

CHEMISTRY END OF SEMESTER REPORT

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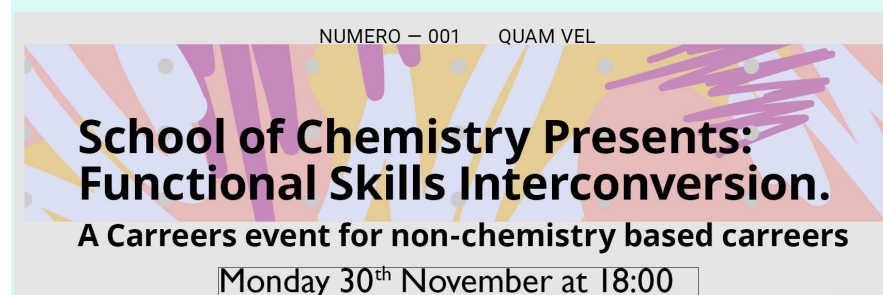
Events

D, What's in it for Me?

Organised a PhD information event targetted towards students in their final year applying for PhDs or students interested to potentially do them.

Functional Skills Interconversion

Organised a non-chemistry specific career event targetted predominatntly at honours students to hopefully get some inspiration from St Andrews graduates as to what they can potentially be doing.



Pride in STEM Week

Chaperoned one of the build your gingerbread scientists which ran smoothly. Additionally was in charge of coordinating the events planned by STEM societies. Which resulted in numerous of additional pride in STEM events such as ChemSocs panel on being queer in chemistry which was really outstanding!

Scottish Health & Innovation Network for Entrepreneurship (SHINE)

As part of SHINE I advertised and was part of three events. I found an interviewer for the third event. In the second event I interviewed Dr Dave Hughes and Dr Adela Montiel on their work at NOVOSOUND. This was very interesting and insightful.

Nobel Prize announcement viewing party

Throught the discord server I set up a viewing party for the announcement of the chemistry nobel prize. Had friendly discussion afterwards.

CH1401 Panopto Parties

In the first couple of weeks of term set up these panopto-parties for CH1401 students. Had a lot of students sign up (don't remember exact number), had a lot of TEAMS groups made.

Projects

Ran and Advertised class Rep selections within the school

Included, advertising the positions and chasing up unfilled positions. Managed to get all positions, including PGRs, filled.

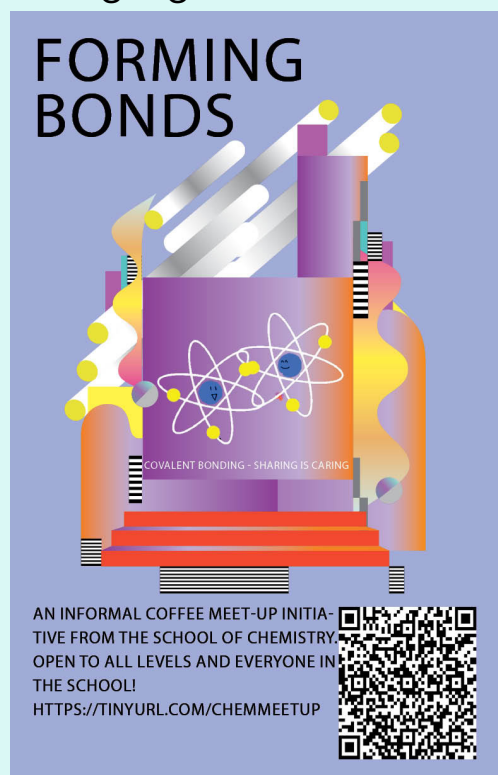
Created a Welcome pack e-mail for all first year students

The pack included a welcome letter from myself, the DoT, HoS and Director of Wellbeing.

Forming Bonds Buddy Scheme

This buddy scheme was meant to be a whole-

school informal pairing method to reduce loneliness, alone-ness and have social interactions from people within the department. Paired approximately 80 people together, ranging from Professors and PhD students all the way down to first years. Manually allocated buddies based on rough year groups, languages and interests.



Celebrating BAME in STEM

Still in the working, but have been able to set up, through the help of Sean Nwachukwu, a solid plan for the event spanning across all STEM departments next semester!

More Active leaning in Chemistry

Stemmed from a conversation with Iain Smellie after an SSCC. Resulting in Iain for his fifth year course approaching the teaching in a lot more of active style of learning. Also potentially having safe to do take home experiments for first years.

Committees

Education Committee

Chaired by the Director of Education, Science & Medicine Faculty president and the Arts & Divinity Faculty President. Each week I submit a report and take active part in the discussion

School President's Forum

Chaired by the same people as the EduCom but additionally the proctor, the Dean of Science and Dean of Arts too are present. Key point that I brought up during this discussion was the students perspective on wellbeing.

Student Wellbeing Advisory Group (SWAG)

New found advisory group in which student representatives and university staff meet to discuss plans on improving the current wellbeing situation.

Rectors Election Committee

Was part of the committee overseeing this years rectors election. This involved hosting the debates, I took time for one of them. Additionally I collaboratively worked with Elinor to manage the social media page (Elinor did most of the work though!).

Student Staff Consultative Committee (SSCC)

Chaired two SSCC meetings this semester. The first one, relatively early in the semester, to discuss the challenges associated with the new learning methods of remote teaching. The second SSCC was set in place to ensure that the action points of the first meeting were addressed. This was largely the case and progress has been made.

Equality Diversity & Inclusion Committee

Chaired by the school ED&I Coordinator, Tanja Van Mourik, discussing the ED&I situation within the school. During summer I suggested that there would be some type of ScotChem BAME network, which has now officially been introduced!

Teaching Committee (School of Chemistry)

Chaired by the Dr Gordon Florence the DoT and attended by members of staff and myself. For both of these meetings I have represented the students point of view.

Postgraduate Affairs Committee

Committee wherein PGR affairs are discussed within the school. Brought up the potential of having a more rigorous COVID=19 reporting system in place.

Other

Optimised Emails by adding ChemCondensed and by sending out pictures of cute animals.

Assisted students upon request which included: facilitating the honours project allocation, aided with awareness of study space, pushed lecturers to adhere to the remote study policy by asking them to upload lectures on time.

Managed Social Medias

I took over my predecessor's instagram, and twitter. Furthermore started a Discord server which is for events and office hours.

