

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**Central Executive Committee (CEC)**

8 – 10 October 2021

FRESHERS FORTNIGHT REVIEW 21J

The CEC is asked to:-

- i) **note** the information provided in this report and appendix

1. Introduction

1.1 This report introduces the review of Freshers Fortnight 21J (20 September – 3 October 2021) so far, as of 28 September. The events were organised by the Student Community Team and VP Community, with Lara Munday as the Project Lead. The Open University Students Association Freshers Fortnight is held twice a year, in September – October and in January – February. Freshers Fortnight is an opportunity for both new and continuing Open University (OU) students to engage with fellow students, take part in events and activities, and learn about the Association. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Freshers Fortnight, which is usually a mixture of online and face-to-face events, was held entirely online for the 20J, 21B and 21J intakes.

1.2 Freshers Fortnight 21J included 47 online events and eight competitions and prize draws.

1.3 The report is based on attendee numbers and feedback collected so far (as of 28 September). A full report of Freshers Fortnight 21J and 22B will be completed in Spring 2022, taking into account more data including Feedback Surveys completed by attendees and hosts.

1.4 This report suggests that so far Freshers Fortnight 21J has been successful, taking into account attendee numbers and initial feedback. The increased safety and security measures also seem to have been successful so far. However the overall success of the Fortnight will be evaluated in more detail in Spring 2022.

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