Student Council Report

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Please find below a summary of the 3 main projects I have been working on since the last meeting of Student Council:

1. SPORTS AT HERTS

Sports at Herts is more important than ever because being physically active can improve mood, decrease the chance of depression & anxiety and lead to a better/more balanced lifestyle. Since the last student council, we have gone into another national lockdown which has prevented Herts Squad and Active students from holding any physical activity. I am proud to say that the team haven’t given up in providing a great service to student. Active students are still providing a virtual service which allow students to participate in daily exercise from their home. Planning for the coming weeks, myself and the team are trying to ensure that there is a safe range of activities planned for when we are out of lock down. Students are advised that they have to leave their accommodation between 4 – 9th December but however not all students will be leaving campus for Christmas, so it is vital that we try our best in accordance with government guidelines to provide a service to our students. Active Students aim (if allowed) to have an on-campus schedule for those staying, staring on the 10th December.

2. SOCIETY COLLABORATION

Societies are a big part of the SU with over 2000 members signed up to 98 societies. Societies are a great place for people to meet new people with similar hobbies and interests. Societies have adapted very well to the current situation by providing engaging virtual events. The debate club won our society of the month award last month for providing fun and engaging virtual events. I have made it a priority to get all societies sharing ideas and working together in collaboration. All society committee members have been invited to a WhatsApp group which has been a great platform so far for sharing ideas and has helped set up a zoom meeting. All societies will be meeting with myself to plan a societies quiz collab, this will allow students to experience a taster of each society involved. This also provides a platform for people to engage with people they may not have, if they the collab hadn’t of happened.

3. LOBBYING FOR MARQUEE / CHRISTMAS PLANNING

At the last student council, I made everyone aware that I was lobbying for a Marquee to hold safe face to face events throughout November/December. This was approved and I was in the process of planning a calendar of events that would take place. Unfortunately, as we all know we then
went into a national lockdown which meant all plans and talks of a marquee have been put on hold until the government guidance changes. Since the national lockdown I have worked closely in creating a calendar of virtual activities for students to get involved in. This event calendar will provide activity every single day of the week throughout the end of November and throughout December. I will be working closely with Active Students, DOS, societies and the activities team to make sure that this calendar is full. This calendar will ensure that students have platforms to engage with us and other students whether they remain on campus or at home for Christmas.

Further information about the work I do can be found here:
https://hertfordshire.su/your-say/electedofficers/vice-president-activities/

And my previous reports to Student Council can be found here:
https://hertfordshire.su/your-say/student-council/

Thank you for reading!

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