

Volunteer Officer Report October 2018

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What has been worked on in the past month?

In general the past month has been a great success for the school, with not many issues and in general students being fairly happy, so there has not been much to do. Students, particularly freshers, have been encouraged to join the school's academic society and to take part in the course rep elections, both nomination and voting wise. Students all around the school have been also encouraged to utilise Coursemate in the case that there are burning issues, which has been noted but not yet used by many.

I have attended my school's course rep training this month, which has been quite successful, with a great turnout. I got the chance to meet the very enthusiastic team of my course reps, and I have already been contact with most of them regarding the plans for the year.

I have also had meetings with my group of mentees, which shows to be a successful and valuable scheme so far; most students instantly gained the confidence to talk to their peers, as well as to their respective (and other) mentors. Most of us has the mentees asking for help regarding a wide variety of things: reading lists, advice regarding what books are worth going through, how and where to find certain things, as well as just in general trying to make friends, which shows that it is a useful scheme which they are taking full advantage of.

Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins

- The role of the course reps have been advertised and many nominations were submitted, with generally most students voting
- Some lecturers are changing the way they deliver material to tailor it to their class of students; slowing down, generally going more in-depth, doing more worked out examples in class and the like
- Other schools are now more aware of students they have from this school, particularly those on joint degrees, as some of these students were left out of certain emails and therefore not received vital information regarding their modules or course

Plans for next month

- Working with course reps to find out if students would like lecture recordings for certain modules throughout the school, and if the majority is a yes, try to consult with those individual lecturers to record their lectures
- Keep encouraging students to join the MAPS society
- Accommodating certain lecture rooms to all students, as some have no left handed chairs, but there are around a dozen lefties in certain lectures, who struggle to take notes comfortably