

# Welfare Comm minutes 17.10.14

- No absences

## 1. Feedback from Newcastle night out on 16.10.14

- Alice, Calum, Matthew and Fiona thought that the night went well from a welfare perspective.
- The freshers at the meeting felt that welfare had a good presence on the night.
- Millie thinks that people knew where the welfare team was based in case they did need us.
- Calum says that the coach pick up point needs to be clearly arranged on future nights as this caused confusion.

## 2. Butlerite welfare week

The team gives a lowdown of the week- there are 5 main events happening.

Monday night- family night.

- College parents will hopefully be in touch to plan an event with children and grandparents.
- Some people at the meeting report that they have heard from their college parents but others have not.
- Matthew boasts that he has been in contact with his family. Alice names and shames Fiona as she has forgotten to do this.

Tuesday and Thursday night- welfare presence at mentor nights.

- Matthew and Alice show the group flyers with welfare information on them (info about the welfare mobile, who the team are, when welfare comm meets)
- The aim of the flyers is to reinforce the message of what welfare comm does in college and the services on offer
- Members of the welfare team will bob around at mentor nights and talk to people
- Alice will ask the mentors to hand out the flyers and to talk about them
- Calum says he likes to use flyers to generate handy conversation starters with his mentor. Welfare comm enjoy this useful tip.
- Alice also has a second kind of flyer prepared to go in freshers' pigeon holes. This one has a photo of the team on and info about the welfare

mobile and email address as not as many people are aware of the welfare email as a way of getting in touch.

- Alice says the flyers in pigeon holes are nice as people like to get post. Emma slams this claim and calls the flyers 'generic post'. Alice tries to retort but just squeaks angrily as she has lost her voice. Welfare comm giggle at Alice.

#### Wednesday night- welfare party

- This is going to be held at Matthew's house in Claypath. The aim is to encourage livers out to come along and pick up some information about what welfare does in college, but freshers are also very welcome.
- Fiona explains the ideas that we have so far:
  - Blow up condoms and latex gloves and fill them with confetti for decoration
  - Make a piñata full of sweets and supplies
  - A 'pin the spikey on the bottle' game
  - Welfare quiz
  - Cake
  - Welfare themed playlist
  - Party bags of welfare goodies
- Welfare comm like the ideas and are happy to help with the preparations for the party
- Fiona will write a list of what needs doing on the facebook group and will arrange a time to come to college when people are happy to help.
- Matthew is not allowed to be in charge of the welfare playlist due to risk of Katy Perry overload. Matthew argues that most people have felt like a plastic bag drifting through the wind at some point and Katy Perry is v. relatable. Welfare comm are unconvinced.

#### Friday night- tea and toast

- Calum excitedly reveals that tea and toast will return 'for one night only'. You heard it here first.
- It will run after welfare comm from 7.30 until 9.30.
- Calum is still waiting to hear from pudding soc about the idea of a combined event.

### Sunday night- Potential visit from freps and proctors

- We will encourage freps and proctors to visit their flats from freshers week before the JCR meeting
- The main purpose is 'sit back and chat' with the flats and perhaps a gentle prod towards encouraging them to attend the JCR meeting.
- Alice has heard from some proctors that they like to have something to take along to their flats as a reason for going. She asks for suggestions of what they could take round.
- Lewis took brownies that he made when he visited the flats the other day. Lewis has happy proctees.
- Hannah suggests that paper timetables are useful to have
- Emma runs with this idea and suggests a societies timetable might be nice to give out
- Calum suggests that proctors could take a short questionnaire for the flats to fill in to gather feedback about the Butlerite welfare week campaign.

### Returners' welfare booklet

- Alice has adapted the welfare booklet from the freshers packs to give to returners.
- Livers in will receive this from their proctors
- Livers out officer Emma has just learnt of the returners booklets but she will distribute these through the livers out rep team.

### Welfare video

- The team and members of welfare comm have made a short film about welfare in college
- Matthew gives welfare comm a sneak preview
- The video is bangin'
- It will be video of the week in Siri's email on Sunday night and will be spammed all over social media for the duration of Butlerite welfare week.

### 3. Other issues that emerged during discussion

- Rosie says Femsoc were wondering whether Butler bar stocks spikeys. Butler bar does stock spikeys. Rosie will let Femsoc know this.
- Emily suggests that spikeys could be handed out on Newcastle nights out. Alice will look into this.