

# CITY & GUILDS COLLEGE UNION

## Council Report II



*“The Aims of the City & Guilds College Union:*

- To further the academic, welfare, sporting, recreational, and social interests of students of the Faculty of Engineering.
- To encourage, promote, and support our clubs and societies.
- To represent the needs and interests of Engineering Students to College, ICU, and external bodies.”

## Activities

Activities Subcommittee, Kia Popat - Vice President

### Events report

#### **CGCU Annual Engineering Welcome Dinner**

Date of Event: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021

The Annual Engineering Welcome Dinner is one of CGCU's largest events, held to welcome engineering students to the new academic year. Though last year's Welcome Dinner was not held due to COVID-19 restrictions, it was again resumed this year adhering to college guidelines on large in-person events and COVID-19 protocols.

##### Main Details

The Welcome Dinner was a black-tie event held at Guildhall (EC2V 7HH) on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 6pm-10pm followed by an afterparty at the nearby bar, The Gable. Guildhall was chosen based on its historical significance and the close link with the origins of the CGCU. Catering, table decoration and service was provided by Mosimann's. The Dinner included prosecco reception with petit-fours, a 3-course meal, and an allowance of half a bottle of wine per attendee. Approximately 500 guests attended the event. Tickets were sold in batches of super-early bird, early bird, standard and final round tickets and allowed a plus-one per person; CGCA members were also invited to the event. Additional CGCU merchandise was available to purchase with additional ticket bundles.

Event promotion was started 3 weeks prior to the event on Facebook, Instagram and email communication channels. Ticket purchases were organised on Eventbrite and Union website.

Professional photography was hired for the event. Lighting and sound-system preparation was operated by DramSoc. The event was open-seating and placards for each attendee were made by the CGCU committee. The CGCU and RCSU motor car mascots, Boanerges and Clementine, were driven to the location by the Motor Club and were available for short rides for attendees going to and from the Gable after the dinner. The venue was closed by 11pm and attendees were ushered to the Gable for the afterparty until late.

The Keynote Speakers for the event was Peter Chase and Atula Abeysekera of the CGCA.

Entertainment during the night included:

- Photobooth hire (Magic Mirror)
- Set by Techtonics (45mins)
- Set by Ribbon Guy @ The Gable (10-2pm)

##### COVID-19 Protocol

In order to attend the Welcome Dinner, attendees had to show proof of negative lateral flow or PCR test on arrival, taken within 72 hours of the event. Accepted proof included emails or texts that are sent upon registering negative test results on the NHS website. All attendees adhered to these requirements.

#### **CGCU Christmas Ball**

Date of Event: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

##### Main Details:

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, CGCU committee hosted a Christmas Ball at Winterland (Neverland), Fulham. We brought one of our two violate mascots, Spanner, to the event. The event started in the evening, and we had hired the whole venue. People were checked in by staff at Neverland, against the guestlist that we provided. People were pleased with the venue, which managed to maintain a wintery theme whilst having a sophisticated ambiance. There were many different seating areas (which towards the start, people were unaware of) however this allowed people to mix as much, or as little as they pleased. There were some slight hiccups with the food

coming out later than planned, and slower than we had anticipated, which meant that queues would build up for this. The event was well documented through pictures, and the photobooth also proved to be very popular. The event was long enough to allow attendees to enjoy the arcade and music.

#### Covid-19 Protocol:

In order to attend the Winter Ball, attendees had to show proof of negative lateral flow or PCR test on arrival, taken within 72 hours of the event. Accepted proof included emails or texts that are sent upon registering negative test results on the NHS website. All attendees adhered to these requirements.

### **End of Exams Pub Crawl**

Date of Event: 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Main Details:

Pub Crawl was planned week before the event (21<sup>st</sup>) and advertised on Monday(24<sup>th</sup>) through the Newsletter and Instagram. Event started at 6.30pm at H-bar, at 7.15pm group walked to Hoop and Toys where spent around 45min. At 8.15pm group took district line train from South Kensington station to West Kensington and walked to Famous Three Kings. At 9.10pm group walked to The Old Oaks however the pub was not ready to fit all students even that pub was informed ahead. In the result next put was The Elm where group stayed till 10pm. Event was expected to finish at slug however most of the group decided to go to The Oyster Room. After 11pm interested students went to the Slug.

Pub were informed about the event to be prepared for around 50 students to come for the smoothness of the event. Attendance feedback shows that the event was liked and fun for most of attendees.

#### Covid-19 Protocol:

In order to attend the Pub Crawl, attendees had to show proof of negative lateral flow or PCR test on arrival, taken within 72 hours of the event. Accepted proof included emails or texts that are sent upon registering negative test results on the NHS website. All attendees adhered to these requirements.

### **FURTHER EVENTS PLANNED FOR THIS TERM:**

#### **1. Valentines Invasion and Stand**

Date of Event: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022

During that day between 12-2pm on the Dalby Court CGCU stand will be set down where sweets, condoms and rape alarms will be provided for students.

#### **2. Bar Night**

Organized together with RSMU and RCSU committee details tbc

#### **3. Face of Engineering**

Date of Event: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Time of event: 4-6pm discussion panel and Q&A, from 6-7pm networking event

Event will be held in hybrid way (both in person and online). This is our flagship annual diversity event that aims to host a panel discussion with engineers from all walk of life.

#### **4. Tunnels and Archives**

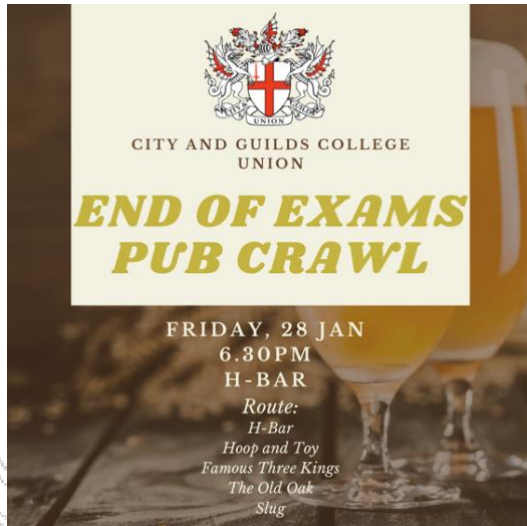
We are currently looking to explore and reconnect our students with forgotten traditions

## Communications

### Marketing

Chloe Lau – Communications Chair, Reia Xu – Media & Marketing Officer

The comms team has handled the promotion and marketing of CGCU's events and initiatives, with some examples below.



**Hayley Wong**  
President

Hey everyone, my name is Hayley and it is my 2nd year as the CGCU President.

I am a 4th year Aeronautics with Spacecraft Engineering student and I'm from Hong Kong. In my free time, I like to play on a Minecraft server with my friends and I've recently begun dabbling in crochet.

I am here to improve your student experience alongside the amazing committee we have this year. I am super excited about having in-person events again so we will definitely return bigger and better!



### Newsletter

Will Carter – Honorary Secretary



Newsletters are a staple of every healthy guildsperson's diet. Keeping all members of the CGCU in the loop about the latest engineering events and news is an important part of our mission. With an audience of 10,000 engineers, correspondence from the CGCU has huge reach and impact. Many fantastic student events, projects and societies feature in the newsletters alongside the CGCU's own and the Guildsheet.

## the Secretary's Corner

*Flowers are wonderful. To no end, they offer peace and joy, and delight us with their calm, delicate beauty.*



"I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

Excerpt from "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud"  
by William Wordsworth

### IN SHORT

- > UROP Demystified
- > Project Daedalus
- > Pub Crawl this Friday!
- > Puzzle Winners

Live Webinar

## UROP DEMYSTIFIED

Join **CGCU** Education for **UROP Demystified** as we explore and explain the true nature of undergraduate research at Imperial.

In the webinar, all your questions will be answered - everything you need to know about UROP, guidance through the bursary application process step-by-step with Student Financial Support Officers on hand, and former UROP-ers to share their experience and tips to getting the most out of the programme.

> **SIGN-UP NOW!** <

## Guildsheet

Nnaemeka Anyamele – Guildsheet Editor

Guildsheet has always been about sharing the thoughts, voices, and experiences of (and with) the engineering students of Imperial. It was with great joy that in late October, the 6th and latest issue of the modern Guildsheet was released both physically with copies distributed all over the shared spaces in across the departments that make up the Faculty of Engineering, as well as digitally, on the CGCU website, linking to the CGCU's issue page ([https://issuu.com/cgcu/docs/guildsheetissue6\\_final](https://issuu.com/cgcu/docs/guildsheetissue6_final)).

In this issue, we shared the experiences of freshers, the insight of a top recruiter, the ingenuity of a student rocketry team, the artistry of engineers of all backgrounds behind the lens, among a range of other pieces. 52 pages of engineering brilliance across various fields.

After the great success of this most recent issue, work resumed to plan the next. Our new co-editor Joao Costa was inducted into the role, and ideas were brainstormed for what we hope will be a mid-2022 next release. This included a special feature on Women in Engineering, as well as additions to the three new "Guildsheet Corners" which were introduced in the latest issue. These were made with the goal of delivering more meaningful and purposeful content to the development of the students at Imperial, alongside the typical content. The three initiatives introduced were the Careers Corner, Alumni Corner, and Interns' Diary, all designated series of articles on topics with a

core focus on careers content, alumni journeys and stories, and recounts of students summer placements and internships respectively.

As a keen puzzler, one of the co-editors put together a 30-puzzle challenge for students to participate in (alongside a special puzzle task in the latest issue) <https://guildsheetpuzzles.wordpress.com> – attached to these challenges were ten £50 Amazon gift vouchers. The Guildsheet Autumn Term Puzzles challenge saw 5 puzzles a week released over a period of 6 weeks between October and December, in which students had the opportunity to enter a draw for the prizes. The more puzzles completed and the more difficult the puzzle, the more times you would be entered into the draw. We received 124 submissions, of which 103 were correct/acceptable solutions to our puzzles, resulting in a draw of 177 entries, many of the engineering departments represented among the winners!

We look forward to engaging further with Imperial's student engineering population throughout 2022, through sharing stories, amplifying voices and experiences, challenging and informing minds across the cohorts in the faculty, and ultimately spreading the love and joy of being engineering students at an institution like Imperial.

## Regalia

Kia Popat – Regalia Officer

The merch available for pre-order in Winter 2021 was beanies, t-shirts, shot glasses, pint glasses, and personalised CGCU stainless steel tankards. The tankards proved to be the most popular, with people placing mostly customised orders =. We also had special limited edition merchandise available prior to the welcome dinner – cufflinks, ties, and pins. These were popular as part of the merch package offered for the welcome dinner, and were available for pickup straight after purchase.

We also have freshers merchandise – we ordered new oyster card wallets, and midway through term, also ordered new CGCU stickers with the coat of arms, which are very popular, and the perfect size to be used as laptop decoration! These items, including the pens, are given away for free at the CGCU freshers fair stall, or to anyone who drops by the office and requests them.

We held a design competition for the hoodies, with around 4 entrants. The winner of this had a design that incorporated aspects of the coat of arms and the mascots. We are looking into getting this design digitalised, as it was given to us hand drawn. The design will be used for the back of the hoodies, for which we will open up pre-orders this term. We will also be getting sweatshirts with the CGCU coat of arms, after taking preorders for both items. If there is demand, we will also purchase zip-up hoodies and/or quarter zips, however these items will be strictly pre orders only, as they are more expensive. They will have the same design as the sweatshirt, as it seems to be simple designs that are more popular in deptsoc merch, so we assume this will be the same with regards to CGCU merchandise.

## Clubs & Societies

Jeffrey Chong – Clubs & Societies Officer

Having a mix of officers with the relevant financial responsibility means that day-to-day eActivities operations are running smoothly, minimising approval response times for Financial Documentation by working together closely with the support of the Treasurer and President. We have encouraged the sixteen clubs to contact the MG team through a dedicated email as the contact point for any issues, allowing the quickest response to club queries as well as allowing everyone to keep an eye on

developments inside the CGCU. We have regularly been in contact with all clubs, with the Clubs and Societies dedicated team, comprising of the Clubs and Societies Chair and Clubs and Societies Officer, creating a strong working relationship with all clubs and societies with regular emails and updates. This help and guidance has resulted in successful ADF and tours applications from members of our CGCU clubs. We have also encouraged strong attendance at both the budgeting and elections Teams call. All this work means that all clubs are functioning successfully, with any issues being handled by the MG team as and when they occur.

A management meeting has now taken place, with good attendance and sharing of information in an informative discussion. Whilst this first meeting was largely about conveying information to the MG, in the future we aim to make this meeting less of the club officers speaking, and more interactive elements, such as more operational discussions and a meeting focused on the needs of the clubs. For example, an idea would be to have clubs that excel in certain areas to talk to the group about what they did, such as DocSoc and how they secure sponsorship. A second MG meeting is in the pipeline. Furthermore, all clubs and societies have been emailed by the team about the CGCU grant. We had previously identified that societies needed more guidance when applying on the details to provide, which this year we have worked to provide, in particular with example applications decimated upon request. As guidance, we have decided to give priority to new activities and events that have a realistic chance to significantly increase the reach of the relevant CSP, and to welfare-related activities. We have asked CSPs wishing to take advantage of this scheme to submit a written application, outlining the amount requested, the reasoning behind the proposal, and how it will impact the CSP. With applications in the mid-hundreds this has the potential to have a helpful impact with targeted welfare related activities. To ensure we take on board any feedback through to next year, we have asked clubs to compile a report with how the money was spent and how well their events ran. This allows any best practices identified to be taken through and fed back to next year's MG.

We expect the next few weeks to be dominated by annual budgeting. With strong attendance at the budgeting Teams call, we are hoping that this goes well, however we are aware that there may be a skills/knowledge gap resulting from the COVID lockdown and committee members coming into their roles without proper handovers. We have offered help and support where necessary.

With regards to events held we are delighted to report that prior to the Omicron lockdown, clubs were back in the full flow of things, with events ranging from DocSoc's Palantir Event to EESoc Curry Night. Design Engineering also held a Curry Night, which went very successfully. Rail and Transport Society held a very successful visit to the Chiltern Railways depot in Aylesbury, making use of a connection with an Imperial alumnus, similarly, CivSoc held a talk from Metis, a civil engineering consultancy based in Richmond, founded by an Imperial graduate. CGCU Motor Club entered the BUKC Qualifiers and we were delighted to hear the result that having successfully qualified they are heading to Round 1 in February – we wish them the best of luck.

## Education

James White – Education Chair, Tianxiao Wang – Education Officer

Since the last report, we had Faculty SSC where the Aero Dep. reps were keen to try and roll out their iPad loan scheme to the wider Engineering Faculty. Unfortunately, the faculty staff responded stating that the budgets for said schemes were with the departments and so it was up to them as to whether they wanted to go ahead with schemes like this. The co-ordination of modules between departments as a result of a paper submitted to council last term was also raised here as well in which professor Jason Riley was very supportive. As for mitigating circumstances forms which were mentioned in the previous report, Chem. Eng. has finally switched to a more accessible online form in line with other departments which is good to hear!

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 after 2 weeks of planning, our CGCU Education Faculty reps held a UROP Webinar information session on Teams where they explained the processes behind obtaining UROPs as well as the funding etc. There were roughly 100 signups and consistently over 50 people

at the live event itself with the recording to be made available for all CGCU Engineers relatively soon.

CGCU Education

Live Webinar

# UROP DEMYSTIFIED

A Comprehensive Introduction & Guide on UROP Application

27 Jan, 2022  
19:00 - 20:15 GMT

Registration :

<https://forms.office.com/r/eWdTEAUju>

## Alumni

The President and the Alumni Officer Leah Redmond has once again been working very closely with both the CGCA and the Old Centralians's Trust. We have secured funding from alumni for committee use and we have used that to have catering at all general committee meetings past working hours and have carried out committee socials. We are planning to organise a depsoc meet and greet with the CGCA alumni rep of their respective departments in order to connect our depsocs with the CGCA and ensure they know the support they can receive. Moreover, in conjunction with the Old Centralians's Trust, we gave out the Holbein Award for the Sportsperson of the Year. Finally, the upcoming formal dinner held by the CGCA will be attended by committee and promoted to students.

## The Holbein Award "Sportsperson of the Year"

**NOMINATE A GUILDSPERSON!**

Nominations close Monday 17th January 2022

Your nominee should have the qualities we're looking for below:

- A person who has proved themselves as an enthusiastic and able sportsman from the CGCU.
- A person who is socially enthusiastic and with good character.
- Someone who is an active member of the CGCU community.

A prize of £100 will be awarded to the winner and their name engraved on the union tankard. Furthermore, the winner will receive a ticket to the CGCA Alumni Dinner on 25th February at Iron Manger's Hall.

The award covers the most recently completed academic year, **2020-2021**.