



## Media and Communications

### Newsletter 1

Congratulations on your offer of a place in the [Department of Media and Communications](#) at LSE! Your offer in what is such a competitive field is a great achievement so you should be very proud. We very much look forward to meeting you in September.

This is the first of a series of offer-holder newsletters that aims to provide you with exciting and useful information on the Department, our news, our faculty members, and our alumni.

A day in the life of an LSE post-graduate student can be difficult to sum up - every student story is different and is determined mainly by you! You will be able to make your experience at LSE whatever you would like it to be by choosing from an array of public events, conferences, educational sessions and courses and extra-curricular activities. However, do check out this [Day in the Life](#) video made by Media and Communications students from a previous cohort which sums up the LSE experience well. Or take a look at this selection of images from our [LSE in Pictures](#) collection which also highlights well what it is to be #partofLSE!

In amongst all the activity and hustle and bustle of campus life, you will find first class facilities and locations for you to undertake your studies. A good example of this is one of the LSE Library buildings, the Lionel Robbins Building. The Lionel Robbins Building has been through various re-design projects in order to house its ever growing collection of academic writings, journals, and student population. One of the latest projects for the LSE Library was taking ownership of the [the Women's Library Collection](#). The Women's Library at LSE documents all aspects of women's lives, with a particular emphasis on the lives of women in the UK and the great political, economic and social changes of the past 150 years. Collections such as these, matched with technical support from a team of specialist librarians in each subject area, makes the LSE Library a learning environment to be proud of.

Around the LSE campus on an average day, you will get used to seeing many familiar faces. One of those faces may be [Dr Ellen Helsper](#), Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies here in the Department of Media and Communications. Dr Helsper has recently been involved in the launch of the **Latin American Kids Online** project. This project is working on how to adapt the surveys of the Department's main [EU Kids Online](#) project to the contexts of different Latin American countries. [EU Kids Online](#) is a multi-national research network that works towards enhancement of knowledge of European children's online opportunities, risks and safety. The project is led by [Professor Sonia Livingstone](#), full professor in the Department and yet another familiar face that you will see and get to know when you are around campus here at LSE. The work of both Prof Livingstone and Dr Helsper, we think you'll agree, helps to build towards an academically enriching environment for our students to join and learn in.

Needless to say, the everyday experience of an LSE student is one that is diverse and intended to facilitate our students to grow and be challenged in a range of ways. To keep up with all the latest news in the Department, do follow us on Twitter [@MediaLSE](#) or to meet other 2016/17 offer holders you may like to join a Facebook group [here](#) or just search on Facebook for the LSE Department of Media & Communications 2016/17.

All the best for the next few months ahead - we look forward to meeting you all soon, and in the meantime, please expect more news soon!

Yours sincerely,

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