



Remember you can access the archive of newsletters on our [website](#).

August's focus topic is **Registration and Welcome Week**.

We are now in the final stages of the cycle, so we apologise that this newsletter may not be very exciting, but we promise it is really important!

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME WEEK

One of the first things you will need to do when you arrive at LSE is register on your programme. At registration your eligibility to study is checked and you will be issued with your ID card. There are certain documents you will be required to show before you can register and you should view the [Registration pages](#) for information on what to bring.

If you still have outstanding documents to submit to Graduate Admissions then we encourage you to send these to us as soon as possible. If you bring them to registration this will cause delays and could result in you not being able to register on the correct day.

You should also make sure that you have accepted your offer and completed the Financial Undertaking Form before registration, these can both be done via LSE For You.

At LSE, the time between arriving and starting your course is called Welcome Week. The Week will take place from Monday 18 – Friday 22 September 2017 and will be your opportunity to meet fellow students, learn more about studying at LSE, and living in London for those of you who are new to the capital. There are a variety of [events](#) taking place through the week, some of which will be optional and others compulsory. You can still attend if you have already registered on a programme with a pre-session course.

The Student Services Centre have produced their [Welcome Week Guide](#) to help you make the most out of your first week at LSE.

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PRE-ARRIVAL HEALTHCARE ADVICE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Please ensure you check the student services healthcare [webpage](#) to ensure you have obtained any inoculations or vaccinations required before arrival.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL REGULATIONS FOR 2017/18

Academic policies and School regulations are revised and updated as necessary each year. The policies and regulations which have undergone change can be found here in the School's [Calendar](#).

For the most up to date versions of all academic policies and School regulations please refer to the LSE Calendar which will contain updated information from late-August. Please note that in the event that there is a discrepancy between the Regulations that were available at the time of your initial registration and those on the School's website, the Regulations in the online LSE Calendar shall prevail.

CHANGES TO SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT FOR 2017/18

The Offer Holder News in July highlighted to students all of the courses which had undergone a change to their summative assessment tasks for 2017/18. These changes are intended to improve the quality of the overall student learning experience, as a result of developments in the discipline, changes to course content, or on the basis of student feedback.

A full list of summative assessment changes for 2017/18 postgraduate students can be found here in the School's [Calendar](#).

Please note that this page will be updated with additions and changes as necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of course assessment requirements.

This information is provided to assist you when considering your course choices for 2017/18 and to keep you fully informed of any changes which may affect the courses available on your programme of study.

COURSES NOT AVAILABLE IN 2017/18

The Offer Holder News in May and July alerted students that some courses will not be running in 2017/18 due to temporary suspension or permanent withdrawal. These suspensions and withdrawals are due to a range of reasons including teaching allocations, new course offerings and student feedback. A full list of suspended and withdrawn courses for 2017/18 postgraduate students can be found here in the School's [Calendar](#).

Please note that this page will be updated with additions and changes as necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of course availability. fully informed of any changes which may affect the courses available on your programme of study.

JANUARY EXAMINATIONS 2018

The Offer Holder News in July provided students with a list of courses which will have a summative examination in the week of 2-5 January 2018. It is important that you take this into consideration when planning your travel and accommodation needs. A full list of courses with January examinations can be found here in the School's [Calendar](#).

Please note that while this page is currently accurate, additions and changes may be necessary, so check it periodically.

ACCOMMODATION

For any graduate students who are still looking for housing, Residential Services have a few vacancies in LSE halls and will be happy to offer you a space, subject to availability.

Please make sure you submit an accommodation application online as soon as possible [here](#) and contact accommodation@lse.ac.uk for more information, as spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Current vacancies will be updated on the [accommodation webpage](#) and emailed to students who have submitted an application or who are on the waiting list.

In addition to this list, RSO have an online private housing service, [LSEStudentPad](#), to help LSE students seeking accommodation in the private sector. You will find advice on what to look for when renting a flat in London and will have access to lists of private properties. Should you require somewhere to stay while you are searching for private accommodation, Residential Services are happy to accommodate you in LSE halls in September. Please book your short term stay with us online [here](#).

VOLUNTEERING

[Volunteering](#) can be intrinsically rewarding in and of itself, but it can also help you bridge the gap between education and the world of work. You can:

- Make a difference to the local community
- Get insight into an area of work you are interested in – having some volunteer experience in your sector of interest will make you shine above others
- Gain practical/applied experience to complement your more theoretical learning from school
- Network
- Meet new people, get to know your local community, make new friends
- Get a reference

For further details about [finding an opportunity](#), you can access the [LSE Career Hub](#).



LSE STUDENT UNION WELCOME WEEK

The LSE Students' Union (LSESU) runs a wide range of events and activities to help you get settled in to your new home. For information on LSESU and the events they have planned for Welcome Week, please take a look [here](#).

EARLY PAYMENT SCHEME LAST CHANCE!

The LSE offers an [early payment reward](#) which is credited to your sQuid Card (Loyalty Purse). This reward can be spent in the many LSE catering areas and bars. This scheme runs until 31st August, so be sure to take advantage.

NOTES AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

Check your [LSE for You](#) account for any documents you need to submit before Registration.

Make sure you keep your address up to date in your [LSE for You](#) account, so that you don't miss any important correspondence from us.

STUDENT BLOGGERS

Share your LSE experience, become a student blogger.

Our [student blog](#) team is made up of students from all sorts of backgrounds – from first year undergraduates, to final year PhD students; from those who've lived in London all their life to new arrivals to the city. Join us and share your experience with future LSE students, blogging about all aspects of being an LSE student and living in London.

Contact ard.studentblogs@lse.ac.uk for more information and to get involved.

STUDENT ARRIVALS AND SUMMER PRESSURES AT THE UK BORDER

This information has been provided to us by the UK Border Force for students arriving from outside the UK

**Border Force**



Student arrivals: 10 top tips

Coming to the UK to study this year? Here are Border Force's top ten tips to make sure you have everything you need for a smooth arrival.

- 1 Complete your landing card**
If you're from a country not in the EU or European Economic Area, please complete the landing card given to you during your flight before you arrive at border control.
- 2 Have your passport ready**
Remove it from any cover, and remember to remove sunglasses and hats before reaching border control.
- 3 Keep information about the course you're studying in your hand luggage**
This must be in paper copy (not an electronic copy on a tablet or phone). This includes your university confirmation of acceptance for studies (CAS) number.
- 4 Keep recent bank statements and details of where you are staying in your hand luggage**
Border Force officers may ask to see this information.
- 5 Expect Border Force officers to ask simple questions**
Expect Border Force officers to ask simple questions about your stay in the UK when you arrive at passport control.
- 6 Do not bring in any meat or dairy products from outside the European Union (EU)**
There are restrictions on traditional medicines, food products such as fish, eggs and honey, and some fruit, vegetables and plants (including bulbs, seeds, cut flowers and tree bark).
- 7 There are also restrictions on the amount of tobacco, alcohol and gifts you can bring to the UK**
If you exceed your duty-free allowance and do not declare them, all of your items could be taken away from you.
- 8 Why not become a Registered Traveller?**
If you plan on travelling in/out of the UK more than four times this year, why not become a Registered Traveller. Members do not fill in landing cards and are able to access ePassport gates. Find out more here: www.gov.uk/registered-traveller
- 9 You must declare cash of 10,000 Euros or more**
You must declare cash of 10,000 Euros or more (or the equivalent in another currency) if you are travelling from a country outside the EU.
- 10 Never give false or misleading information**
Never give false or misleading information (including forged or counterfeit documents).



Non-EU passport holders, including under 18s, must have completed landing cards. One per person, including children.

UK Border Control: This video provides passengers with general information on how to prepare for the UK Border, such as having landing cards ready and who is eligible to use ePassport gates.



There are restrictions on the quantities and value of tobacco, alcohol and gifts you can bring to the UK.

UK Customs Information: This video provides passengers with important information on what goods they can and cannot bring into the UK.



Before the ePassport gates please remove your passport from your bag.

ePassport gates: This video explains who is eligible for ePassport gates and how to use them.

