

Felix Report

A note by the Felix Editor Tim Arabzadah

Over the summer period I had a few priorities. First of all, I needed to secure funding for the upcoming year. I managed to secure a large amount from external companies. There was also interest from within College about advertising. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who voted for me and put me in this position. I can not find any way to thank you enough, but I promise to try my hardest each and every week for you. A special mention must go to last year's Felix Editor Matt Colvin, for his help during the handover period and for the Freshers' Issue. I must also thank Ravi Pall for his selfless help in clearing the office of all of the clutter and useless equipment that was not helping the working environment.

Freshers' Handbook

I had to do the back page for the ICSMSU Handbook. This was completed on time and sent in. I was very happy to receive some emails, and even a phone call, in response to this.

I had to complete the Freshers' Handbook this year, as ever. I decided to completely redesign the whole look of it. I also changed some sections and slightly reordered it. It was completed in a rough version at the end of July and within a couple of weeks in August it was finished. This was then sent out to home students and given to international students in their rooms.

Freshers' Issue of Felix

This first of all required a complete redesign of the paper. I redesigned the paper, commissioning a professional graphic designer to design the Felix title font. I also decided to have drawings of cats in the paper in the section headers. I was very pleased, and extremely tired, when I managed to send it off to the printers on the deadline specified. I wanted every section to have something in the paper, and introduced (or, more correctly, re-introduced) the Coffee Break section. The Travel section unfortunately didn't have an Editor at the time of production, and so could not be included. I hope that someone will come forward as wanting to be involved. This issue was entirely laid out by me, to stress test the new templates. The editorial team, however, did the bulk of the work in getting the content, and I think that they deserve credit.

Freshers' Fair

At the time of writing, Freshers' Fair has just ended. We managed to garner many signatures and should have healthy mailing lists for every section. When added to the amount of people that we all personally know want to write, and those that have already contacted me, we should have a large amount of writers. I am going to be organising a meet and greet style event very soon.

Editors

I organised a meet-up of the editorial team this year, and we had a decent turnout. I held it in a pub in central London. I am very happy that everyone seems to be very enthusiastic. I hope to be slightly more hands on as Editor this year, and hope the section editors will all take pride in each issue, and will meet the writers and have as much correspondence with them as possible.

Felix Website

To match the redesign, the website will be tweaked slightly. Many thanks to Jonathan Kim and Philip Kent for their invaluable work. Philip Kent in particular deserves special praise for his diligent help. The new website, which will look very similar to the old one, but is different behind the scenes, should be live very soon. This will help with Features.

I, Science

Last year's I, Science team have been helping to find contributors and editors for this year's edition. They have done so, and hopefully I, Science will continue to thrive as it has in the past. We are also planning a one off version of I, Science to be placed in schools for free. This will be aimed at A Level and AS Level students, and hopefully get them involved in science and want to pursue a science degree. I have secured £300 worth of funding from O2 Think Big, and will hopefully be able to get some more in the near future. I have a meeting with the College Outreach department about this, and will see their reaction; it seems, so far, that they are keen enough on the idea.

Finances

We are currently in a strong financial position, having raised around £18,000 from advertising over the summer. I have already worked with my Treasurer to complete a full list of companies to contact, and will, throughout the term, go on a big drive. It should be noted that we are still waiting to hear back from some companies that usually do advertise. We also have some special sponsorship opportunities that we are discussing with companies.