn term, Imperial runs a student blogging competition which is open to all students at the College. The winners will have their own blog on the Imperial website. The blog will be a snapshot of your life as a student at Imperial, from life on campus, to events around London and what happened on your summer holidays.



Students that are selected to be part of the blog team will receive:

- A free digital camera with filming capabilities
- Monthly "Best Blogger Awards", which recognise the best blogger(s) of the month with tickets, vouchers and merchandise. The awards will celebrate those who blog regularly, get the most comments and stimulate the most interest from potential students and the Imperial community.
- A package of support to help promote your blog, including a **blog template**, **professional photo shoot**, and help with **photo and video editing**
- An opportunity to be part of future **College promotional materials**, including films and publications
- An opportunity to **win international blog and web awards**

How to enter

To apply, write 600 words about your first week of term, or capture Welcome Week in photos and send it to studentblogs@imperial.ac.uk

Entries are shortlisted by members of the College Communications team and the Student Union. Ten bloggers are finally selected from a range of subjects and years.

Read current student blogs:
www.imperial.ac.uk/campus_life/blogs

EDITOR'S PICK

The Best of Felix This Week



Your guide to gigs in Freshers' Week

London is constantly pumping with live music exploding and swooning out of every nook, cranny and converted basement almost 24 hours a day. It is therefore no small achievement that Music Editor **Greg Power** has prepared a guide to some of the best gigs on during Freshers' Week. Ranging from ear-splitting metal in some of the capital's dingiest venues to the most exciting upcoming bands at the Royal Albert Hall this guide has something for music enthusiasts and the uninitiated alike.

Union Meetings

Council

The first meeting of Union Council is on **Monday the 11th of October**. This will be where the Union's policy on Higher Education will be debated in the coming year, amongst other things. All students are welcome so head along, even if you just want to argue with someone.

Ents Committee

Sadly not that kind of Ents, this is the place where proposals for club nights are heard. All students can attend but if you want to be a voting member, there will be an election in the first few weeks of term



Union Executive

The next meeting of the Union Executive is on Thursday the 7th of October. This is the place where the day-to-day issues that affect the Union are managed. Again all students are welcome.

Lolcat of teh week



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The student voice of Imperial since 1949



Kadhim Shubber

“The need has been felt for some time for a frequently published journal to comment upon the affairs of the College whilst they are still topical...”

These were the first words ever printed in Felix. They modestly declared the intentions of the newspaper’s founder and first Editor, E.M. Hughes and have guided subsequent Editors ever since. Though he could have hardly expected the successes that this newspaper has achieved in its long history, it was auspicious that when it was first published on the morning of the 9th of December 1949, all 600 copies sold out within hours.

Many things that were true for Felix on that misty morning are still true today. Primarily the paper still “depends principally upon you, our readers” to produce articles, to air your opinions by writing in our letters section and to care

enough about the on-goings of your university to pick up your free issue every Friday. And admittedly yes much has changed. We are no longer printed on campus, we no longer charge students sixpence for the paper and we like to think that there’s a little bit more colour on these pages than there was 60 years ago. We sadly don’t donate our profits to Sports Day any more and we now employ a student full-time to produce the paper (E.M. Hughes, like many students involved in societies today, gave up his valuable free time in the pursuit of his passions.)

But though the design and production is different, our values and aims remain the same. Our purpose is to inform, elucidate and entertain you. We are here to stand up for student issues, for the truth and also, to take the piss (just a little bit.)

For 60 years Imperial students have

collaborated together to produce this wonderful publication so you can trust that this paper will never be written or edited with arrogance; knowing the talent of Imperial students it is certain that someone will have written with more clarity or edited with more thoroughness at some point in the paper’s history.

And so I end by humbly asking you to contribute to the paper this year. Whether it be by writing an article, an angry letter or editing the work of other students, know that Felix can never survive without you. And in return, I promise to uphold the intentions of the paper’s original founders with grace, humility and hopefully a bit of humour.

Oh and the name? As far as I can tell it was the nickname of a particularly popular student called F.C. Ewels. I’m guessing he must be quite pleased about how it all turned out.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Short answer: It’s really easy and we’d love for you to join. Long answer: Read on

This newspaper is written by entirely by students and we will never reject your contributions. We are all volunteers and had absolutely no prior experience when we started working for Felix. You don’t think you can write? Well we definitely couldn’t when we first turned up in the Felix Office, down in the West Basement of Beit Hall.

There are many ways for you to get involved. Email the Editor, Kadhim, at felix@imperial.ac.uk and just say “I want to get involved.” Or you can come see us at the Freshers’ Fair. Or you can come to our public meeting on Tuesday the 12th of October. Or go have a chat with the Editor every Monday lunchtime in the JCR at 12 o’clock. Or come down to the Felix Office at any time. It’s always open and we’re always glad to see

new faces.

Felix doesn’t exist to simply give one lucky student a break from their studies for a year, it exists to entertain you, it exists to inform you and it exists to give you the opportunity to see your efforts in print. So don’t be shy. You’ll get nothing but smiles and support from us.

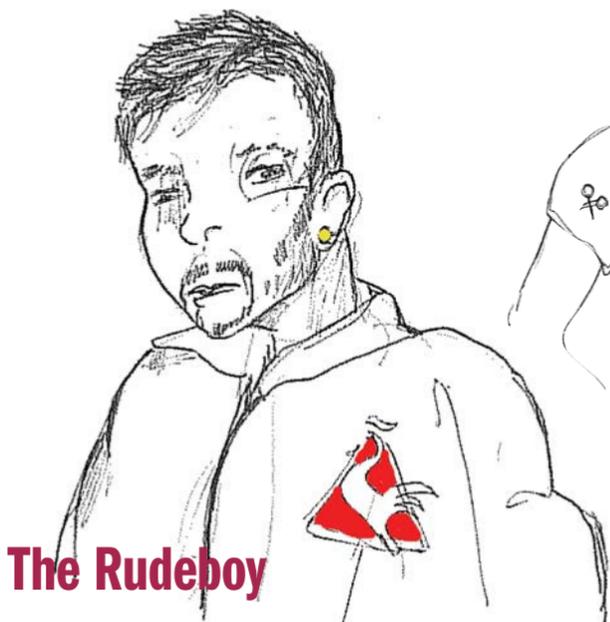
“We are all volunteers and we had absolutely no prior experience when we started”

Felix is looking for students to fill the following positions:

Puzzles Editor
Web Editor
News Reporter
Sports Reporter

Email felix@imperial.ac.uk expressing your interest. If you are keen to get involved in another way or for a different section then please also get in touch

What kind of Fresher are you?



The Rudeboy

Usually a strong believer in expensive sportswear, gel and earrings, this guy seems to have gone out of his way to look like an chav who won the Euro Millions. Clad in a potent combination of brands ranging from Le Coq Sportif trackies to Tiffany&Co jewelry, he is a true Imperial gentleman.



Too Cool for School

This guy is slightly too suave and looks a bit confused at the lack of females – like he expects someone to say ‘JUST KID-DING!’ and point to a room where all the girls are kept. Wears a scarf while cooking.



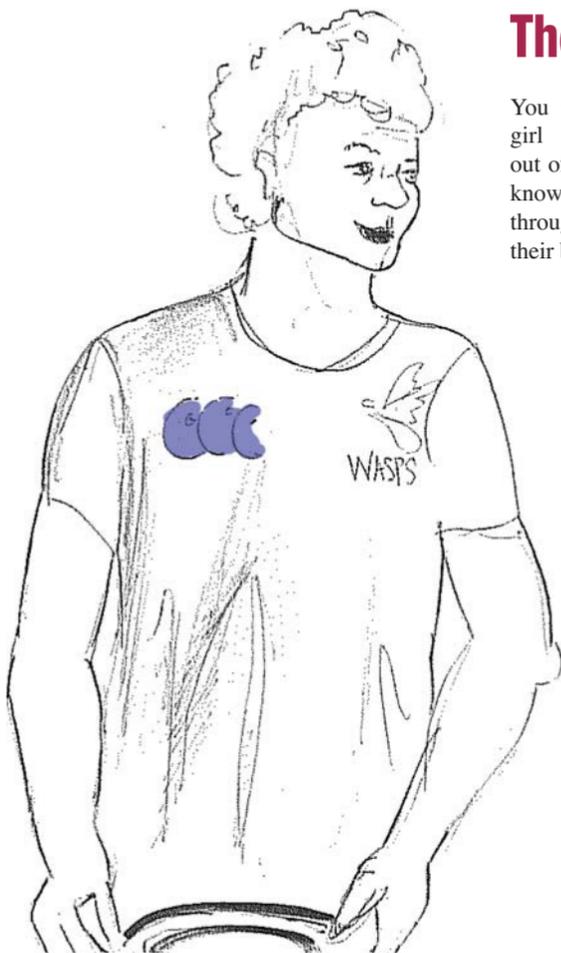
The Girl Making a Fresh Start

This girl doesn't have any old photos of herself on Facebook. You will never see any of her old friends around halls and has almost nothing to talk about pre-freshers week. She's left all that behind. Unfortunately, Imperial is a breeding ground for girls like this - surprised that they actually have the ability to make friends, they usually become obnoxious self important bitches (or just plain lovely, it's kind of hit or miss.)



The Recluse

You won't meet this guy/girl until you're moving out of halls and you'll only know of their existence through chance glimpses of their bedroom door closing.



The Athletic Guy

Usually curly haired and large chinned with oversized calfs from all the rock-climbing, mountain-biking and/or trekking he does. Overzealous about sport to the point that even his bulging veins have started sprouting their own bulging veins.



The Hot Girl

Hard to see, as she is usually surrounded by a sizeable group of assholes. You can bet her sweet ass and half a titty that some idiot will appoint himself as her bodyguard, by which I mean follow her around like a sheep with Alzheimer's. Almost guaranteed not to be English.



The Promoter

This person seems to have decided that milking newly forming friendships for a couple quid is a good idea - avoid being invited to whatever terrible student club night he's promising you free drinks at by feigning deafness or lamping him in the scrotum: the latter is usually preferable.

Photo by Robert MacCready



Top 20 things to do in 1st Year

Send your photos to felix@imperial.ac.uk

MEH

- 1. Pull an all nighter
- 2. Ask a complete stranger on a date
- 3. Drink a yard of ale... YOU LAD
- 4. Nick a traffic cone
- 5. Order a pizza to someone else's room

EASY

- 6. Busk outside the library
- 7. Get absolutely wasted and go to lectures
- 8. Shave your entire body for charity
- 9. Make dinner using other people's food
- 10. Get a tattoo

HARD

- 11. Go to Amsterdam for the weekend
- 12. Get on the news; local or national
- 13. Go skinny dipping in the Serpentine
- 14. Get naked in the Union
- 15. Drop out and start a band

WTF?

- 16. Play strip poker on the Queen's Lawn
- 17. Pie the Rector
- 18. Run for Union President
- 19. Take a dump in your tutor's office
- 20. Sleep with your lecturer

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SCIENCE

Bedroom Science and Experiments

The Steam Powered Can Crusher

No longer will you have to crush cans with your bare hands. Now, you can have science do it for you.

Items required:

- Cans.
- Cooker hob.
- Flat container.

Firstly, a word of warning: this experiment involves boiling water and hot metal. Take appropriate precautions.

1. Take an empty beer can (or find one of the rarer empty soft-drinks cans in your bin), one without a plastic widget.
2. Pour in a small amount of water, a centimetre or so deep.
3. Place the can on a cooker hob and heat until the water is boiling and lots of steam is coming out of the top.
4. Fill a shallow container with cold water.
5. Pick up the can, preferably with tongs or similar equipment and quickly but carefully invert into the cold water so the can opening is at the bottom, under the water surface.

How does it work?

As the can is heated, the air inside is displaced by the expanding steam. As the can is then cooled, the steam condenses. This happens much too rapidly for the water to enter the can and as the pressure inside decreases, the external air pressure should crush the can. For those of you who do not deserve to be at Imperial, this is of course the basis for the first ever steam engine.

Infrared Glasses

Items required:

- Glasses or goggles with removable lenses.
- "Congo blue" filter gel.
- "Primary red" filter gel.
- Incandescent lamp.

Contrary to popular belief, the human eye can see in the infrared (IR), albeit only in high intensity light. In order to see in IR, all other wavelengths must be blocked. Because the human eye is very poor at detecting IR light, a powerful source is required. Luckily, the sun will do.

1. Remove lenses from the glasses or goggles.
2. Cut out filters to fit.
3. Replace with three sheets of Congo blue and one of Primary red and bingo.

How does it work?

Three sheets of "Congo blue" and one of "Primary red" create a low-pass filter. The human eye is a high-pass filter and together these create a band-pass filter; the band passed in this case is in the IR range.

15 essential things that all Scientists should know

Katya-yani Vyas

5 Science Chat-up Lines

You've all heard about the famous Imperial ratio, so yes, we are a male-dominated university. However, if you are male, you are quite likely to run into a female that catches your attention at some point. In this event the following chat-up lines are not, under any circumstances, to be used. You will not only have cemented your self as a person with the social aptitude of a teaspoon, but will have also ruined your chances with said female. If you are a female, feel free to use them, I don't think it will substantially hinder your chances.

Would there be any resistance if I asked to take you ohm?

"How can I know hundreds of pi digits... but not the digits of your phone number?"

You are an acid and I am like litmus; every time I meet you I turn bright red.

You're so sweet, I am developing insulin resistance.

I'm studying quantum physics so I know we're going back to either your place or mine.

4 Hangover Tips

Being a university student, let's face it, you will probably spend a disproportionate amount of your time consuming alcohol and a lot of the time this will be during the week when you should really be sleeping in preparation for a day of lectures or labs etc. So, how do we solve the problem of the hangover that will make us rue our existence the next day? Well, we're scientists aren't we! Logic will prevail!

Before you drink eat a meal that is full of carbohydrates. This will prepare your stomach for the alcohol and increase the time taken for the body to absorb the alcohol. Also take a vitamin tablet, this will help top up the vitamins that you will lose through frequent urination.

To lessen your morning suffering take a vitamin supplement in the morning and then, if it is really severe, some scientists have suggested that diarrhoea medicine will help because it replaces minerals and rehydrates your body.

New research has suggested that the famous bacon sandwich does indeed have soothing effects on a hangover. The food increases



Would there be any resistance if I tried to take you ohm?

your metabolism and the protein in bacon breaks down to amino acids which replace neurotransmitters. Couple with a glass of orange juice (vitamin C helps get rid of toxins) and a banana (potassium helps regulate the your body's pH balance, and hopefully you should feel a little better.

Finally you could just delay the hangover with the 'hair of the dog' method which just requires that you carry on drinking when you wake up. But unless you plan to spend your life in a state of perpetual drunkenness you'll have to face the pain eventually.

Obviously, the best cure for a hangover is to drink in moderation but I can almost hear your derisive laughter...

3 ways to bluff your way though that tutorial

In the event that your attempts at preventing a hangover fail miserably, you are going to need to use some damn good bluffing. Luckily I have just the thing for you.

If your tutorial is in the morning you can claim that you have delayed sleep-phase syndrome. This generally causes the sufferer to have great difficulty in waking up early. Just make it seem like you are about to die and the tutor may feel sorry for you.

If you haven't done any work, the safest bet is to pretend to ask a question. Start by pointing to a question and saying, 'I just wanted to ask you about this, so I integrated (or plotted a histogram if you're a biologist) and...hmm...' Now stare intently at the paper for a few seconds and then exclaim, 'Ah! that's it, thank you so much professor'.

Then strut off looking extremely excited about your breakthrough.

The absolute ultimate excuse requires a little bit of work. first discover what your tutor's area of interest is, then look up a few facts about it. Email your tutor a few hours after the tutorial apologising profusely for not attending and then explain that you were at a lecture on their particular interest and say how fascinating it was. A risky strategy but ultimately the most effective if you can pull it off.

2 lines that you should prepare your mind for

People who say these lines to you can basically be disregarded as lesser social beings...

"YAH, but A-levels were, like, sooo easy, I literally did no work."

"Yeah, I applied to Oxford/Cambridge, but I didn't want to go there anyway"

1 book you should pretend you've read

'The Trouble With Physics' by Lee Smolin

'In search of Schrodinger's Cat' was so three years ago, this is the new book to wax lyrical about. If you're a physicist, you should actually read it, otherwise just tell people you have, mutter something about string theory and wave your hands around (gesticulating wildly throws people off and makes you seem clever yet loveable).



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TECHNOLOGY

Top Tips from the Imperial College ICT Service Desk

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Get your Imperial email, calendar and contacts from anywhere on the planet with Outlook Web Access.

Imperial WPA

Campus-wide WiFi is available using your Imperial College login credentials.

Norton AntiVirus

A free download of Norton AV for Windows or OSX is available on the ICT website or via the software shop.

Microsoft Ultimate Steal

Students can buy Microsoft Office at a heavily discounted rate from www.ultimatesteal.co.uk

ICT Service Desk User Support

Open 9am-6pm, Mon-Fri on Level 4 Sherfield Building, 49000 or at: www.imperial.ac.uk/ict/servicedesk

24/7 ICT FAQ Support

Check out the answers to common questions at: www.imperial.ac.uk/ictfaq

IT Security Tips from the ITC Security Office

Keep your password safe

ICT will never ask for your password so don't give it to anyone. Use 8 character passwords with a mix of cases, numbers and punctuation.

Know your limits

Use of IT at Imperial is subject to usage policies. Your Internet activity is logged and networks are monitored. Check out <http://bit.ly/ICTpolicy> for more.

Backup your data

Make sure important files like coursework are backed up or stored on your H drive. Never store your only copy on a stealable portable device.

Watch your privacy

Social networking is great, but without appropriate privacy settings your information is ripe for the picking. Remember, your personal details can be used to get into your banking, your credit cards and email.

Imperial Technology Survival Guide 2010

All you need to know about tech life here at Imperial

Samuel Gibbs

Welcome Freshers! You've made it to Imperial, a place where technology and life should go hand in hand. I'll leave that up to you to decide whether that's true, but here's a quick guide to tech at college and the surrounding areas of London to see you through your first couple of weeks.

These days you are probably already armed with some sort of computer, maybe even just a netbook. But in the unlikely event you get caught short, there are plenty of computers scattered around Imperial that are free to use. Armed with your IC login, you have full unadulterated access to the Internet. Be warned that there is a usage policy and ICT is watching, Big Brother style, as those of us who have fallen foul in the past can attest.

At College

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

Of course, Imperial has a campus wide wireless network. Imperial-WPA is the preferred connection and can be logged onto with pretty much any modern device, including smartphones, with your Imperial login details. Some halls are kitted out for WiFi, but many still rely on Ethernet in rooms, which is also a great deal faster.

Whilst using a non-college computer you can still get access to your H drive by using the Home directory finder (on the Imperial ICT website) and following the

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

In Halls

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

Imperial, especially South Kensington, is a pretty benign place overall, but there are a few things to be aware of now that you're here. A decent firewall is a must and if you're a PC user, get yourself some anti-malware such as the brilliant Microsoft Security Essentials or Symantec which the college provides for free. If you're connected to the College network literally thousands of people can find and compromise your computer with minimal effort, so make sure you use protection. After all, you wouldn't want to go home to your Mum with a nasty infection now would you? Mac users - make sure you have your firewall on, by default it's off, because people can still steal your stuff. Backups, you probably hear this a lot, are the saviour of many a poor soul. From hardware failures, accidents, thieves and malware, there are lots of cause of data loss these days. Irreplaceable photos of your roommate slumped in the corner with marker pen all over his face, or coursework for that matter,

needn't be lost should you have a good backup.

Monetary protection for your gear is also important. Being a public place, nefarious types can get into halls, lecture theatres and seminar rooms and half-hitch your best stuff. It happened several times when I was in your shoes and those who weren't insured paid dearly. You'll need a student insurer like Endsleigh who specialize in insurance geared up for students at reasonable rates. Some halls of residence also have insurance built into the rent so check with your Wardening team to get the specifics. Stolen gear doesn't always have to mean a wrecked week, if you're covered.

Music

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



Using a client available for Windows, OSX and Linux, the service provides 20 hours of streaming a month from a large music library with artists from EMI, Sony, Universal, Warner and some other smaller labels. There's the odd advert between songs and ads are displayed in the program itself, but if you're after music on the cheap you can't get much better. If you're a heavy user you can even go with Spotify Unlimited for £4.99 a month or Premium for £9.99 a month to get Spotify on your phone and offline.

London Town

Of course you're not just here in London to study, so your tech life should follow you out and about

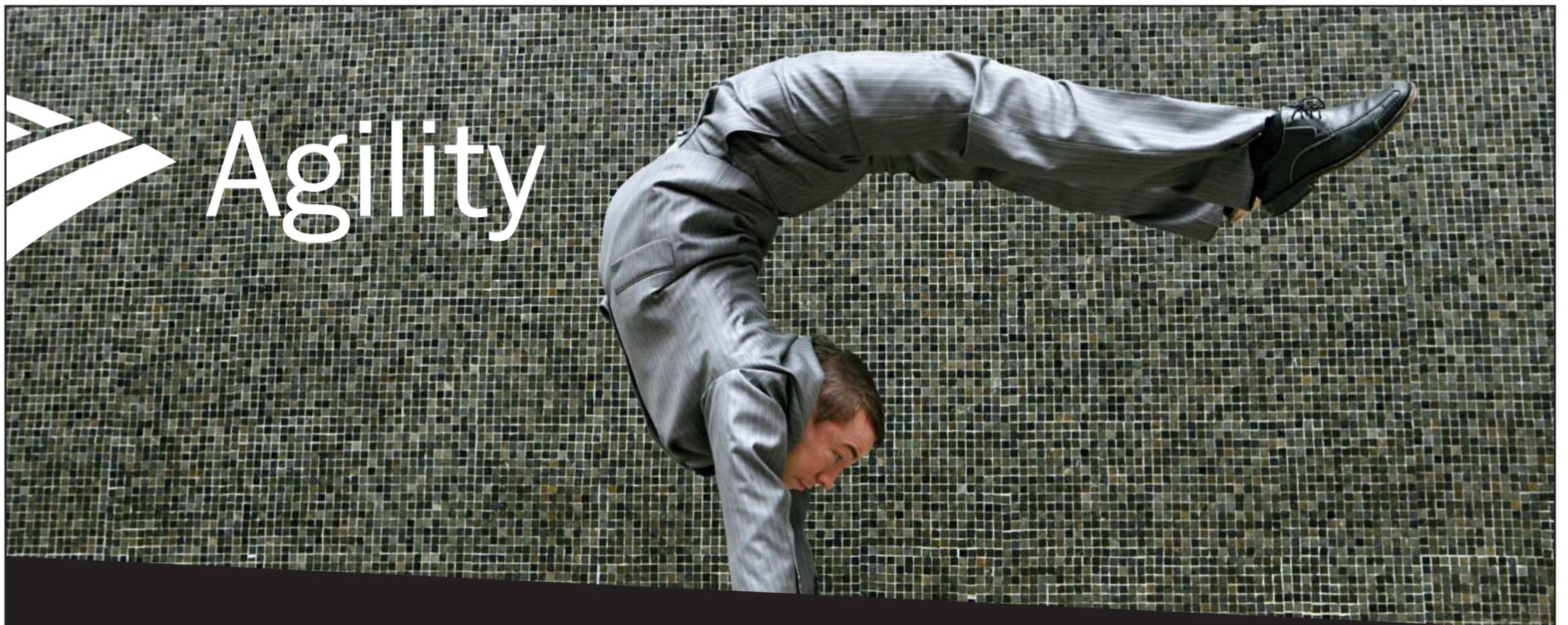
in our nation's capital. Pretty good 3G signal can be had across London on the whole, for those equipped with smartphones, modems and portable hotspots. For those in need of WiFi, London just so happens to be one of the most connected cities on the planet. Almost every coffee shop on every corner offers WiFi of some sort, whilst phone boxes and even some lampposts about the city also act as hotspots. Most are run by BT, T-mobile, the Cloud and O2, but having an account with one of them normally means you can log into others using a cross network login system.

But what if you in need of a new gadget? The 'world famous' Tottenham Court Road plays host to quite a few consumer electronics stores and even has three tube stations along it, so it's easy to get there and back with your goods. London also plays host to three Apple stores, Regent Street, Covent Garden and Westfield, should you be a Mac-o-phile. There's even a PC World, if you absolutely must, located close to college on High Street Ken.

London Transport

London is a fantastic place to run around exploring, but not all of it works all the time, especially when there are strikes! This is where TfL's journey planner and travel updates are absolutely essential reading for all Londoners. With tube, rail and bus updates to keep you abreast of disruptions, TfL.gov.uk should be your first port of call before stepping out the door. Smartphone users can get TfL apps too, most are free or cheap, or there's a TfL mobile site for when you're on the go. And don't forget your everyday tech, Oyster card of course, because those paper tickets are getting mighty expensive. RFID baby!

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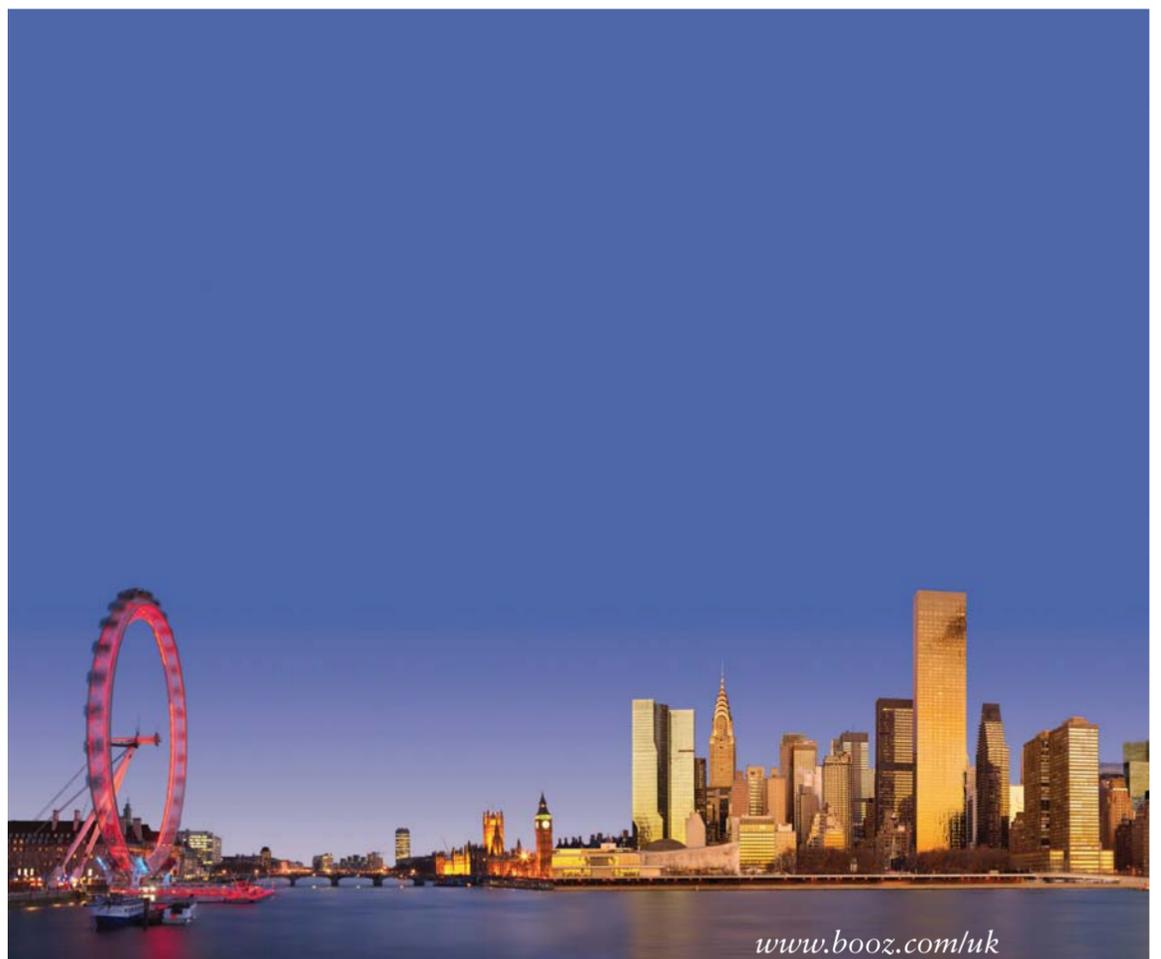
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FELIX

This is a time of great change for students and universities. So make sure your opinions are heard

This newspaper has a long and distinguished history of informing, supporting and entertaining students and in the coming years, during your time at this great university, this vital role that Felix plays at Imperial will be ever more important.

Coming to university is an exciting experience but also a little frightening, even in the good times. Saying goodbye to family and old school friends is difficult and finding your feet at university isn't always straightforward. At the same time however, the freedom of being an independent person and the fantastic new experiences that you will have are guaranteed to put a beaming smile on your face.

Unfortunately, as you will well know, we no longer live in 'good times'. The fact that you are reading this newspaper means that you were not one of 220,000 students who didn't receive a place at university this year. No doubt this is due to your intelligence, ability and grades but you must be under no illusions about the changes that will occur while you are at university.

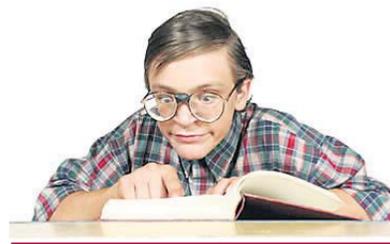
The coalition will likely implement cuts to university funding of between 25% to 40%. This will affect the quality of your teaching, of the facilities that you use and your university experience in general. In addition the Browne Review into how students pay for university will, at the end of October, probably recommend increasing tuition fees to £7,000. The government may not accept the review's recommendations but don't fool yourself into thinking that the system is going to stay the same. There will be a change.

There is a debate raging in this country about this impending change in higher education and it is your responsibility and your duty to future students at Imperial to be involved in it. It has become a truism that Imperial students are apathetic and apolitical, but now the politics is about you, about your education and about your money. It is simply not good enough to say "I don't care."

So make yourself heard. Engage in the debate online, in comment threads and on blogs. Inform yourself by reading up on the issue, newspapers would be a good place to start. This is your moment, your opportunity to shape your university experience and to protect it; don't let it pass you by.

Change is overrated

You haven't come to uni to be 're-born'; just have fun



Angry Geek

"The thing with change is, it feels good at first but the allure wears off and you'll realise you've been pandering to other people"

You're on the brink of it. You're reading this Freshers' copy, most likely picked up off the floor of your room in halls, and you're very nearly there. You've spent the last few months being told that your exams were too easy, your future is jobless, your university fees higher than ever, your hair too long and your generation's romantic comedies too full of Gerard Butler. Most of these things are not true. Gerard Butler does appear to be able to star in several movies simultaneously, however.

The good news is this - you can forget that now. Those people are behind you - confined to your old secondary school, bitter tabloid newsrooms and your hometown. You're now a free agent, a university student with the power to be who you want, say what you want, and claim to have done things in your gap year that are physically impossible or otherwise massively unfeasible. Don't be the guy who claims to have taught modern dance to underprivileged kids in Brazil. Don't be him.

The bad news is that, as Spiderman taught us, with great power comes a proportionally higher number of dickheads. If there's one thing Imperial excels at, it's dickheads per student, and as Freshers here you'll find that your year bears the brunt of most of them. You'll see the rich fashionistas who flinch every time they come into contact with someone poor enough to need a student loan;



Barack Obama... Proof that 'Change' is overrated. Zing!

you'll be treated to the business plans of a dozen Financial Times-reading arseholes, whilst struggling to breathe under the torrent of disdain being poured all over you; you will encounter the endless borderline-insane student politicians and activists who want to change the world by shouting loudly at it; and you will of course have to put up with the weekly opinions of the sort of self-aggrandising lunatics who hide behind pseudonyms and write for student newspapers. Cocks.

If I've accidentally labelled you in that list and you're feeling uncomfortable now, well, so am I. Don't worry about it. If you're not on that list but are getting apprehensive about the prospects of spending the next three years with the people on it, then that's good. You should be. There's a lot of talk about how great a new beginning this is for you, and how you can be who you want to be, cast off the insulting nicknames that insinuate various sex acts with domestic animals, and reinvent yourself as a new person. Unfortunately, if you were the kind of person who naturally attracted that sort of nickname, then don't expect to stay Mister Definitely-Doesn't-Shag-Goats very long. Here's a sad truth - university doesn't change most people. Particularly the nickname-inventors.

But it can change you. Now there's an idea. You can realise that you're surrounded by one of the most fantastic cities in the world, full of real people. People who aren't interested in your

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private life, or your childhood spent on farms. You can realise that, whilst the percentage of arseholes has remained about constant, the number of people you're studying with has increased tenfold. Look in the right places, and you'll find the people you want to be around. So here's your Freshers' Week advice from Uncle Angry - and this is a thing I try as hard as I can to stay away from in normal weeks, so enjoy it while it's not full of vitriol and hatred - is this: don't change.

The thing with change is, it feels good at first, especially once your parents have sodded off home in the car and you realise you can put your towels anywhere you bloody like now thanks Mum. But the allure will wear off eventually, and you'll realise you've spent the intervening time pandering to people who are to oxygen what that fleshy bit in the middle of you is to your trousers.

That's 'a waist', for those of you who have started drinking already (which I always recommend before reading Felix). I'd leave you to do the boom-tss on the nearest desk. Enjoy Freshers' Week - I'll see you in term time.

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COMMENT

Enough damn advice already!



Gilead Amit

“Freshers’ Flu is a real phenomenon. What I have found really makes Freshers sick, however, is advice.”

Before you get any further, I feel you should know that writing these things isn’t as easy as it looks. That’s partly because you don’t actually see us writing them, but mainly because, unlike columnists at the Guardian who write for everybody who counts, and those at the Sun who write for everybody who can’t, we have no idea what sort of crowd we’re writing for.

Where are you from? What is your name? What are you here to study? Are you still reading this seemingly endless list of questions? These are all questions I’d love to be able to answer but at the moment I’m as much in the dark as it’s possible to be with the light actually on.

By far the more serious problem facing me is that I’m supposed to address your concerns without knowing any of the above (which are clearly, as I’m sure you’ll agree, prerequisites for the formulation of any coherent, practical suggestions). What is one supposed to do? I could always go to the college’s statistics database and attempt to write a piece tailor-made for the average student, but seeing as they would end up being 1/4 female and 3/4 other, I have a feeling I’d be just as much at a loss.

The best I can hope to do is try to answer some of the more obvious questions that might be spinning around the partially-loaded revolver of your mind in our mutual game of Russian roulette.

These might include: Is this the sort of dreck that passes for a student newspaper these days? Does Freshers’ Flu really exist or is it a myth, like David Cameron’s Big Society and Jeremy Clarkson’s penis? Do I really need to work for a hedge fund in order to get a well-paid job? What’s a hedge fund? What’s a well-paid job? And who is this prick with the questions anyway?

Most of those questions have fairly self-evident answers. But one that may surprise you is that yes, Freshers’ Flu does exist. Though you will probably escape unscathed, the true victims will be the seniors in your hall of residence who, in a desperate attempt to prove that they are still young, will get violently drunk, be violently sick, and violently dance about in the November chills without the fleece sweater you so assiduously promised your mother that you would wear.

What I have found really makes Freshers sick, however, is advice. And if you have a sensitivity to it, then my advice is to pile on the medication before you

reach the end of this sentence and realise that you’ve already been infected.

It just can’t be helped. Your parents will by now have offered you so much advice it’ll seem like they’ve been buying up global fortune cookie stocks in the event that budget cuts cause a drastic shortage in Chinese restaurants.

Even friends who, by an accident of parental arousal, made it to university a year or two before you, will like nothing better than to feed you horror stories, interspersed, of course, with legends of their quasi-Arthurian chivalry and valour. All the while, student newspaper columnists who don’t know you will feel perfectly comfortable pontificating at you from within these very pages.

There’s simply no escape. A powdery snowstorm of advice is blowing all around you, and you have no choice but to pull on your fleece sweater and charge through it.

And what to do about it? Listen to it? Ignore it? Make little snowballs and throw it back in our faces?

Do whatever you want. Enjoy yourselves, be considerate towards each other, and take every opportunity that comes your way. If you’re not sure how best to do that - well, you know who to turn to.

Letters to the Editor

These comment pages are filled each week with horrendous diatribes, outrageous arguments and confused circular logic; and that’s just the Editorials. But they wouldn’t be anywhere near as fun without the letters and responses of the students. The Felix letters section is your message-board. It’s a place where you can complain about your lecturers, about the food on campus and most importantly about the content and execution of our beloved cat Felix. If you don’t like what we’ve written, how we’ve written it or even the person who has written it, then send the Editor a letter at felix@imperial.ac.uk

You don’t have to be polite or even reasonable. It might be a good idea to spell check your letter before sending it (it is always embarrassing to criticize someone else’s efforts when your own is frankly lacking...) but aside from that, allow your personality to come across in your writing.

One more thing, try to be brief. An 800 word letter is just a rant, and nobody likes a rant. (Well we do, but we just won’t print it in full...)

Freshers’ Tip #29: Avoid leopards



Rhys Davies

“During lectures on a Friday afternoon, mere minutes will drag on with the ancient weight of untold centuries”

Abig hello to those of you picking up Felix for the very first time. And a very good day to you! You are at the beginning of one of the most exciting, terrifying... and certainly unique periods of your life. University. London. People. It gives me a buzz just thinking about it. To prepare you for what lies in store, I will relate a brief Freshers’ Guide to Imperial. First piece of advice: if you ever need a computer in the library, learn how to say, “Stop playing World of Warcraft and get out!” in five different languages.

But you will have received advice in abundance by now and I’m sure you’ve grown tired of this rehashed sagacity and don’t need it repeated once again. So, I decided to write a different guide, one that scratches the surface to reveal the gooey inner workings of Imperial. The wisdom contained has, taken years of study (and avoidance thereof) to attain.

Other guides will teach you about the dreaded Freshers’ Flu and how it can be avoided. While this is a very real danger, the threat tends to pass within a fortnight. What they fail to mention are leopards, a year-long hazard. Leopards are the only natural predator to pedestri-

ans in London. They arrived in the city, as most exotic creatures do, as part of a private collection but they escaped into the wild, where their numbers have been growing steadily ever since. Leopards hunt mainly at night so seek shelter at the Union during this time. While staying in a group provides some safety, be aware that leopards are not afraid to attack prey in herds, so make sure you have some slow friends.

My guide-writing colleagues would then move on to talk about the imposing edifice on the Queen’s Lawn, the Central Library, and so shall I. I’ll say it plainly; it is hot in there, uncomfortably hot. I’ve seen students in shorts and sandals in the middle of winter (though, this might be more a reflection on the student body.) But the real danger in the library furnace is madness. The stress that comes with exams and coursework, combined with the heat, has driven many a poor student insane. If you experience any nausea, vertigo, delusions of grandeur, wall-melting, time-travel, hearing colours or conversations with the furniture, get out immediately and seek medical help.

You will also be told that you will go to bed at four after a night of stupid and fun things and that you will get up at six

to more stupid and fun things. Wait, no, reverse that. Time, as you will discover, is a most fluid construct at Imperial, as rigid and unyielding as a piece of overcooked spaghetti – another facet of life with which you will become intimately acquainted. The day/night cycle will still exist but will be purely academic to you. You will wake up in a strange place at a strange time (quite possibly with strange people) and wonder how you got there – you will only recall the entire night’s proceedings as a few fleeting seconds. At other times, especially during lectures on a Friday afternoon, mere minutes will drag on with the ancient weight of untold centuries. With a helpful copy of Felix, you might skim that down to a scant few decades.

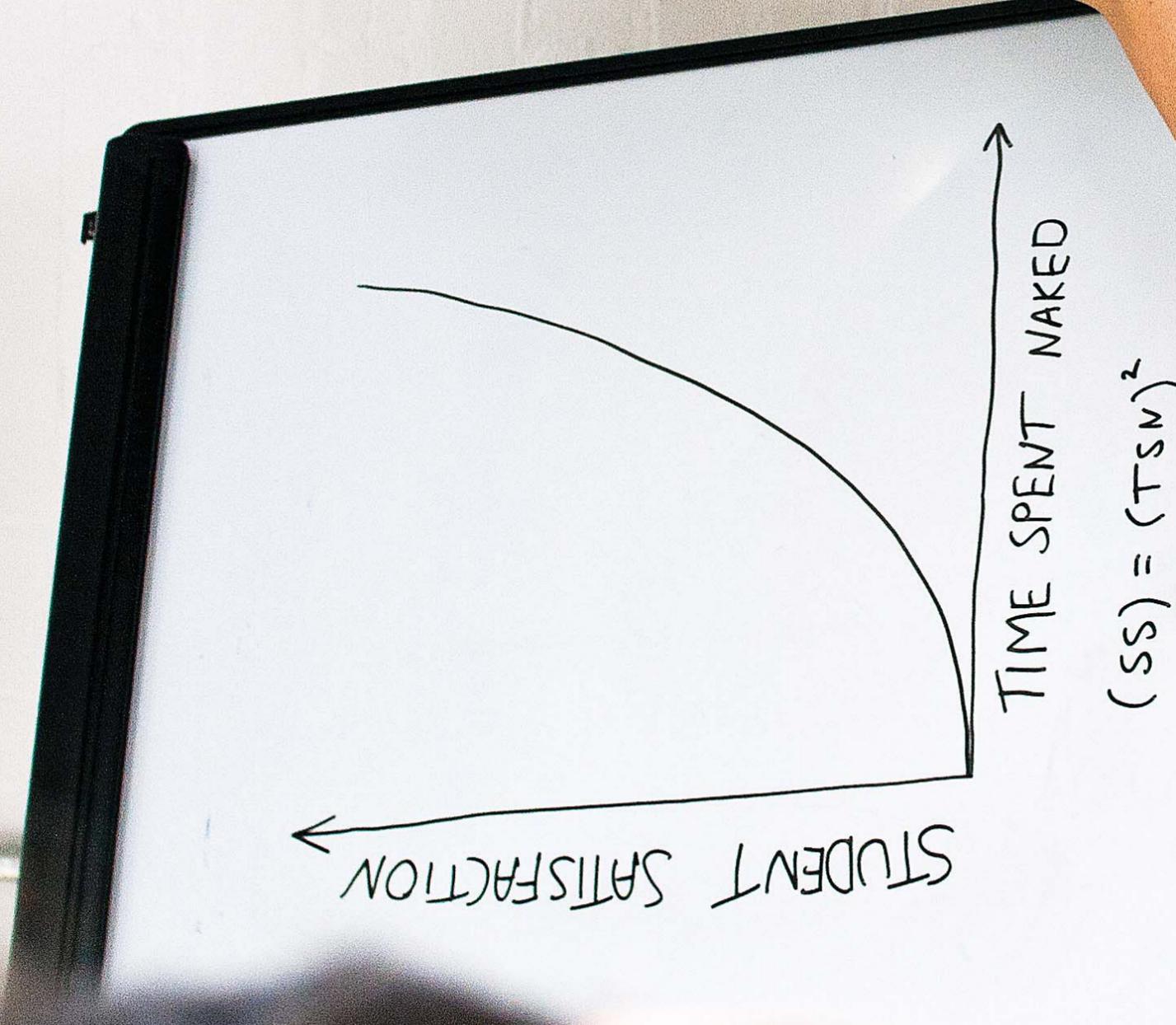
This is by no means the end of my insights; this is just a taster to start you off. Remember that all the advice you read has been gained and harvested the hard way, through living it. That itself is a guarantee of its worth. But hey, you can ignore all this if you want – just so long as you remember this; The best way to survive in London, and to learn what’s what in Imperial is to get out there and live it for yourself... avoiding leopards where possible.

Do you want to be a columnist?

Are you hilarious, topical, witty and well written? No? Well neither are any of our columnists. If there is something that you feel strongly about, a burning issue that cannot be left untackled, a point that you feel needs to be made urgently, then feel free to submit a 600-800 word piece to **comment**. felix@imperial.ac.uk. We will allow people to write anonymously but we will not accept anonymous submissions (we at least have to know who you are.)

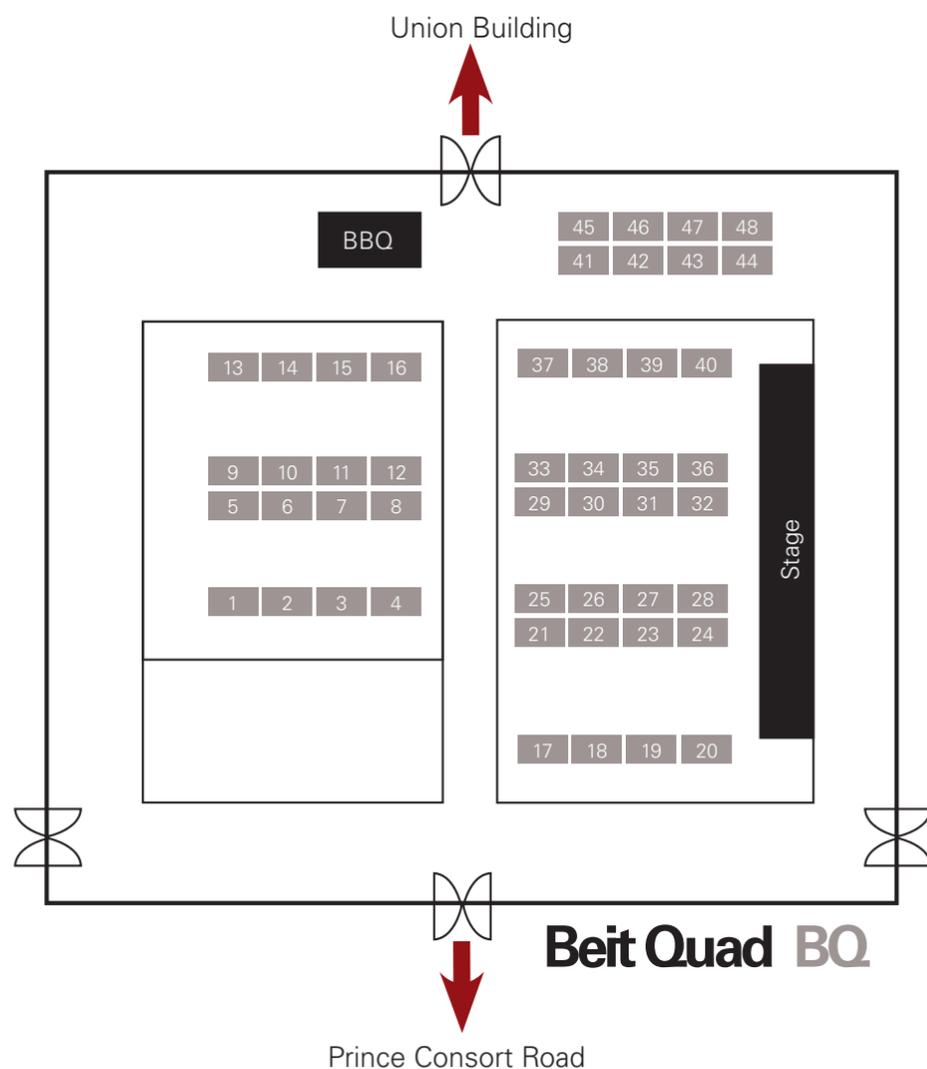
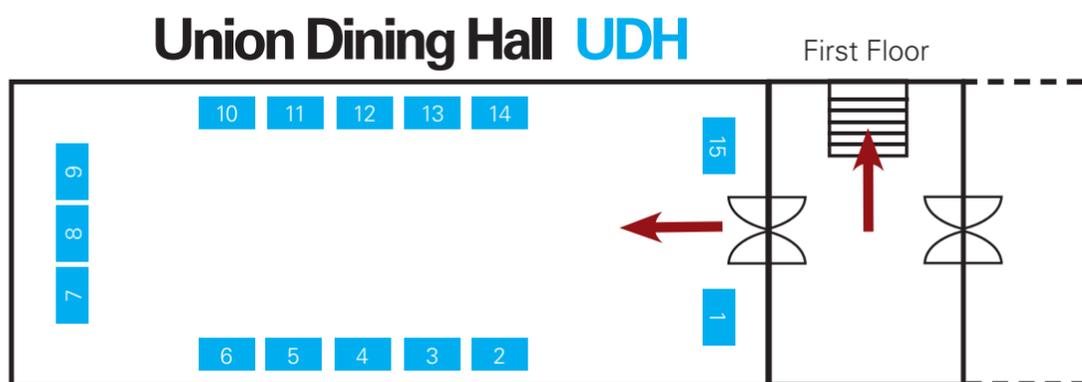
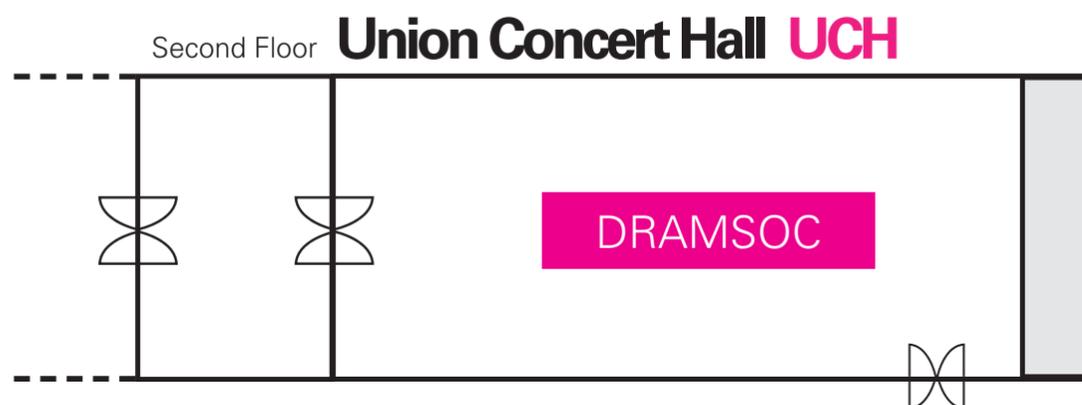
We’ll give extra brownie points to students who let us know what they’re writing about before they write it.

Alternatively, see “Letters to The Editor” above



FRESHERS' FAIR 2010

Tuesday 5 October, 11am – 4pm



Heather Jones
Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

I hope you're already planning on coming to Freshers' Fair but if you're unsure, hopefully a glance at this guide can persuade you to come along! Freshers' Fair is where all the Clubs, Societies and Projects at Imperial are all given a stall to promote their group's activities and persuade you to get involved.

On the day the atmosphere is fantastic as thousands of students flood campus looking for a group with which to practise their hobbies. Stalls are clustered by type so if you're a fan of the outdoors or a keen musician you should be able to find the groups associated with those pursuits all in one area. However, I would strongly advise you to make an effort to visit each area even if you doubt you'll find anything interesting there; coming to university is one of the best times to begin a new hobby or pastime, and even if you don't see anything of interest at least you'll pick up a few more freebies! We're incredibly proud of the diversity and dedication of our groups, allowing students to pursue almost any interest they can imagine, so make sure you take full advantage of the breadth of activities we offer during your time here.

At Freshers' Fair we operate a strict no trading policy, so you needn't worry about having to part with any money on the day. Instead the clubs will encourage you to sign up to their mailing lists so that you can be kept informed of when they are meeting and what they're up to. Don't worry about signing up to too many as it's easy to unsubscribe once you've decided which groups you'd like to remain involved with – initially the best idea is to keep your options open and then whittle down your choices once you've listened for a few weeks to what the clubs have to offer.

Once you've decided which Clubs, Societies or Projects you want to join, most require you to pay a membership fee to join. Many actually run free taster sessions to demonstrate their activities. They can be a little daunting, say if you've never done ballroom dancing, but many similarly daring people will be in the same boat and the groups will be familiar with and more than willing to help out newcomers.

If you do miss any early gatherings of groups you are interested in, don't worry as you can join a group at any time of the year. Likewise, you can sign up to any group's mailing list whenever you like. Just get in contact with the Chair of the group. Club, Societies and Project contact details can be found on imperialcollegeunion.org.

Enjoy the Fair and I look forward to meeting many of you on the day!

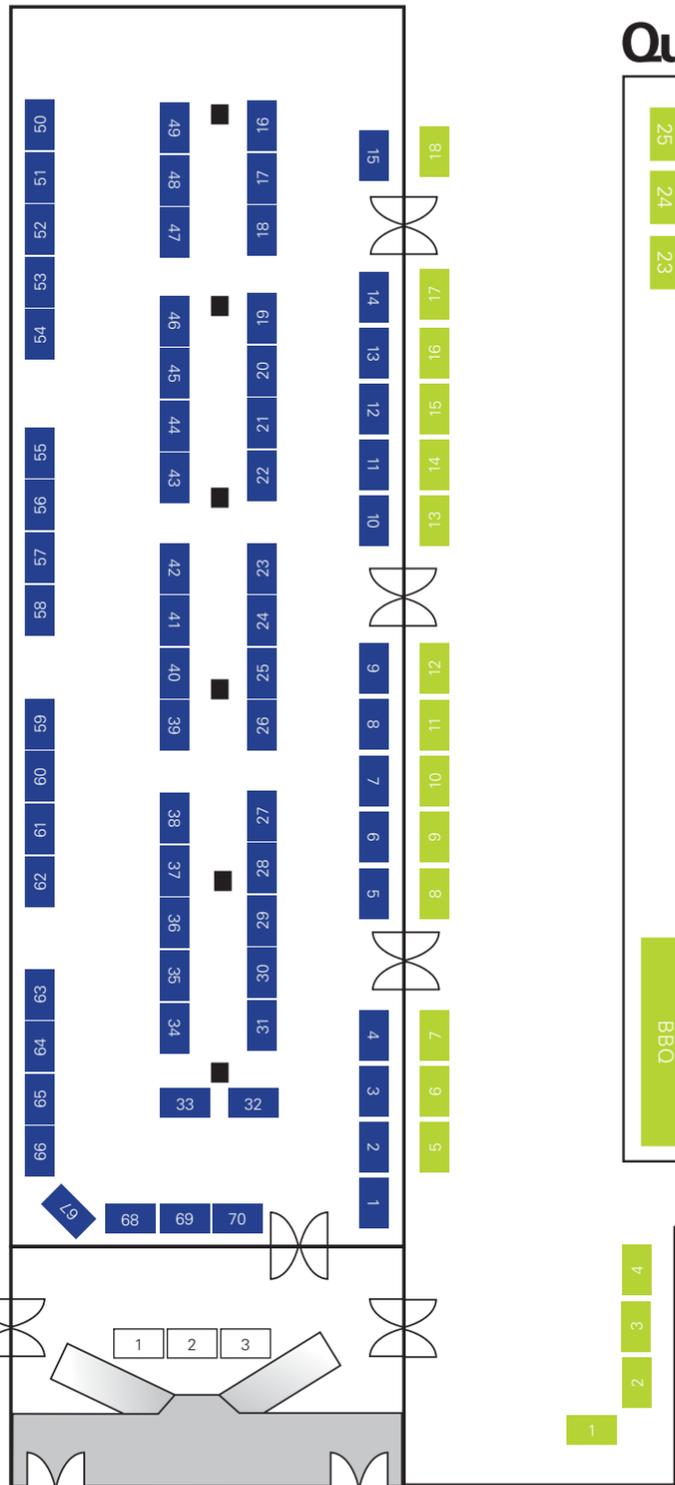
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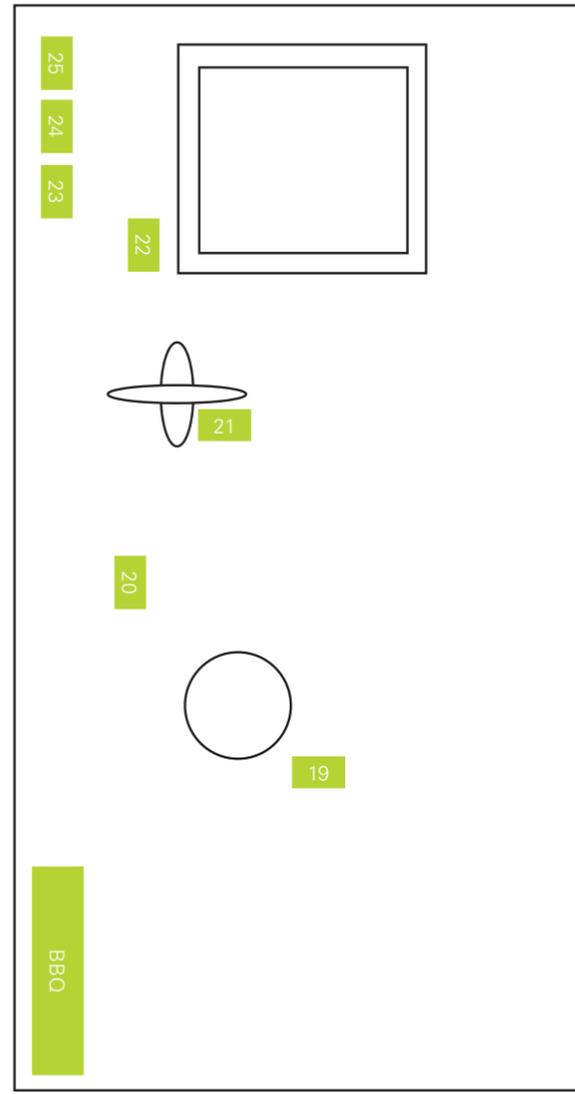
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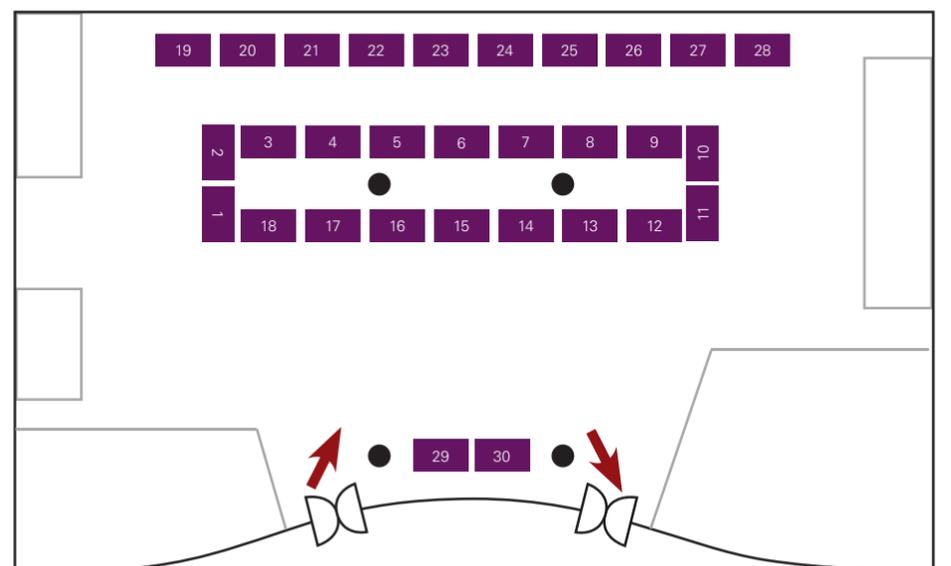


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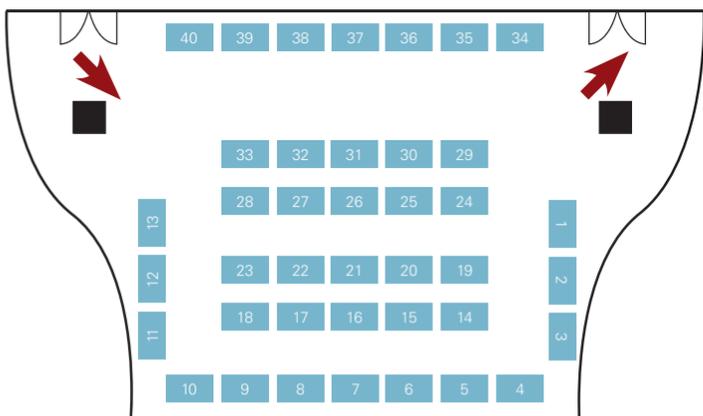


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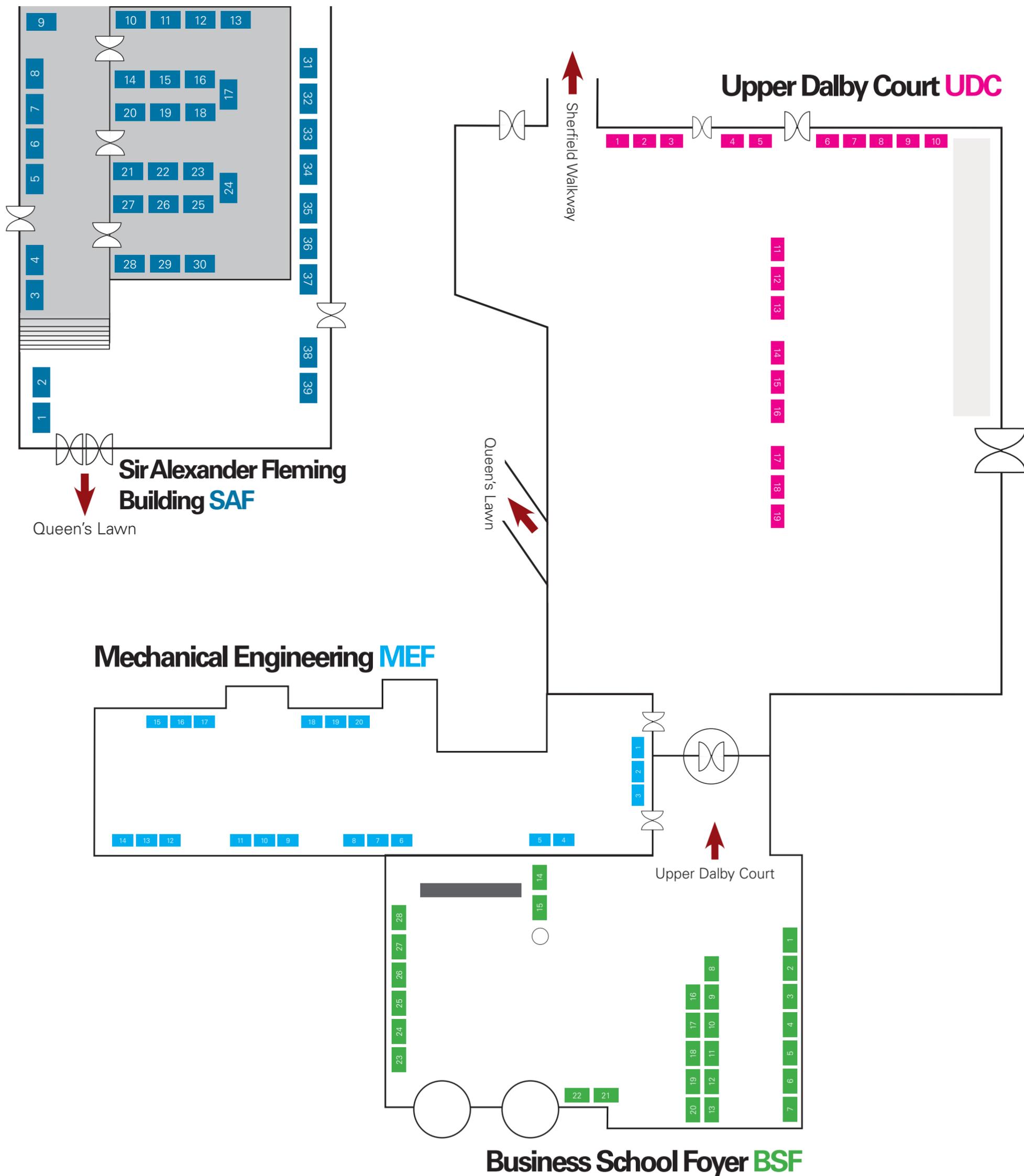


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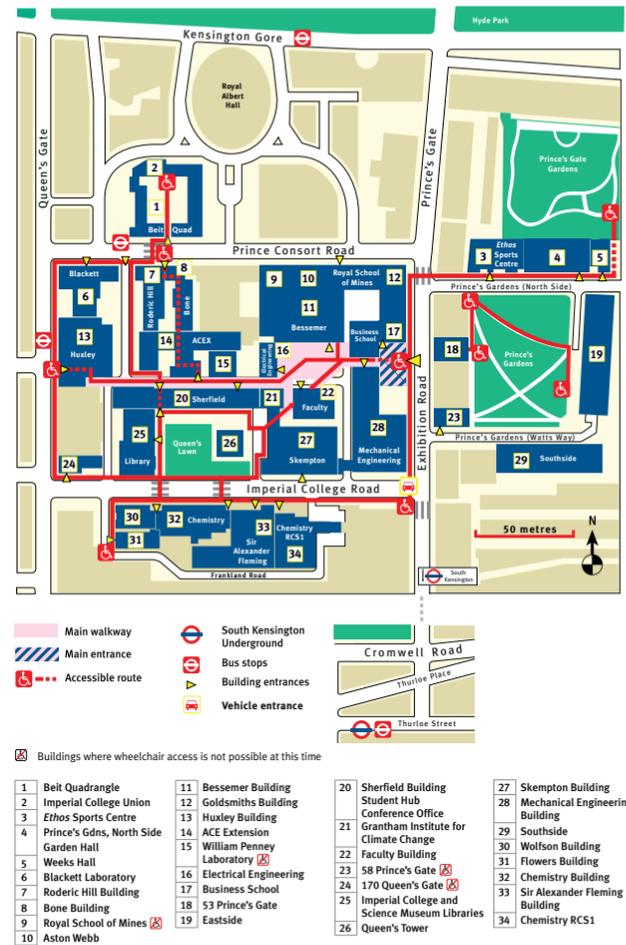
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ABACUS	UDH 1	Filipino Martial Arts	QL 15	Music Technology	QTR 20	Sports Partnership	BSF 15
Aeronautics	MEF 12	Film	QL 3	Musical Theatre	QTR 11	Squash	BSF 2
Afro-Caribbean	GH 11	Finance	BSF 26	Musical Theatre Tour	QTR 10	Squash (Medics)	SAF 16
AGAPE Student Life	QL 24	Fitness	BQ 27	Muslim Medics	SAF 38	Sri-Lankan	GH 7
Ahlul Bayt	JCR 1	Floorball	BSF 21	Netball	UDC 3	St Barnabas Church	QTR 60
Ahmadiyya Muslim Students Association	JCR 2	Food Cycle	BQ 15	Netball (Medics)	SAF 14	St John LINKS	CP 10
Aikido	QL 4	Football	UDC 2	NHSBT	QTR 51	STA Travel	QTR 54
Alternative Music	QTR 6	Football (Medics)	SAF 21	Orchestra of the age of Enlightenment	QTR 50	Step Change	QTR 66
American Football	UDC 7	Foyles Bookshop	QTR 30	Outdoor Club	BQ 22	STOIC	QTR 45
Amnesty International	UDH 2	French	GH 23	Pakistan	GH 32	String Ensemble	QTR 2
Anime	QTR 8	Friends of Medicins Sans Frontiers	BQ 7	Palestinian Soc	GH 17	Student Blogs	QTR 29
Apple	QTR 28	Funkology	BQ 26	Parachute	BQ 23	Student Hub	QTR 53
Arabic	GH 25	Gaelic Sports	UDC 5	Parkour, Free Running & Gymnastics	UDC 18	Subaqua (Medics)	SAF 27
Archery	UDC 15	Gaming	JCR 7	Pass	UDH 3	Surfing	BQ 45
Armenian	GH 35	Geophys Soc	MEF 1	Percussion	QL 22	Surgical Soc (Medics)	SAF 34
Arts & Photo (Medics)	SAF 6	German	GH 2	Philosophy Soc	BSF 25	Swim/Waterpolo	BQ 43
Arts Imperial	QTR 31	Gliding	QL 21	Photographic	QTR 46	Symphony Orchestra	QTR 1
ArtSoc	QTR 9	Global Brigades	BQ 10	Physics	MEF 18	Synchronized Swimming	QTR 47
Asian Medical Students' Association	SAF 39	Golf	UDC 4	Pilates (Medics)	SAF 15	Table Football	BQ 36
Assassins Guild	QL 1	Gospel Choir	QTR 49	Poker	JCR 4	Table Tennis	BSF 20
Astro	QL 2	GradMed	SAF 33	Polish	GH 28	Tae Kwon Do	QL 8
Atheist & Agnostic	JCR 12	Graduate Recruitment Bureau	QTR 37	Political Philosophy	UDH 10	Taiwan	GH 19
Athletics (Medics)	SAF 19	GSA Exec	MEF 4	Punjabi	JCR 6	Tea Society	BQ 34
Backgammon	JCR 20	Handball	BSF 1	Racing	BSF 7	Ten Pin Bowling	BQ 31
Badminton	BSF 22	Hellenic	GH 37	Radio-Controlled Model	BQ 24	Tennis (Medics)	SAF 17
Badminton (Medics)	SAF 10	Hindu Society	JCR 22	Rag (Medics)	SAF 2	Thai	GH 6
Baha'i Society	JCR 5	History	BSF 23	Rag Exec	BQ 4	The Bach Choir	QTR 27
Bangladeshi	GH 36	Hockey	UDC 9	Rail and Transport	CP 8	The Coexistence Trust	QTR 65
Baseball	UDC 6	Hockey (Medics)	SAF 22	Ratemyplacement.co.uk	QTR 23	The Royal Albert Hall	QTR 39
Basketball	UDC 8	HSBC Bank	QTR 35	redspottedhanky.com	QL 25	The University of London Air Squadron	QTR 64
Basketball (Medics)	SAF 11	I.Q.	UDH 11	Royal College of Music	QTR 14	Triathlon	UDC 12
Be Heartful Friends	BQ 2	IC Buddies	BQ 14	RCSU Exec	MEF 6	Turkish	GH 5
Belly Dancing	BQ 29	IC Radio	QTR 17	Riding & Polo	UDC 17	UBS	QTR 24
Big Choice Group	QTR 38	ICAB	SAF 31	Rifle & Pistol	UDC 16	Ukrainian	GH 21
Billiards & Snooker	JCR 11	Ice Hockey	BSF 19	Rileys	QTR 59	Ultimate Frisbee	BSF 12
Bio Engineering	MEF 13	ICESDS	BSF 13	Robotics	MEF 16	Underwater	CP 1
BioChem	MEF 7	ICSMSU Exec	SAF 1	Rocksoc	QTR 5	UNICEF	BQ 5
BioMed Society	SAF 36	Image Scotland LTD	QTR 34	Romanian	GH 24	Union	BQ 8
BioSoc	MEF 8	Imperial College Equalities Unit	QTR 62	RSM Exec	MEF 5	University of London Officer	QTR 56
Boat	QL 20	Imperial College Health Centre	QTR 61	RSM Football	BSF 17	Training Corps	
Boat (Medics)	SAF 26	Imperial College Lodge	QTR 40	RSM Hockey	BSF 16	University of London Royal	QTR 58
Book Club	JCR 18	Imperial Entrepreneurs	BSF 27	RSM Real Ale	BSF 18	Naval Unit	
Boxing	QL 17	Imperial Humanities	QTR 36	RSM Rugby	BSF 9	VegSoc	BQ 39
Bridge	JCR 3	Indian	GH 13	RSM Sports	BSF 8	Vietnamese	GH 20
Bright Futures	BSF 28	Indonesian	GH 38	Rugby	CP 6	Volleyball	UDC 10
Bruneian	GH 8	Indoor Hockey	BSF 3	Rugby (Medics)	SAF 25	Vintage Vehicles Motor Club	CP 5
Buddhist Society	JCR 14	Innovation Society	UDH 13	Rugby (RSM)	CP 7	Wakeboarding	BQ 44
Community Action Group Exec	BQ 12	Interact	UDH 15	Russian Speaking	GH 18	War Games	JCR 21
Canoe	BQ 18	International Public Health	SAF 32	Sailing	BQ 41	Water Polo (Medics)	SAF 28
Capoeira	QL 16	International Tamil	UDH 14	Santander UK PLC	QTR 14	Weights & Fitness (Medics)	SAF 20
Catholic	JCR 9	Iranian	GH 4	Save the Children	BQ 1	Welsh	GH 29
Caving	BQ 19	Iraqi	GH 12	Scandinavian	GH 27	West Indian Society	GH 3
CGCU Exec	MEF 17	Irish	GH 39	Sci Fi	UDH 12	Wind Band	QTR 4
Chabad of South Kensington	QTR 63	Islamic	JCR 19	Shaolin Kung Fu	QL 13	Windsurfing	BQ 42
Chamber Music	QTR 16	Israeli	GH 1	Shorinji Kempo	QL 7	Wing Chun	QL 12
Cheese	BQ 40	Italian	GH 14	SIFE	BQ 6	Women in SET	UDH 4
Chem Eng	MEF 15	Jain Society	JCR 23	Sikh	JCR 29	Womens Football	UDC 1
Chemistry	MEF 20	Japanese	GH 15	Sinfonietta (Orchestra)	QTR 3	Womens Hockey (Medics)	SAF 23
Chess	JCR 13	Jazz & Rock	QTR 48	Singapore	GH 22	Womens Rugby	UDC 19
Chinese	GH 10	Jazz Big Band	QTR 19	Skate	BSF 11	Wushu	QL 9
Chinese Church in London	QTR 44	Jewish	JCR 16	Snowsports	BQ 48	Yacht	BQ 46
Chitter Chatter	QTR 25	Jiu Jitsu (Aiuchi) (Medics)	SAF 13	Software	JCR 25	Yoga	BQ 28
Chocolate	BQ 33	JMC Soc	MEF 9	Soup Run	BQ 16	Yoga (Medics)	SAF 18
Choir	QTR 47	Ju-Jitsu	QL 10	Spanish	GH 26	Zoological Society of London	QTR 55
Christ Church Mayfair	QTR 21	Judo	QL 5	Sport Imperial	BSF 14		
Christian Medical Fellowship	SAF 37	Juggling	BQ 35				
Christian Union	JCR 10	Karate Shotokan	QL 18				
Cinema	QTR 15	Kendo	QL 11				
Civil Eng	MEF 14	Kensington & Chelsea Chlamydia Screening Team	QL 23				
Classical Guitar	QTR 18	Kenyan	GH 16				
Coca-Cola	CP 2	Kenyan Orphan Project	BQ 13				
Coffee	BQ 3	Kickboxing	QL 6				
Collecting	JCR 17	KnitSock	JCR 30				
Conservative	JCR 27	Korean	GH 31				
Consultancy	UDH 5	Kung Fu	QL 14				
Cooking	BQ 37	Labour	JCR 28				
Cricket	BSF 6	Lacrosse (Medics)	SAF 24				
Cricket (Medics)	SAF 12	Law	BSF 24				
Croquet Club	BQ 32	Lawn Tennis	BSF 4				
Cross Country	UDC 11	Lebara Mobile	QTR 33				
Chinese Students & Scholars Assoc.	GH 34	LeoSoc	QTR 7				
CV2012	QTR 41	Libertarian Society	JCR 24				
Cycling	UDC 13	Library Services- Imperial College London	QTR 69				
Cypriot	GH 9	Light Opera (Medics)	SAF 4				
Czecho-Slovak	GH 30	Linux Users Group	JCR 8				
Dance	BQ 25	London City Life - Student Church	QTR 68				
Dance Company	BQ 30	London Nightline	QTR 57				
Darts (Medics)	SAF 7	London Philharmonic Orchestra	QTR 22				
De La Beche	MEF 3	London Symphony Orchestra	QTR 43				
Debating	UDH 6	Lymphoma Association	QTR 52				
Debating Society (Medics)	SAF 8	Magazine	QTR 13				
Deutsche Bank	QTR 70	Malaysian	GH 40				
Dodgeball	BSF 5	Man and Machine	QTR 32				
Drama (Medics)	SAF 3	Materials	MEF 2				
Dramatic Society	UCH	Maths	MEF 19				
E. quinox	BQ 9	Meat Appreciation	BQ 38				
El Salvador	BQ 11	Mech Eng	BQ 11				
Elec Eng	MEF 10	Media (Live!)	MEF 10				
Environmental	UDH 7	Medical Education	SAF 35				
Erasmus	GH 33	MedSIN	SAF 30				
European Medical Students Association	SAF 9	Metropolitan Tabemade	QTR 42				
Every Nation Christian	JCR 26	Milkround Online	QTR 67				
Engineers Without Borders	QL 19	Model United Nations	UDH 9				
Exploration	BQ 20	Motor (RSM)	CP 3				
Fairtrade	UDH 8	Motor Club (CGCU)	CP 9				
Fashion	JCR 15	Motor Club (RSM)	CP 4				
Felix	QTR 12	Mountaineering	BQ 21				
Fellwanderers	BQ 17	Mountaineering (Medics)	SAF 29				
Fencing	UDC 14	Music (Medics)	SAF 5				





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Album of the Week



Arcade Fire
The Suburbs
Merge
2010

On their third album Arcade Fire have finally struck the perfect balance between stadium-ready anthems and looser rock songs, whilst husband and wife duo Win Butler and Régine Chassagne deliver their passionate discourse with a stronger conviction than ever. Ditching the grandiose accusatory statements against government and organized religion of 2007's Neon Bible, this time their lyrics focus on introspection, coming of age and having to abandon the dreams and aspirations of youth to fit the mold that modern society imposes. It's not all gloomy though, as two-part finale "Sprawl" tells us it's not too late to ditch the suits and return to the wilderness. The flow between songs is flawless in an album that clearly outshines its predecessors. A strong contender for album of the year. - **Greg Power**

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2. **Muse**
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7. **Radiohead**
8. **The Killers**
9. **Bloc Party**
10. **Hot Chip**

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Factory Floor
Hype Williams

For a meager £7.50 you can bear witness to three of the UK's finest rising young talents in an exceptional setting. After an acclaimed series of festival appearances, East London post-punk outfit **O.Children** bring their brooding set to the Albert Hall, well on their way to becoming the "Next Big Thing" thanks to frontman Tobi O'Kandi's soulful vocals and impressive showmanship. **Hype Williams** will turn the room into a sickhead dancefloor with their unique brand of psychedelic electro. But the act that has to be witnessed live to be believed is **Factory Floor**, a trio of industrial mentalists who will leave you breathless as they turn pulsating noise into an epic trance performance. Not to be missed!!

Your guide to the best Welcome Week gigs

Experience the capital's live music scene. **By Greg Power**

Saturday

Ninja Tunes XX: Roots Manuva, Mr Scruff and many more
Dance Magic Dance: Peepholes and The Gentle Friendly

Phsst, Mingle Shmingle. We all know that live music beats meeting new friends any day of the week (especially Saturday.) On your first night of university you need to be celebrating Ninja Tune's 20th birthday at **Ewer Street Car Park** with legendary artists like **Roots Manuva**, **Mr Scruff** and Ninja Tunes

label founder **Coldcut**.

Failing that, head along to Dance Magic Dance at **The Old Blue Last** in Shoreditch. Girl/boy combo **Peepholes** will be combining their electro vibes with noise-rock alongside **The Gentle Friendly's** unique brand of noisy psych-rock

Sunday

Hoodoo Gurus

What could be better, on your second night at uni, than a reformed Australian garage punk band from the 80s (*Ed - I can think of a few things actually Greg...*)

Hoodoo Gurus are guaranteed to blow your ears apart at the **Shepherds Bush Empire**, one of London's best live music venues.



Monday

Hayseed Dixie
Junip

The Islington Academy welcomes hilarious blue-grass rockers **Hayseed Dixie** on Monday night. The name of the game is hard-rock songs re-imagined with ukeles, banjos and maybe a bit of corn hanging from your mouth.

But if you're interested in something a bit more serious and a lot more melancholy, then

Junip at **XOYO** is just the thing for you. Junip are Jose Gonzalez' soft-rock band (you know, the guy who covered Heartbeats by The Knife... you don't know The Knife? Oh dear...)

Perfect for seducing that girl that you just met on your corridor; feel free to use the above piece of pop-trivia to impress her even more.

Tuesday

Let Them Eat Gak

Each week at **The Rhythm Factory**, 5 new alternative bands take to the stage and let rip with a range of sounds from punk to electro to hip-hop. **Let Them Eat Gak** is definitely one to put in your weekly planner (but don't be surprised if people get a bit confused when you start raving on about how awesome gak is).



Wednesday

Hush: O Children, Factory Floor and Hype Williams
Of Montreal
Mudhoney

Hush at **The Royal Albert Hall** is our recommended gig of the week, and for good reason. Quite frankly it's stunning that three of the biggest up and coming bands are playing together in our little posh neck of the woods.

But to be honest you're spoilt for choice on Wednesday. US pop-rock experimentalists **Of**

Montreal at **KOKO** are guaranteed to pull a batshit crazy performance complete with over-the-top theatrics and you won't go wrong with classic Seattle grunge band **Mudhoney** at **Electric Ballrooms** in Camden. These guys were basically the inspiration for a generation of musicians including Kurt Cobain.

Thursday

Blood Red Shoes + Male Bonding
Errors + The Twilight Sad
Black Mountain + Black Angels

Male Bonding, the triumphant East London neo-grunge act that is taking the world by storm with their amazing album "Nothing Hurts" are supported alt-rock duo **Blood Red Shoes** at **Electric Ballrooms**.

But it's a generous evening again with **Errors** and **The Twilight Sad** providing a Scottish

double-bill of instrumental post-electro and indie rock at **XOYO** and a night of psychedelic folk-rock at the **Shepherd's Bush Empire** with **Black Mountain** and **Black Angels**.

This is the problem with music in London. There's far too much goddamn awesome choice every night!

Friday

Plan B
Lacuna Coil + Slaves To Gravity
Architects

Your week ends in tremendous style as Imperial Summer Ball star Benjamin Paul Ballance-Drew (**Plan B**) brings his increasingly successful rap/soul hybrid to the **Brixton Academy**.

But elsewhere in London, things are getting fucking mental with **Lacuna Coil + Slaves To Gravity** kicking names and taking ass at the

Relentless Garage in Islington and **Architects**, the finest sickhead hardcore metal/punk band to come out of Brighton blowing the speakers at **KOKO**.

Truly not a night for the light-hearted, but by Friday, you'll all be well-seasoned music freaks

MUSIC

Don't let the party die

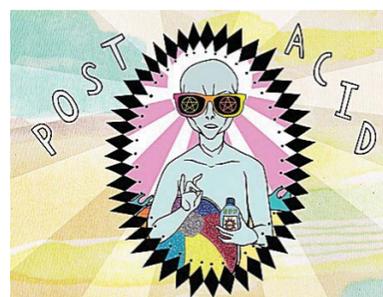
The essential playlist for all those happy (or horrific) Fresher memories

Greg Power

Music is an essential part of life, like water or Doritos Extreme Chilli Heatwave™. Your first week at Imperial will be set to the sound of a playlist of songs chosen by destiny, and these songs will be forever intrinsically linked to certain feelings, people and places you will encounter during Welcome' Week. To make damn sure you don't end up with "California Gurls" or some Gaga shit engraved on your frontal lobe for eternity, we have compiled a set of brilliant tunes that you yourself must trigger at key moments during the week, effectively ensuring that the party never dies... IN YOUR MIND!

First drinking session in the Quad

"Post-Acid" by Wavves



Odds are you're going to want to kick off your stay here at Imperial College by getting plastered at the Union. If not then somebody will drag you there anyway and if they don't, well something is plainly amiss. So kick back and indulge in a fine pint in Beit Quad with Wavves' anthem of the summer in the background as you make the most of the last rays of sunshine.

Pre-Tiger Tiger (lashup)

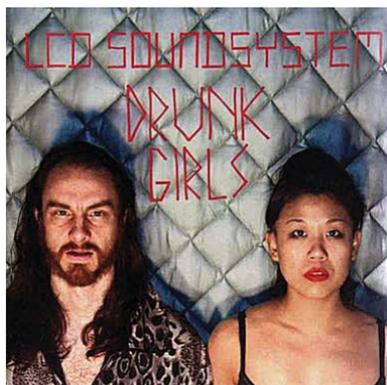
"Dancehall Queen" by Robyn



God knows you're gonna be tired of this club quickly, but what He also knows is we've all been there. So if your plans are to stumble into this cesspool of musical faeces, you might as well stock up on good pop music beforehand (cuz there ain't gonna be none later...). This is where Swedish dance-pop queen Robyn comes into play, backed by an impeccable dancehall beat courtesy of Major Lazer mastermind Diplo.

Pre-Cheapskates

"Drunk Girls" by LCD Soundsystem



Oh the horror. Trust me, 80p vodka-coke can only mean one thing: black puke on your way out. But you might as well experience this hellhole firsthand, if anything just to pin a definition to the word "sleazy". Ageing hipster James Murphy knows a thing or two about being sleazy, as he rants about drunk girls waiting an hour to pee and drunk boys keeping in pace with pedophiles. A filthy little tune to prepare for one messy night.

In case you have a break-up

"Fuck you" by Cee-Lo Green



Uh-oh. Did your boyfriend/girlfriend/transgender partner from back home break up with you just before uni? Not feeling up to non-stop partying? AW HELL NO. Don't let that dick/bitch/reptile spoil your fun! Cee-Lo Green, the voice behind Gnarls Barkley, will get you through your break-up in 3 minutes 46 seconds flat with this classic soul number. Give it one spin and your game will be instantaneously refreshed.

First Imperial hangover

"XX Gonna Give to Ya" by The Hood Internet



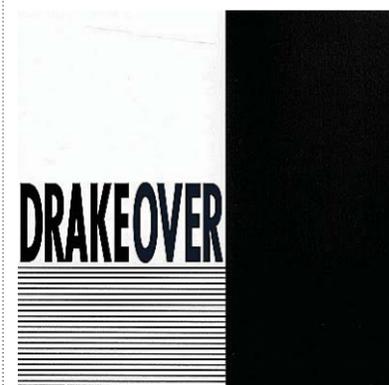
The first of many hangovers to come. If it feels like a pig shat in your head after last night's misdemeanors, don't fret. Everybody else in Halls (and possibly lying next to you on the floor) is feeling equally terrible. It is Welcome' Week after all, and the hangover is an indispensable – albeit painful – part of the Grand Cycle of Fun.

So break out the Berocca, fall right back into bed and put on this incredible remix (arguably the best remix in the history of music... EVER) by mashup madmen The Hood Internet. The opposing worlds of Mercury Prize-winners The XX and rabid gangsta-cum-actor DMX collide on this aptly titled masterpiece of modern music.

As your head throbs and your alcohol-induced death wish grows, just remember DMX went through tougher shit than you ever will. You wanna fight him? "FIGHT THESE TEARS". More importantly he'll give you some key advice here: "Don't give up, you're too strong".

The last night of Freshers' Week

"Over" by Drake



When all is said and done (and your liver is threatening to sue), you will have had one of the craziest, far-out and debauched weeks of your entire life. You might not remember much of it, but believe me, it was awesome. It just so happens that Canuck hip-hop star Drake also gets a little too tipsy from time to time, blacks out and doesn't remember jack shit in the morning. "Who the fuck are y'all?" you might ask too as you look around at all these new faces. Especially when they all seem to know your name but you seriously have no clue who the hell these kids are. Simply act all nonchalant and head to the Union with your new acquaintances to buy 'em a round. Or inversely get them to buy you a drink. It's all good. The party is NEVER over.

Your first lecture

"Ready to Start" by Arcade Fire



Had a fucking awesome week? Made a gazillion smashing lifetime mates? That's all fine and dandy, but you seem to have forgotten the whole part about Imperial being one of the leading hardcore intellectual institutions in the entire freakin' world. Maybe you should have thought about that before downing that last Snakebite. No regrets though, get your iPod out and get psyched up with this rocking number from Felix Music's album of the week.

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ARTS

You say... I say...

Antagonise people by trumping their suggestions

Globe Theatre vs Royal Shakespeare Company

Shakespeare's Globe Theatre anybody? Well, yes, but the season is over on the 9th October and doesn't open again 'til the spring... the Royal Shakespeare Company, on the other hand, is renowned for high quality Shakespeare productions, student tickets from £5.

National Gallery vs National Portrait Gallery

National Gallery, Trafalgar Square? Try the excellent National Portrait Gallery, just behind it, also free and no "boring old scenery".

Royal Academy vs Royal College of Art

The Royal Academy, excellent exhibitions just along the road from South Kensington near Green Park? What about the Royal College of Art? World famous art school snuck in between the Union building and Hyde Park, you don't get much closer than that.

Arty maxims

Break out some quotes if our tips (see right) fail you

"De gustibus non est disputandum"

"You can't argue with taste", this is for when you are holding an unpopular view, see "Get some opinions"

"Ars longa, vita brevis" - Hippocrates

"Art is long; life is short", arguably not actually referring to fine art but definitely nothing to do with ars.

"Art disturbs, Science reassures" - Georges Braque

This guy was a cubist painter...

"The moment you think you understand a great work of art, it's dead for you" - Oscar Wilde

If you're completely screwed, go nuclear with the ultimate "this conversation about art is over" quote

The Bluffer's Guide to being cultured

Impress, intimidate, then lose your friends (and get some better ones), by being a total git about The Arts (capitalised, don't you know?) **By Rox Middleton**

Confidence

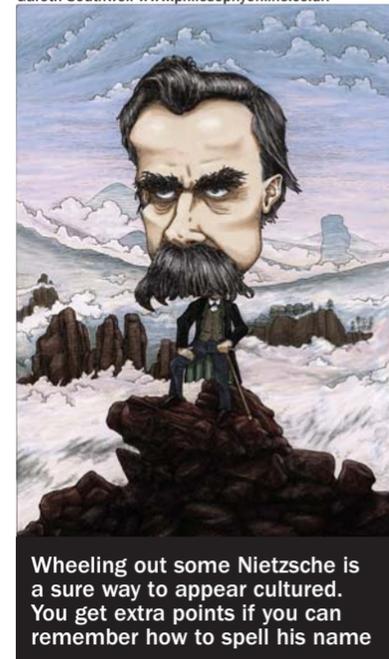
First things first, believe in yourself! I am at heart a populist. Discussions about obscure 18th century Abyssinian art movements can be left to know-it-all art students. but whether the art itself is interesting/beautiful/cool is free territory. You have the right to an opinion and the good news is, since you can't be wrong, you don't have to be intimidated by people who know more than you.

It's "negative space"... duh

**Get some opinions**

This is absolutely key; you can torment yourself for hours and hours weighing up the pros and cons of a play; stand motionless in front of a painting scouring your soul for reaction, or simply adopt a judgement at random. I recommend the latter. You can find cheap opinions in newspapers or online, steal them from friends or choose bizarre reactionary ones with absolutely no justification. Be prepared to defend them unashamedly until it gets completely out of hand and you end up explaining to someone why Big Brother is an example of high-concept installation artwork parodying the petty-bourgeois nihilism Of Our Time. If all else fails, quote Nietzsche, who said: It is hard enough to remember my opinions, without also remembering my reasons for them!

Gareth Southwell www.philosophyonline.co.uk

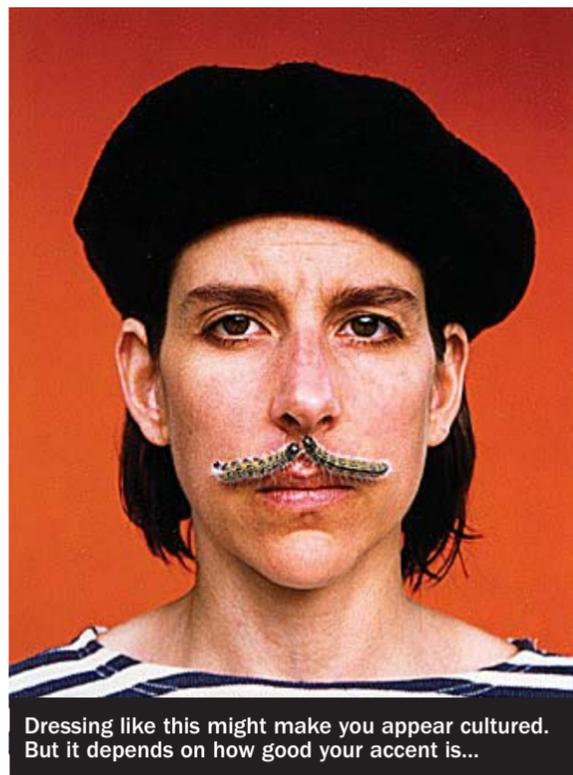


Wheeling out some Nietzsche is a sure way to appear cultured. You get extra points if you can remember how to spell his name

Stay up-to-date

Go see one thing a week. When people ask you about the London 'scene' you want to be able to talk off-hand about "Just the other day..." This is also handy for getting some opinions - see above. You can reach a whole new level of artistic bluff when you assess the entirety of a playwright's work based on the one show you saw; don't have any qualms about doing so.

Staying up-to-date isn't at all expensive either. You can go to the **Royal Opera House** in Covent Garden for £5 and the Entry Pass at the **National Theatre** gives under-25s tickets for £5 each and some freebies. **A Night Less Ordinary** is a scheme which offers tickets for 16-26 year olds absolutely free; it's excellent, although you will need to book in advance. In terms of Art galleries, there are so many free ones, you need never pay an entrance fee if you don't want to.



Dressing like this might make you appear cultured. But it depends on how good your accent is...

Become an Artist

Imperial is more than its academia, there are at least four societies who produce several plays and musicals each a year, there are societies for fine arts, photography, radio, television, film and getting cheap tickets let alone books, philosophy and all the rest. If you have ever felt artistically inclined before, now is the time to let rip or rejoin these societies. Even if you have no interest in creating the stuff, you can make friends with these people; nothing says aficionado like "The exhibition of a friend of mine..." Remember that Imperial also has its own art gallery in the Sherfield building, created by Mindy Lee.

Alternatively, write for Felix Arts. You'll get free entry into exhibitions and you don't need any prior experience. Email arts.felix@imperial.ac.uk

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FILM

Critically acclaimed films that are actually terrible

At some point, the idea that these films are ‘compelling’ took hold. In truth, they’re deafeningly boring and achingly pretentious
By Matt Allinson

We all know the importance of conversation while making friends in your first week, especially the pit-falls of trying to not to sound lame. However, in spite of your best efforts to be cool, some pretentious knobber will always have something smart to say in response to your movie opinions, usually by knocking whatever you say. Let’s call him Mr Knock, for example. Well, fear not Freshers, I have produced a cut-out-and-keep guide to four really powerful movie opinions that will leave you the winner in any conversation with Mr Knock.



Requiem for a Dream is just plain awful

First off most people will venture in a popular “dark” indie film that they have seen in a little attempt to be cool, most common of these are Donnie Darko and Requiem for a Dream. Donnie Darko I love, (Tears for Fears and Echo and the Bunnymen soundtrack? Om nom nom) but Requiem for a Dream is a poorly written and incredibly poorly acted teenage navel-gaze-fest. The only reason that anyone thinks it’s any good is a master stroke of directing, by which Aaronofsky bludgeons the audience with a such a distressing penultimate scene that combined with the daze we find ourselves in after constantly getting trapped in Jared Leto’s so-hollow-it’s-captivating stare we forget that the film itself was total dross. Upon forgetting what the preceding 90 minutes of cinema were actually like, the audience forms its opinion on what it just saw, which ostensibly boils down to the following questions: “Do I like watching 2 women go at it ass to ass with a double ended dildo?” or “Do I desperately want to ravage the lead singer of 30 seconds to mars?” as the entire world will answer yes to at least one of those ques-

tions, the film gets given a substantially higher rating than it deserves. If we all lived like Phoebe in Friends, and turn off films before the distressing parts, the film wouldn’t have nearly as a high a rep as it does now.

Bonus points: say that you preferred π, citing that Aaronofsky used all the same stylistic features of RfaD but with actual actors, and shot it in black and white so it is therefore better.

Pulp Fiction is by far and away Tarantino’s worst film

As we all know, the entire point of Pulp Fiction was as an elaborate vehicle to allow Tarantino to use the word “N****r” to Samuel L. Jackson’s face. Whilst a ballsy move (after all, this article is just an elaborate vehicle to get the word “n****r” in to Felix... (nice try - Ed.)) it doesn’t really constitute a good film. And that whole dicing around with the chronology of the timeline just resulted in confusion and a million cop-cat films/episodes of ER/dramsoc pro-

ductions, each one worse than the preceding. But in all seriousness, maybe it’s because at every DVD night in first year we wound up watching this bloody film that I’m sick of it. And anyway, Jackie Brown with its severely limited level of violence and incredible soundtrack makes for much better viewing.

Bonus points: use the above argument ad-verbatim with a bouncer at Brixton Academy.

Amélie is the worst thing to come out of France since syphilis

Much I’m sure has been made to the Freshers about the ratio of boys to girls at Imperial, but gents, can I just stress that if you’re using the “invite her round for a DVD and then lock the door” method of seduction (or the Ollie Calderbank, as it’s known) make sure that for the love of God she doesn’t bring Amiéle. I cannot stand that film, it’s dross and boring and just because it’s set in Paris and the sun is shining and everyone is swanning around talking French does not make it

a good film. Luckily at Imperial there is a very high likelihood you will find a woman who loves Star Wars, Lord of the Rings and Big Trouble in Little China, but unfortunately she’ll probably have a beard. If you manage to lock your room mate out and a girly girl in, who insists on watching a film where people speak French and run around Paris all day, make her watch La Haine instead.

Bonus points: If she’ll still have sex with you after watching La Haine then that’s a bonus, right? Also, good effort...

The dialogue in the final scene of Brick really moved you... right...

This is the big one, if someone has failed to be out-cooled by everything you’ve said; and we’re including talking at great length about the advantages of black and white over colour cinema, how M. Night Shyamalayn was never any good in the first place and settled the argument of greatest soundtrack (Blade Runner vs.

Apocalypse Now, in case you needed reminding), throw in, as an off the cuff remark, how your favourite dialogue in cinema is the final scene in Brick, that you found it inspired, insightful and most of all, moving.

Lots of cool people watch Brick. It’s because it’s made by attractive teenagers, about attractive teenagers, for attractive teenagers. Also fuck all happens from beginning to end, and as we’ve seen time and again, for example Napoleon Dynamite and the Big Lebowski: films with very little happening are COOL. However, no one understands what either character says at the end of Brick. Nothing. Nadda. It’s some whingy Californian cunts mumbling to each other on a noisy hillside about the fuck-all that happened in the overly trendy preceding dull-as-horseshit hour and half. Worst of all, the DVD hasn’t even got subtitles, so we’re all stuck having to turn it to full blast and get our Californian-English dictionaries out. However by pretending to have understood, and what’s more be moved by it, you will truly become a film God (douche)...

Bonus points: This takes effort, but look the scene up online, commit it to memory and if someone calls your bluff (which they are likely too, having been infuriated by it themselves) you can rattle the whole thing back.

GAMES

Web Games

Each week we're going to bring you a selection of fresh, free and fun web games that you can play right away in your browser. Unless specifically mentioned to the contrary you're going to need the Adobe Flash Player plug-in which can be installed from <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>.

Dino Run

pixeljam.com/dinorun

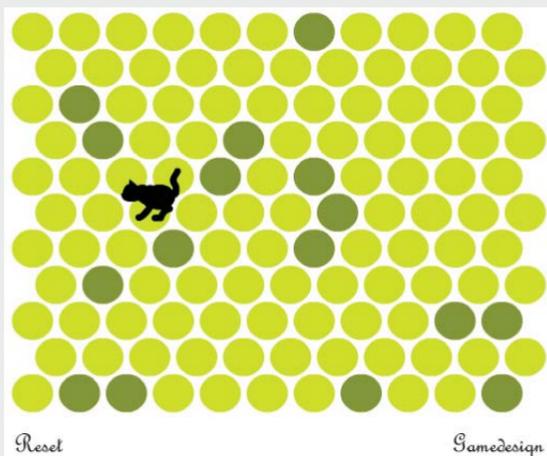


In this 8-bit sidescroller, you control a tiny dinosaur trying to outrun and survive the oncoming apocalypse. Doomed stegosaurus, tar pits and smoldering craters block the path to freedom while eggs and even smaller critters provide tempting diversions for extra points. The adrenaline really kicks in, however, when you get too far behind and the screen starts to flash red and black as a torrent of rocks and fire threatens to consume your unlucky dino.

Even if you've played the game before, it's worth revisiting it again for the new multiplayer mode that allows racing up to four other players online. This mode adds a strong competitive element that heightens the intensity of this already exciting game.

Chat Noir

tinyurl.com/chatnoir



The concept is deceptively simple: click the big dots to block the cat and stop it escaping off the screen. In reality though you will rarely taste success as the titular character dodges your attempts to surround it and disappears off the screen with a smug pattering of paws. To say this game is addictive is be an understatement, as after the first few frustrating failures your one and only goal in life becomes to beat that damn cat no matter what it takes. Victory is sweet though despite the anti-climax the game gives you, so don't let me put you off!

Just arrived and already bored? Time to get online!

Our easy guide to getting your console on College internet

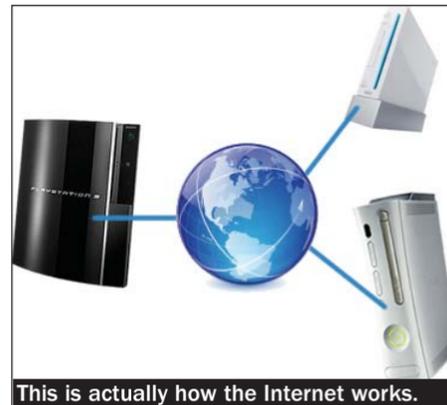
Simon Worthington

You've arrived at your new university and you're already stressed out. You've got to cope with Welcome Week events, meeting new people and the challenge of moving into your new halls, and what you really need is a quick game of *Modern Halo Call Of Warfare 2 Strike Deluxe* to take the edge off! But, disaster! You can't even connect to the lobby! How are you ever going to survive the year? Never fear Imperial noobs, for with our step-by-tiny-step guide you will have your console of choice online and ready to rock in no time.

The first step is to understand the hoops you need to jump through in order to get yourself connected. Imperial internet is some of the fastest around, but in order to use it your device must be registered in the College systems. Registration is based on the MAC address of your device, which is a unique code that identifies your console or computer from all the others. The registration process ties this number to your College username, so College can provide and log access. So, all you need to do to get online is to register your MAC address. Easy!

Well, nearly. Registration happens when you first try and browse to a web page, and is done through your browser. So for consoles with a web browser function the easiest way to perform registration is with the console itself. However, this is a problem for consoles and other devices lacking a web browser function as the registration page will never be reached.

One solution is to get Imperial's ICT service to register your console for you. You can find all the information online at imperial.ac.uk/ict, and if you use the generic request form there is an option for "registering a device or computer



This is actually how the Internet works.

for network access". If you do take this route you'll need to provide information about which network port your console is plugged into, your college username and CID and possibly anything else the technicians would like to know.

While this is by far the recommended solution, it can take some time especially during the start of term when lots of new things need setting up and configuring, and for some reason registering games consoles doesn't seem

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to be a priority. You might choose to take the situation into your own hands to speed up the process. One way to do this is to temporarily change your computer's MAC address to that of your console and then register the MAC in the normal way using your web browser. Please note that is probably against College ICT policy and therefore I am too much of a pussy to actually recommend you do this.

First, you'd need to work out the MAC address of your console. Connect your console to any networking port on your computer or laptop and wait for it to acquire an address. Then, on Windows, open Network Connections and then the Status window for the port to which you connected the console, and click Details. The 'Physical Address' is the code you are looking for, and once you have it download the free MacMakeup tool from <http://tinyurl.com/6b7b6>. Follow the instructions on that site to change the MAC address of your Internet connection to the one of your console, and then proceed with registration in the normal way. Boom, you're done! Don't forget to change the MAC back after, though! Again, this might be against College policy and so you do it at your own risk.

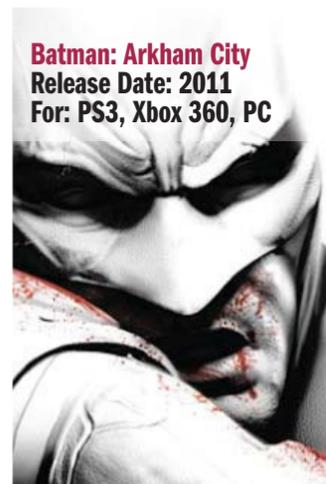
One even more illegal method would be just to use a router or share your computer's internet connection, but this is even more explicitly against College policy so I shouldn't even mention it. Oops, did I say that out loud?

So now you're online, all that remains is to load up your favourite game and blast away to your heart's content. Enjoy!

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Four new games to get hot for



An Ode to the City

London's nightlife is constantly evolving.
A prescriptive list of clubs would be futile



Dan Wan

This is a tough job. Combine the thousands of clubs there are in London with the overbearing feeling that I'm approaching a very premature mid-life crisis and you'll understand why introducing London's nightlife to a Fresher is incredibly difficult.

Not only do different people dance on different ends of the social spectrum, this said spectrum is multi-dimensional. From the kid that parties every single night to the occasional pub drinker; from the ladies' night in Central to the hipsters' night in East London; from Daddy's girls on penthouse clubs to 'yer mates' on the £1 for shots deals. Spectrums within spectrums, and now you can see why I'm not simply listing off a number of clubs I think you should be heading to.

I'm afraid that I'm leaving the research and dog work up to you. This is not because I wish to remain blameless for a disaster of a night out, but no matter how honest and impressionable a reader you may be, it is likely most of my recommendations will be ignored. And by rights you should be ignoring me if I was just giving you an endless list of venues to frequent in this gargantuan city. Time Out magazine this is not.

Some cities sleep when the sun heads beyond the horizon, but some cities awaken. Fuck the small suburban town you call home, because while Watford, Thurrock and Wrington (wherever you might come from) doze off into a quiet evening, a bright-eyed London is most

definitely awake.

You can discover London twice. Once during the day and once again come 10pm. Furthermore, discovery requires trial and error, and that's another reason why I'm happy to keep tight-lipped on the recommendation front. Follow the crowds during Welcome Week and you may just find yourself in a shitty club that everyone except you seems to enjoy. Follow another crowd and you may end up snorting ketamine off the floor of a squat party in Hackney.

Whatever you consider a shit night out, you will inevitably have one. You'll slowly build a black list of clubs and areas of London you vow to never return to. At the same time your taste in venues to get trashed in will start to refine and before you know it you'll be the world authority on London nightlife. Maybe.

There are alcoholic wonders closer to home too; they are on your doorstep in South Kensington. There's a certain *je ne sais quoi* about home turf which

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turns even the most refined of your peers into bona fide waste gashes. You'll witness the pissed of the very pissed in the Union and Eastside Bar. Hangovers the next morning should be as memorable as the actual night before, but that's the charm of student life: lectures are effectively optional.

The measure of a hangover positively correlates with the probability that you're not Peter Pan. The worse your hangover, the older you're getting. Soon, each Facebook status that implies 'worst hangover everrrrr' (or to the same effect) will simply be a public depiction of your youth degrading before everyone's eyes. No more will you be the sprightly litre-of-cider-an-hour 17 year old who could wake up the next morning feeling perfectly fine. (It is the social, and less illegal, equivalent of Michael Jackson getting away with fiddling with kiddies.)

We're harping on about 'London' like it's some sort of magical adventure world for forgivable drunken antics. It is, but there is such a massive variety of other things to do than shifting your liver function into top gear each night. There's comedy clubs, after hours museum and gallery openings, gigs, open-air cinemas, proms, and 24-hour cafes to name a just a few. There's nothing a simple Internet search won't find, and trust me on this, I've googled some sordid things indeed.

Welcome to student life in London. Believe me when I say it's unforgettable.

PUZZLES

Bored Game

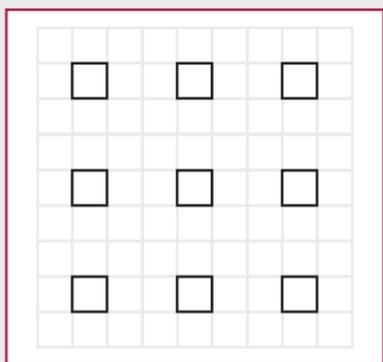
From time to time you're going to find yourself without anything to do. In these times you should go to the library and expand your knowledge of your course to a superior level, allowing you to pass your exams with ease and earn first pick of the top jobs the world has to offer. However we know you're not going to do that and by the very fact you're reading this we presume you've completed all the puzzles on this page, are penniless and/or stuck in a lecture. So each week (until we run out) we'll give you a game to play to help pass the time.

Ultimate Noughts and Crosses

Players: 2
 Ease of Preparation: ★★★★★☆
 Difficulty: ★★★★★☆
 In-Lecturability: ★★★★★

What you need:
 Pen and Paper

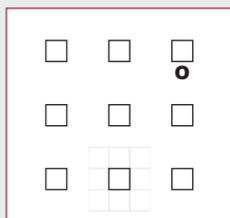
Preparation:
 Draw the grid below (solid black lines only).



How to play:
 The solid black squares represent the centre squares of 9 touching noughts-and-crosses/tic-tac-toe grids (3x3).

Player One selects any of the squares and draws a O or a X in or around it - there are eight positions around each square left/right/above/below and the four corner cells.

Player Two must then draw the opposite piece, X or O, in or around the black square indicated by Player One's move - e.g. if Player One plays O directly below the top-right square (i.e. its *bottom-middle* position), Player Two must play X, in or around the *bottom-middle* square;

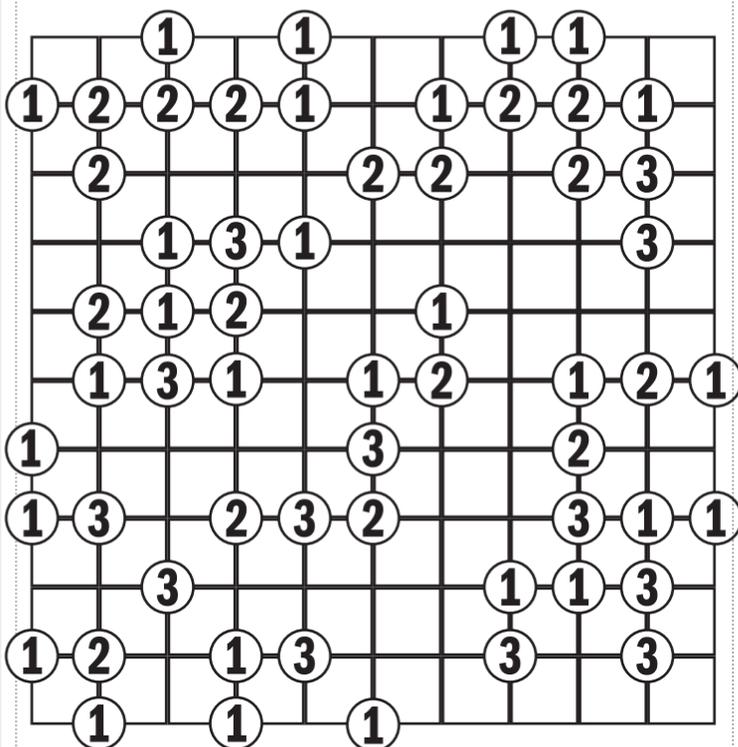


Play continues with Player One drawing their piece in or around the square indicated by Player Two's move, etc.

The game is won by the first player to form a line of 5 consecutive Os or Xs anywhere on the grid, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

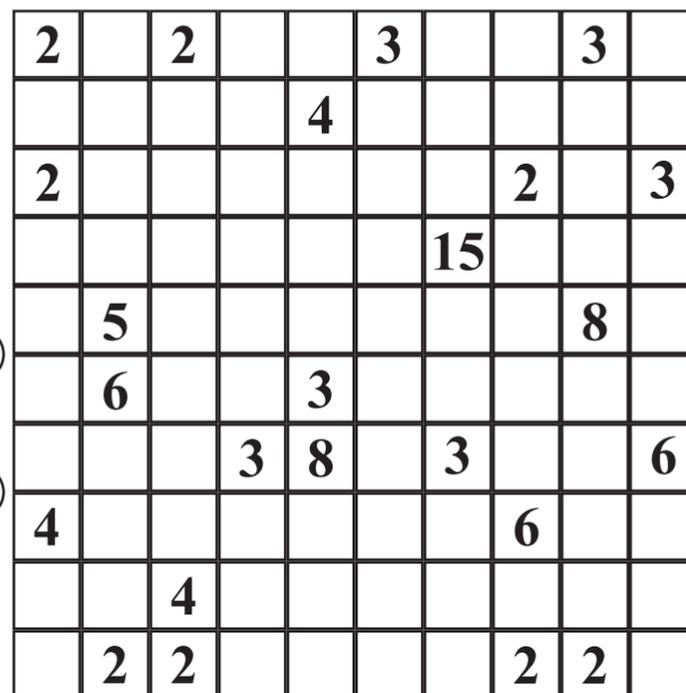
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Place a diagonal line in every cell, slanting either left or right, from corner to corner.
 Intersections marked with a digit indicate how many diagonal lines connect with it.
 Loops are not allowed.



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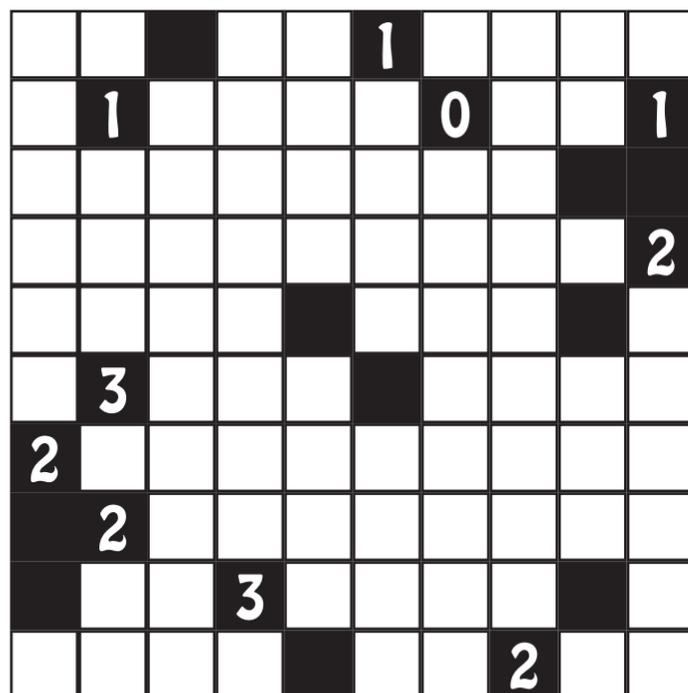
Divide the grid into rectangles such that each regular rectangle contains a single number indicating how many cells it contains.



Castles

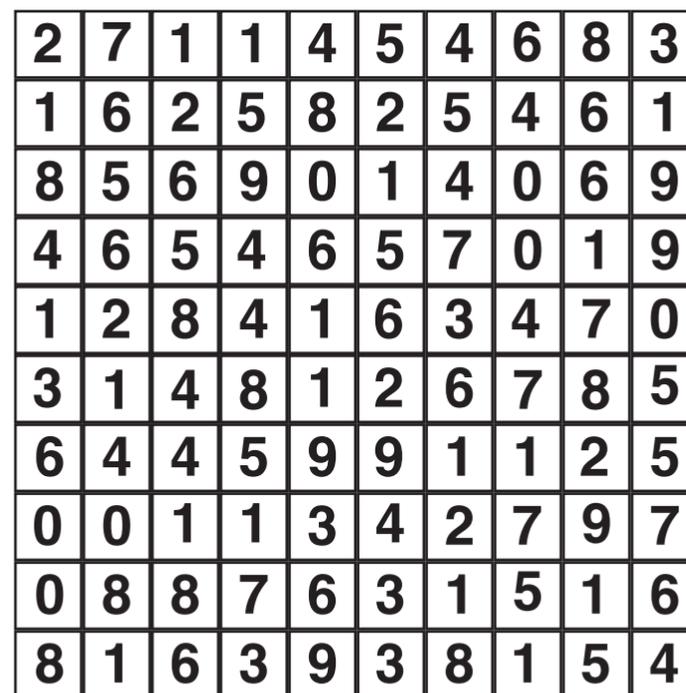
The numbered cells indicate how many castles are directly adjacent to that cell, above, below, left, and right but not diagonally.
 The black cells are barriers.

Place castles/rooks on the board so every white cell is guarded but no castle is capable of capturing another in a single move.



Digits

Shade cells so that no digit appears twice in any row or column; no two shaded cells share an edge; and the remaining cells form a continuous region, all connected by their edges.



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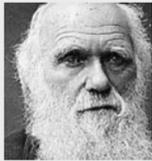

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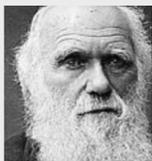
Cheeky_Chaz

am totes all over gaga's meat dress.
wud totally spaff all over dat



Louis_da_BOMB22

duuuude... dat is well rough



Cheeky_Chaz

Piss off you baguette! you're da one
in love wiv da fat girl from the xx



IzzieBrunel_XD

Nah bruv, it ain't cool. it's offensive
to animals innit?



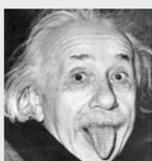
Louis_da_BOMB22

....AHAHAHAHAHAHAHA



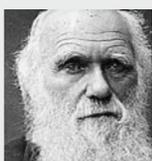
IzzieBrunel_XD

Why you always hatin?



damn_diggidy_stein49

ne1 wana see a photo of louis' mom
in the shower? <http://bit.ly/4mtMyr>



Cheeky_Chaz

i think i'm gona throw up...

Freshers' Week renamed to Welcome Week

Comments from the Felix Facebook Page

"So bad..."

"facepalm.jpg"

"It's to encourage post grads, Most other unis call it Welcome Week"

"i think it should be called 'Try really hard to make friends with people you know inside you definitely don't want to be friends with beyond this week' Week."

Well I'm glad we got that cleared up...

Geographical convenience stronger than love say scientists

Decade long study proves that Freshers are "more likely" to make friends with people they are living with in halls



Poor little Stephen Jeffrey just wanted to return his calculator

In a groundbreaking new study from the Sheffield Higher Institute of Technology (SHIT), it was found that Freshers who made friends exclusively with the two people in rooms either side of theirs were more likely to 'be admired by the masses, enjoy a stirring and enviable sex life, and finally gain their parents' affection'. In a reversal of the principles of conventional Fresher psychology, or 'Freshology' as it is now known in academic circles, SHIT's findings show that 'herd mentality', where a tight-knit group of friends is formed with no basis aside from the random allocation of each person to a certain corridor, creates far stronger friendships than common interests or mutual respect.

'Liking one another is a weakness' says distinguished psychologist Jose Videira, 'The very act of choosing a friend because you have something in common with them is an dangerous mistake - it's far better to simply pack together with those nearest to you and viciously shun any individual who

attempts to join once the group has been formed'. In fact, it seems these cliques become robust so quickly that, in today's universities, attempting to hang out with someone not from your corridor/subject/ethnicity is a risky business.

'I felt like R Kelly at a parent-teacher evening' says traumatized ex-Fresher Stephen Jeffrey, who was savagely beaten by a gang from Beit E3 after coming to return a borrowed calculator. 'It was my fault really, he admits, 'I should have realised that they weren't just living side by side, they all did the same subject as well - the only time they didn't see each other was when dogging - it was an accident waiting to happen'.

This evidence is excellent news for sufferers of the disease CTTNTY (Cling To Those Nearest To You), a bacterial infection that up to 97% of Freshers experience, as they can now embrace their illness by walking around with a smug sense of accomplishment, knowing that they will go on to live more enriched lives.

Drunken Mate of The Week

Each week we publish a photo of a fine Imperial student, caught on camera by their mates in a state of... well in a state that they wouldn't want their parents to see. Get permission and send your pictures to felix@imperial.ac.uk. If we print your photo we'll buy you a beer or maybe something better if we're feeling generous.

Below are some of last year's best entries.



Get snapping!

Aunty McPickle is here to solve all of your problems



Dear Aunty McPickle,

I broke up with my girlfriend just before coming to university. Is there a quarantine period where it's not o.k. to get with other people or should I just get on with it already?

Yours Sincerely,
Need to Freak

Dear Need to Freak,

First of all, don't worry, this is a very common problem. I myself had this issue in 1970 after Jimi Hendrix died, but that's a different story. The most important thing is that what she doesn't know won't hurt her (this truism doesn't apply to footballs to the back of the head.) Feel free to do whatever you like but just don't shout about it on Facebook for a couple of weeks/months, depending on the length of your relationship. But if you don't like that advice, there is a radical school of thought that advises sleeping with the ugliest girl you can find, videoing it and sending it to your ex-girlfriend with the words "I'll sleep with anything, I just won't sleep with you."

Give me a call,
Aunty McPickle

Dear Aunty McPickle,

I've never spent more than a day at a time

away from my boyfriend and I'm really worried about getting depressed at uni. He's going to uni in Glasgow so I'll only see him every couple of weeks. What can I do?

Sincerely,
Stick to you like glue

Dear Stick to you like glue,

My automatic response is naturally to suggest that you follow the course of action taken by *Need to Freak*. University is a brand new start. Cut your past ties and start afresh. Come on! It's Imperial, you have your pick of the finest men that... Well never mind. Otherwise what you can do is this. When he comes to visit you, smash him over the head with one of your heavy textbooks. Then keep the body under your bed. That way you can be with him always....

Morbidly,
Aunty McPickle

Dear Aunty McPickle,

My parents deleted my World of Warcraft account before I came to uni and told me that if I got another one, they would cut off any support to me. What can I do?

Sincerely,
I FEEL LIKE RAIDING TONIGHT

Dear I FEEL LIKE RAIDING TONIGHT,

I will only say this once... GET. A. LIFE.

With disgust and contempt,
Aunty McPickle

Dear Aunty McPickle,

I have a secret fear of meeting new people. Whenever I'm around people that I don't know, a knot forms in my stomach and I end up regurgitating a nervous nonsensical (sometimes accompanied by the contents of said stomach). What can I do during Freshers' Week to stay calm and make friends?

Nervously,
Social Scaredy Cat

Dear Social Scaredy Cat,

If you're feeling uncomfortable then just reach for the alcohol. It doesn't really matter which one, wine, vodka, beer, schnapps... It's all good. It'll help you relax and make you more confident and sociable. And the best thing about alcohol (if you didn't know already) is that it is completely risk free... (that's why it's legal right?)

Drunkenly,
Aunty McPickle

Horoscopes

Aries

This week you're about to leave home when you notice a cupboard that you've never noticed before. You open it up and find your wretched deformed twin sister that you never knew about. Several orgasms later you're off to a new life at Imperial. yay!

Gemini

This week you looking up and down your corridor in halls... So many possible friends, where to start? You go to your computer and code an algorithm that devises the most efficient route to take. The results shocks you. **DIE NERD DIE!!!**

Leo

This week you attend the first lecture of your life. It's pretty boring so you mindlessly fondle the girl next to you... She takes! Gosh this is exciting isn't it? Ooh below the belt... Mmm warm... wet... pointy? sharp? AAAAGHGH! 'It' bites your hand off.

Libra

This week you're puking up your guts when a thought suddenly hits you; can you create the siphon effect by re-directing your vomit 'back in'. With a bit of tubing you succeed! Hurrah for science! Unfortunately your roommate is also excited... There's no escape...

Sagittarius

This week a baby (yes a human baby) mysteriously finds its way into your bed and begins to double-fist you. Even though it's "totally not your fault" you spend the rest of your life in jail, tossing salad for bald, tattooed girls called Dave.

Aquarius

This week you're walking back to your room from the shower when you pass a gorgeous chap. Before you know it you're being shafted to within an inch of your life against the wall. Then you wake up and realised that you passed out while taking a shit.

Taurus

This week, in a desperate attempt to emulate your hero Ted Bundy, you brutally mutilate your room mate, bludgeen them to death and end the night living out your sexual fantasies with their corpse. No one wants to join you. You fist the corpse alone.

Cancer

This week you decide to chat up that hot lecturer you saw for the first time on Monday. You spend lectures imagining his beautiful hands caressing your naked body. You bet 80 year olds are a good fuck. Lots of experience. Now you find out.

Virgo

This week, overcome by sexual frustration you beat the shit out of that hot girl on your course. You like to secretly watch her masturbate at night. You find another drunk fresher to engage in double penetration with you. You send the video to your mum.

Scorpio

This week you break in to Charing Cross hospital and rape the oncology patients. You like them frail and bald. Despite getting caught in the act, you are let off by the Police because you're pathetic. You love men in uniform. You masturbate all the way home.

Capricorn

You have heard that University is the time to experiment. This week you trawl local schools, picking out the hot girls. You prefer younger girls, they are tight. Understandable. Behind a bush in Hyde Park you finger them. You're a bad bad woman.

Pisces

This week you find a stray dog in the Quad. Out of the kindness of your heart you take him in. You name him Bruce. After sucking Bruce off you throw up all over some dumb-ass guy in the kitchen. He gets lairy. You stab him in the fucking face.

Last year, **Felix** almost
got **sued**, went to the
London Film Festival,
bagged ourselves **free**
tickets to every major
UK festival, **skipped**
some lectures, made
a few **life-long friends**,
and offended a **priest...**



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didn't cost a penny**

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