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RSMU Start of Term Report for Council

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Events

Over the summer break preparations were made for Freshers' fortnight and autumn term as a whole. Already we have had our introductory talks to ESE and Materials and on Tuesday we ran the first Freshers' event to which there was a brilliant turnout from freshers', older years and postgrads/alumni alike. Coming up are three more RSM freshers' events: tonight's bar night, with a sixties and seventies theme, a sports-day style 'RSM Olympics' and the annual Freshers' dinner which is being held at Queens Tower Rooms.

We are now planning Halloween bar night and Christmas dinner, which we hope to be held at a grand venue as it has been the past two years.

For Freshers' Fair a flyer was produced outlining the autumn term's events.

To comply with the alcohol guidelines produced by the union, the RSM is striving to have events where alcohol is not forced upon Freshers, and we are also running events such as the Olympics so that freshers understand the RSMU is not a 'drinking club'.

Clubs and Societies

The term has just begun and so there has not been much chance for the DepSocs to run events. DLB held a welcome reception for the ESE freshers after the introductory talks on Monday. The DLB also has a fieldtrip organised for the weekend of 8/9/10 October to North Cornwall which includes a day trip to a mine site. Through the term both GeophysSoc and DLB have informative talks organised, including one in December being given by Richard Fortey. I have not yet been informed of MatSocs activities in regards to events that they are running, but both MatSoc and DLB are running the paintballing trip (Date TBC) which is a round in their annual competition: The Hill Cup. RSM sports teams all had popular stalls at Freshers' Fair and hope to have a great turnout this year from old and new players.

Regalia

Over the summer break the regalia officers refreshed the RSM regalia stocks. New ties and hoodies were ordered as the levels of these had seriously depleted and they are the most popular items that we sell. The products currently on our inventory are hoodies, polo shirts, ties, tie pins, cufflinks and we have a limited number of hipflasks.

Finances

The RSMU has received £500 sponsorship from a member of the RSM Association – Ben Gates, we are still looking for extra sponsorship for our Freshers' Dinner. As yet we have not had any events to make a loss on, the next report will outline whether any events have or have not lost the RSMU money.