

Dear Offer holder,

Welcome to our February Graduate Admissions newsletter, with a focus on Finding Accommodation. Over the next few months we will be sending monthly newsletters to all of our offer holders for the 2018/9 academic year. The newsletters should help to give you an idea of practical tasks and arrangements you need to complete before joining LSE, and also provide you with information about deadlines, events and more.

We hope that you enjoy this month's issue, and look forward to welcoming you later this year.

Kind regards,

Graduate Admissions Office

Finding Accommodation

Coming to live in London, and finding the right accommodation here, may seem daunting at first. However, once you have established what your needs are, and what options are available, it shouldn't be long before you've found a home in London with LSE.

LSE Residential Halls

Halls are a great way to meet a real mix of people, from the UK and overseas. Each year we allocate over 4,000 places in Halls, across 17 different locations in central London (nearly all in walking distance of LSE!).

Applications for places in Halls are open now and will close on 31 July 2018 – remember to apply early to ensure you have more choice!

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Notes and Dates for the Diary

Make sure your address is kept up to date in LSE for You - you don't want to miss any important communications from us, or your department.

Apply for the **Graduate Support Scheme** as soon as possible. The application process will close on **26th April 2018** (applications close at 5.00pm UK time).

Residential Halls at a glance

Click <u>here</u> to go to a list of our residential halls where you can view 360° tours and compare the options!

Private Accomodation

Many LSE students live in privately rented housing and commute to the School every day. It may be difficult to arrange this sort of accommodation before arriving in London, as you should inspect any property before committing to rent it. We would advise you to allow a minimum of two weeks to search for accommodation (students with children should allow longer). We've put a guide together to get you started: Finding private housing

All UK landlords are now required by law to check that tenants have a right to live in the UK. Students searching for private housing should be prepared to show prospective landlords their documentation. Accepted documents include:

- Passport or national identity card from Great Britain, EEA or Switzerland.
- A full birth/adoption certificate AND a CAS
 (Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies) letter
 confirming the holder's acceptance on a current course of
 studies.
- If an international student, a
 visa/Biometric Residence Permit to show that you are
 allowed to stay in the UK for the relevant time period.

We would recommend you do not send any original documents via post. Bring the documents with you in person, and ask the landlord to make a copy of the document while you are present, and to return the original document to you. If you require further information on what you will be required to provide to landlords, please contact private.housing@lse.ac.uk for advice.

LSE halls of residence, and those provided by its partner organisations (urbanest, Sanctuary Housing and the University of London), are exempt from the above legislation, and students will not need to provide additional documentation to secure a place in any of these halls.

LSE Studentpad allows you to conduct some research before you visit LSE, allowing you to access lists of properties, make contact with other LSE students also searching for accommodation (via message boards), and to view a wide range of advice on how to find accommodation in London.

News from around LSE

See the links below for some of our featured content from this month:

Video of the month:

Video Playlist: LSE Festival 2018 -Beveridge 2.0



LSE News:

LSE Student makes Forbes 30 under 30 list 2018

Events:

Artificial Intelligence and Systemic Risk

Tuesday 06 March 2018 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Hosted by the Systemic Risk Centre

Featured Research:

LSE Festival research competition winners

The LSE Festival 'Beveridge 2.0: Rethinking Beveridge for the 21st century' took place Monday 19 February to Saturday 24 February 2018. The week's events included an LSE student and staff research competition.

Don't forget to follow our social media channels!



LSE also has short-term temporary accommodation from August if you need to stay in an LSE hall while searching for a flat. Short term accommodation can be booked at Isevacations.co.uk

Accommodation Fees

Fees for LSE Halls vary depending on the particular hall you choose.

You may wish to check our 2017-18 Table of Fees, before deciding which hall is best for you.

A schedule of payment dates will be made available in your licence agreement, but generally, fees are due on a termly basis, by the end of the second week of each term.

Contacting Residential Services

If you would like to get in touch with LSE Residential Services Office, they would be happy to provide you with advice on LSE Halls and searching for private accommodation.

The Residential Services Office is open from 9am to 5pm GMT, Monday to Friday.

In person:

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Future newsletter topics

March - Meeting Conditions

April - Careers/LSE Life Special

May - Providing Original or Certified documents/Visa Special

June - LSE Library

July - Course Choice/Volunteering Special

August - Registration and Welcome

September - Final checks

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