



News & views

Welcome to LSE

BY HOWARD DAVIES, LSE DIRECTOR



Howard Davies

I am pleased to welcome all new members of the School community – both students and staff – at the start of the academic year.

We hope you will, as others have done before you, find the LSE an exciting place to be.

All those involved in the management of the School are committed to making

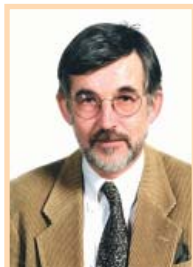
your time here as rewarding as possible.

The School has a (deserved) reputation for academic excellence and intellectual excitement. And London can offer every possible kind of entertainment



and diversion, from Australian bars to zoos (not such a great distance, you may think, when you have explored both).

A number of events have been arranged by both the School and the Students' Union to help you find your feet. Details of the Students' Union events can be found on the back page. I hope you will take



advantage of at least some of them.

Pro-directors Sarah Worthington (left), Janet Hartley (second left) and George Gaskell (above left), and Secretary and Director of Administration Adrian Hall (above right), join me in wishing all those who work and study in the School a stimulating and enjoyable year ahead.



Study skills



Is this your first experience of studying in the UK? Is this your first experience of studying at higher education level?

Do you worry that you may not keep up with mega reading lists, or assignment deadlines? Would you like to meet, study and problem solve with other students from different departments?

If the answer is yes, then pick up a copy of Skills@LSE, or see Learning World at: <http://learning.lse.ac.uk/>. The combined forces of the Language Centre, Teaching and Learning Centre and Careers Service offer open lectures, workshops and classes, and a variety of forms of one-to-one support. The Disability and Well-being Office can provide specialist support to students with disabilities or dyslexia. We are all here to ensure that you make the most of your LSE programme, and to enable you to maximise that experience for a successful future.

Make a difference LSE Student Tutoring Scheme

October sees the start of this year's LSE Student Tutoring Scheme. Under the scheme LSE students assist classroom teachers in inner London primary and secondary schools, for either a morning or an afternoon a week, for a minimum of 12 weeks.

Volunteers are carefully briefed before they start and also attend an induction at their assigned school. As volunteers, students are not paid however they do receive travelling expenses.

The main aims of the scheme are to encourage pupils to think about going on to university and to raise academic achievement. Feedback from schools demonstrates just how valuable an extra pair of hands in the classroom can be.

Student tutors also benefit greatly from taking part in this initiative. Past tutors have gained confidence and improved their organisational and communication skills. The experience is valuable even if students are not considering a career working with young people, and of course the whole experience is both rewarding and enjoyable! For many, volunteering as a student tutor can simply offer a welcome break from their usual routine of lectures, classes and study.

Last year over 200 students took part in the scheme, tutoring in all sorts of subjects, many of

which do not feature in LSE degrees, as well as helping out at lunchtime and after school activities. In many cases

students were able to use their specific skills, such as home languages, in order to offer much needed extra help in the class room.

This year we are looking for around 200 reliable, committed students to take part in the 2008/09 scheme. Information sessions will take place on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October at 1pm and attendance at the meeting does not commit students to taking part.

If you would like further information, why not visit the Widening Participation stand at Freshers Fair. Information sessions are being held on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October, 1pm, D202 (Clement House). Also, you can contact Joanna Tolfree, ext 7003, email J.Tolfree@lse.ac.uk

See: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentRecruitment



Induction week

Key LSE staff, including the Director, deans and the SU general secretary, will give you essential information about the School's structure, registration and academic life. This is a very important part of your induction so please do attend.

UNDERGRADUATES AND GENERAL COURSE STUDENTS

Monday 29 September, Peacock Theatre

- 2pm: those with surnames A-L
- 3.30pm: those with surnames M-Z

Seating is on a first come first served basis. **NOTE:** General Course students have an additional induction on Tuesday 30 September, 3.30-5pm, Old Theatre.

POSTGRADUATES

Tuesday 30 September, Peacock Theatre

- 10am: those with surnames A-H
- 11.30am: those with surnames I-Q
- 2pm: those with surnames R-Z

DISABILITY AND WELL-BEING OFFICE WELCOME DAY DROP IN Monday 29 September, Café Pepe, 10am-2pm

PHD/RESEARCH STUDENTS

Thursday 2 October, New Theatre, 2pm

DEPARTMENTAL INDUCTIONS AND REGISTRATION

For information on departmental inductions and when to register, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentServicesCentre/induction/inductionTemplate.htm

NEW ARRIVALS HELP DESK, ST CLEMENT'S BUILDING

Monday 22 September-Friday 3 October, 9.30am-5pm. Students and staff can either answer your questions or direct you to someone who can help.

STUDENTS' UNION FRESHERS' FAYRE, THURSDAY 2 AND FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER, 10.30AM-5PM

Societies and commercial stalls will be located around campus. It is best to start at Clement House and follow the one way system. Locations of society stalls will be advertised in the *Beaver* and at the Fair. The SU provides an early entrance scheme for students with disabilities who can access the fair from 10am.

EXTENDING YOUR STUDENT VISA

If you have a current visa which is about to expire, the Student Services Centre can help you to apply for an extension, and may be able to send the application to a designated team at the Home Office on your behalf.

Information on completing the application form and the documents which must be provided is available on the SSC website. Workshops in October give details of how to apply and how to use the LSE's Student Batch Scheme. To sign up for a workshop, or for more information, email: visa.office@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 6853. You can also go online to: www.lse.ac.uk/ssc or visit the Student Services Centre.

Getting to know the Library



HOW TO GET YOUR BEARINGS

Take our audio tour for the ideal introduction to layout and facilities. Get a handset at the Help Point (Library entrance area) or the Service Counter, ground floor, any time. Or download the podcast from the Library website.

BUILDING WORK OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY

LSE Estates are re-laying the Plaza directly outside the Library. Work is due to be completed by 31 October. Access to the Library will be maintained at all times, however the Plaza Café will not reopen until work is complete.

YOUR LSE/LIBRARY CARD

New students receive an LSE Card at registration. This also acts as your Library card, providing access to the Library, the Course Collection (for key reading list texts) and to borrowing. New academic staff should collect theirs from Library Reception.

FREE BOOKLETS

Keep a copy of our floorplan guide handy. For other essential information, collect the LSE Student Library guide from the Library. All new academic staff will receive a copy of the *LSE Academic Staff Library Guide*.

PICK UP YOUR PIN

To get books and renew loans, you will need your Library personal identification number (PIN) - a four digit security number (not visible on your card). This can be obtained from LSE for You.

SAVE TIME

Issue, renew and return books using the self-service units located in the Course Collection and at the Service Counter. You need your Library barcode number which is displayed on your LSE Card (beginning 022..) and your Library PIN (see above).

FINDING INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Use the Library Catalogue to locate, reserve and renew Library items. Finding electronic resources is straightforward. Online subject guides contain information on how to find all resources, including articles, databases and items on the Library Catalogue.

An additional service is available called Cross Searcher which enables you to cross search across selected electronic resources from one place. Resources can also be searched for individually through a variety of means including a journals portal, a research repository and a data library.

Visit the Electronic Resources page on the Library website at www.lse.ac.uk/library/elelib.htm

ANY LIBRARY QUERIES?

Visit our temporary Freshers' Help Point in the Library entrance (Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm) or the Help Desk on the first floor. All academic departments and research centres have a Library liaison contact who will introduce themselves to members of staff within the first few weeks. The Library also offers a range of face to face training sessions, and an area on Moodle with lots of information to help you maximise your access to and use of the Library's information and resources.

Extra help is available to students referred by the advisor to students with disabilities or dyslexia. See the Library website for further details.

GET ONLINE

Getting online is quick and easy. Simply pick up the *IT Guide* at the New Arrivals Help Desk or from the IT Help Desk, find an available computer and follow the simple instructions in the guide.



British Library of Political and Economic Science

WHERE ARE THE COMPUTERS?

There are over 1,000 PCs available for students on campus. Please use the PC availability service on the plasma information screens to locate a free PC.

CAN I USE MY LAPTOP?

All of the study bedrooms in Halls of Residence are connected to the LSE network and there is an extensive wireless network throughout the campus. Connection is free. To get connected follow the instructions in the IT Guide.

ACCESSIBLE LSE

Specialist facilities are available for students with disabilities including dedicated work stations and printing facilities, as well as assistive hardware and software. Email: ITS_Accessibility@lse.ac.uk or visit: www.lse.ac.uk/itservices/accessibility.

GETTING HELP

There is a staffed IT Help Desk on the Library's first floor. You can visit, email or phone for help, or get Virtual IT Assistance from an LSE desktop. Click on the icon to chat online to your IT support staff. Visit www.lse.ac.uk/ithelpdesk for contact details and opening hours.



VIRTUAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS (VLES)

A VLE provides web based support for courses and programmes by bringing together a range of resources and tools in one location including course resources, reading lists, discussion areas and other aids to study. LSE uses Moodle as its VLE. You can access Moodle using your School login and password, and you can find a link to Moodle on the LSE homepage.



Students’ Union

As an LSE student, you are automatically a member of the LSE Students’ Union (SU), renowned for being the most active students’ union in the UK.

The SU runs campaigns to defend and extend student rights, funds and supports almost 200 societies based around national, cultural, political, arts, departmental and career groups, offers sports clubs through the Athletics Union (AU) and provides members with services tailored to their needs, including the Quad Café, SU Shop, the Gym and the Three Tuns and Underground Bars. Services include a specialist Advice and Counselling Centre (second floor, East Building) which offers top quality advice on immigration, housing and other issues, as well as confidential, free counselling.

The LSESU is the only Union in the country which still has Union General Meeting (UGM), where every Thursday at 1pm in the Old Theatre all students are

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| General Secretary: | Aled Dilwyn Fisher |
| Treasurer: | Wil Barber |
| Education and Welfare: | Emmanuel Akpan-Inwang |
| Communications: | Dan Sheldon |



L-r: Emmanuel, Will, Aled and Dan

entitled to submit, speak on and vote on motions that become Union policy and campaigns. The day-to-day running of the Union is done by an Executive (‘the Exec’), comprising four full-time Sabbatical Officers and 12 part-time officers.

The Students’ Union is here to help you make the most of your time in London. Find out more at: www.lsesu.com or contact the Sabbatical Officers:

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| su.gensec@lse.ac.uk | E205 | 02079557147 |
| su.treasurer@lse.ac.uk | E206 | 02079557471 |
| su.edwelfare@lse.ac.uk | E299 | 02079556709 |
| su.comms@lse.ac.uk | E65a | 02079556832 |

Catering to your taste

Our catering facilities offer a fantastic choice of foods, drinks and services during term, together with the opportunity to socialise with friends and colleagues. This year, we have a number of exciting new facilities where you will find great food that whets your appetite but doesn’t sting your pocket.All facilities have vegetarian, eat-in and take away options. We also have Fair Trade, liP and 4 Star Food Safety Accreditation.

4TH FLOOR RESTAURANT
4th floor Old Building, Mon-Fri 9am-7pm
This new facility is the perfect place to eat, study and socialise. Breakfast: traditional and healthy options, freshly baked pastries, croissants, cereals, toast.

Lunch: pasta, pizzas, jacket potatoes, fish, speciality international dishes or create your own stir-fry or salad from the huge selection of fresh ingredients and there are chips too.

Supper: an ever-changing choice of hot, home cooked dishes and snacks.

All day: hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, salads, snacks, etc. Vending machines are also available 24/7.

4TH FLOOR CAFÉ BAR
4th Floor Old Building, Mon-Fri 11am-10pm
This new café bar is a great place to relax with a good coffee or share a drink with friends. At the deli bar you can get a hot or cold sandwich with a choice of fillings.



CAFÉ PEPE
3rd Floor Clement House, Mon-Fri, 9.30am-5pm
Freshly baked pastries, panninis, sandwiches, salads, soup, fresh juices, soft drinks, cappuccino, espresso, regular coffee and teas.

SU catering

3TK
Term: Mon-Fri, 12-8pm
Located in the Underground Bar, 3TK is the only place on campus that provides table service as well as offering a wide variety of food from paninis and pasta to crepes – all made before your eyes. 3TK also serves platters to share with friends and alcoholic drinks.

QUAD CAFÉ
Term: Mon-Fri, 9am-6pm
The Quad Café is one of the places on campus to eat sit, relax and socialise with friends. It offers breakfast, lunch and evening snacks and is well known for its fair trade coffees, teas and cold drinks. The café also provides a fantastic range of buffets for society parties and functions.



COFFEE CART
A new coffee cart is situated outside the Tower buildings and serves Fair Trade fare.

THREE TUNS BAR
For all your socialising needs and evening entertainment.

THE UNDERGROUND
Situated under the Three Tuns, this bar is a bit more plush and intimate and hosts the famous Saturday night Exilio.

SU Advice and Counselling Centre

The Centre offers advice and assistance regarding legal or welfare issues such as immigration, housing, consumer and financial difficulty. Services are free, independent, impartial and confidential. For enquiries, email: su.advice-centre@lse.ac.uk or call 020 7955 7145. You can drop into E297 during opening hours which are:

TERM-TIME Mon and Fri, 10.30am-4pm; Tues-Thurs, 10.30am-1pm

VACATIONS 10.30am-1pm.
Advisers, Ali Weyli and Hazel Norbury, will be happy to see you during office hours and can schedule appointments outside these times for more complex issues. Messages can be left on 020 7955 7145 outside office hours and calls will be returned as quickly as possible from the next working day.

CONSUMER ISSUES We offer advice and assistance with such consumer issues as mobile phone, fitness club and other contracts.

COUNSELLING SERVICE If you are experiencing emotional or stress-related problems settling in to LSE as a new student, or coping with the challenges of academic

life, then please make an appointment with Sheila Gill. Appointments are available on Fridays only. Please telephone or email us to book a slot.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE We can advise on general financial matters and administer several student union hardship funds including childcare, women’s right to choose, students with disabilities, medical costs, emergency housing, immigration, small claims, Council tax and Repeating Students Fund to help with financial problems. We also operate the Funderfinder database to help students locate sources of extra income via private funding bodies.

HOUSING We can assist with regard to landlord/tenant matters, illegal eviction, harassment, disrepair, tenancy agreements, deposits and council tax queries

IMMIGRATION We can help with general immigration matters such as extensions and correction of student visas, Tier 1 (PSW) Tier 1 (General), as well as settlement visas.

If we cannot help you directly, we will be able to refer you to an organisation that can, so please call in to see us with any problems you may have.

Freshers’ Festival

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER-FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
International Film Festival
New Theatre, every night from 6pm, free.

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
Questions and Answers with Shami Chakrabarti.
A chance to question and meet a famous and inspiring former LSE student. Underground Bar, 12-2pm, free.



Halls Welcome Night
Check out what your halls are doing.

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER
LSE Street Carnival
Across LSE campus. Live music, food and stalls. All day.

Silent Disco
Rock out with your headphones. Houghton Street, 6-8pm

Boom!
The official launch party. Sets from Beadyman, Button Down Disco and more. All SU bars, 8pm-1am, £10

WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER
Athletics Union (AU) Sports Day
LSE Berrylands Sports Ground. Give the sports a try.

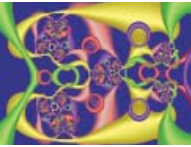
AU Launch Party
Start at LSE SU bars then on to Zoo Bar. 9pm-3am, £5.

Relaxed Sports Party
Quad, 8-11pm, £3.

THURSDAY 2 AND FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER
Freshers’ Fayre
Sign up to societies and sports clubs. Across LSE Campus, 10am-6pm.

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER
Postgraduate Welcome Party
Underground Bar, 8pm, £5.

Band Republic
New bands – you decide who’s the best! Quad, 8pm, £5.



FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER
Fresh Loves the ’90s! Fresh Launch
The biggest and best student night in London! All SU bars, 8pm-1am

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER
Two Londons, One Tour
Alternative tour showing the real London

Afterskool Klub
Alternative night out with Indie, rock. Quad, 10pm-3am, £5.

Chuckle Club
One of London’s cheapest and best stand-up nights. Three Tuns Bar, 8-11pm, £6.

Exilio
London’s only Latin LGBT club night. Underground Bar, 10pm-3am, £5

MONDAY 6-FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
Activities Week
Look out for SU campaign inductions and Society AGMs.

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER
Mind the Gap
LGBT party (every first Monday of the month, Underground Bar). Quad, 8-11pm, Free.

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER
Unwind
LSE’s famous non-alcoholic, relaxing party, with games, activities, chocolate fountains and more. Quad, 6-11pm, £4



THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER
Union General Meeting (UGM)
The first UGM of the term – your democratic forum for influencing LSE. Old Theatre, 1pm, Every Week

FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
Fresh
Your regular LSE Friday Night. All SU bars, 8pm-1am, £4

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER
Afterskool Klub
Quad, 10pm-3am, £5

chuckle club
Three Tuns Bar, 8-11pm, £6

Exilio
Underground Bar, 10pm-3am, £5

Disability equality

It is really important for students with long-term medical conditions, sensory impairment, mental health issues, dyslexia, dyspraxia or other disabilities to make contact with the Disability and Well-being office at an early stage. There are often alternative arrangements which can easily be put in place to ensure full access to academic and social life at LSE, for example, additional library services, exam conditions, individual study support or adjustments within halls of residence.

Some students will have already informed the School and will have met the Disability and Well-being team and other key members of staff at a welcome day, held on Monday, 29 September.

However, any student can make contact with one of the advisers to students with disabilities or dyslexia at any time, by emailing: disability-dyslexia@lse.ac.uk or telephone: 020 7955 7767.

SU Shop

The SU Shop sells a wide range of goods and stocks a variety of newspapers and magazines (some at discounted prices). It also has an ever varying range of snacks, drinks, stationery, diaries, clothing, memorabilia, cards, stamps, computer accessories – and much more.

The New Academic Building branch, situated on the corner of Kingsway and Sardinia Street, sells the more popular lines already on sale in the Houghton Street branch, with an emphasis on Fair Trade and recycled and organic products.



Our environment

There are many ways that staff, students and visitors can play a very important role in minimising the School’s contribution to climate change. These range from switching off non-essential electrical items and lights, walking and cycling, re-using items, avoiding packaging and plastic bags, to recycling and buying local, organic animal friendly and fair trade products.

If you would like more information and to find out how to get involved, see: www.lse.ac.uk/collections/environment