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What has been worked on in the past month?	Items 1,2,3,6 have been completed for last month with items 4 & 5 still outstanding. https://socsreps.github.io/posts/blogs/augustSocsOfficerReport_BLOG.html.

Items 4 & 5 are based around communication from SoCS to students. This has been frustratingly slow. With all the great work that SoCS is clearly doing it has forgotten to bring the student cohort on the same journey and has left them standing frozen to the 8th August. This was the last and only formal communication SoCS students have had about what lay ahead for this Semester.

The request for further information is not Covid-19 specific, which is understood to be constantly changing and is well documented in the general news, but from a student orientated perspective about how lectures and workshops will be run and operational items around that. Items such as how registers will be taken, Teams tracking, absence management, updates on flipped learning, further detail of online lecture styles etc have not been presented. This is a shame and is now letting SoCS down with the accurate perception that communication from SoCS has so far been poor on these matters, especially as we are now at the end of September. It has been a missed opportunity.

However, the above shouldn't come in front of the good work taking place with the reps and student engagement officer working on creating a full suite of orientation week activities made by students for students. The team have developed social media accounts to popularise these events as well as websites and videos to promote them. They have all worked hard to ensure there is something for everyone. These have been well received so far and everyone is excited to see how they will be received by the students in the upcoming week. |
| **Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins** | 1. Orientation Week – Completion of orientation week activities which will also be trialled during a SoCS staff away day (23rd Sep). The website to this work is as follows: https://socsfreshers.github.io . The benefit of this is it can now act as a template for future online social activities or even further orientation weeks in the future.

2. Blackboard Escape Room – Initial extension of an orientation week activity where the reps are helping to create an Blackboard escape room. Ideas and ways to make this an exciting (!) task are being well received.

3. Introductions – Several introductions have now taken place with meetings with Prof Libby John and Dr Andy Evenden as well as Prof Liz Mossop. These have been really useful platforms and very well received when feeding back to the rep team. |
| **Plans for next month** | 1. Orientation week activities completed in a smooth and successful fashion
2. Identify committees that are open in the School of Computer Science to support full student participation
3. Welcome and introduce new 1st Year course reps to the team
4. Send monthly communication to each Year group to formally present the reps team (as committed in School Rep July email) so that students know all clear |

points of contact for us
5. Support in the collation of feedback on the initial first few weeks of Semester