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June's focus topic is The LSE Library.

THE LSE LIBRARY

More than any other building on the LSE campus, the <u>Library</u> will play a central role in your studies.

Not just a book collection or a place to study, the Library offers a wide range of services and training. The Library is open to staff and students 24 hours during the Lent and Summer terms.

Even though you are yet to register for your programme at LSE, as an offer holder, you have reference-only access to the Library from July to October. Please see page 29 of your <u>Offer Pack</u> for details.



The LSE Library features colour-coded study zones, to help match your individual style of study:

• **Group zone (green)**: suitable for group work and discussion at a moderate level. Quiet, nondisruptive phone usage is allowed.

• Silent zone (red): suitable for silent study only. Mobile phone conversation is not allowed.

There are also bookable study rooms for both groups and individual students, and a study area specifically for LSE research students.

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I-Roam Laptop service

During term-time, LSE students can borrow laptops in the LSE Library, using self-service machines in the Library Course Collection. The laptops automatically connect to LSE's wireless network, giving you the freedom to work anywhere in the Library you please!

The Library also houses hundreds of desktop computers and nearly 200 laptop plug-in points. Whatever your IT needs, there should be something to suit.



There is an IT Help Desk on the first floor of the Library, to provide you with support with network questions, email issues and general IT queries. Visit: Library 1st floor Walk In Centre Email: it.helpdesk@lse.ac.uk Tel: 020 7955 6728 (24 hours)

LSE LANGUAGE CENTRE

The LSE Language Centre offers a range of courses in both English and foreign languages.

If you haven't studied in English before, need to meet a condition, or just want to brush up before starting your course, the Centre offers a pre-sessional programme in English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

These courses are taught by expert teachers with a background in one of LSE's academic subjects, and are available in various lengths including an online option.

The Language Centre is also on hand to give you advice and support throughout your time at LSE. This in-sessional EAP support is free and starts as soon as your main course does, continuing through the Michaelmas and Lent terms. The in-sessional courses cover speaking, reading and listening as well as writing skills, and are specific to your subject area. They are designed specifically to support your study at LSE.

The Centre also offers a range of courses in foreign languages, running throughout the year, as well as additional services including proofreading, translation and private tuition.

You can find the full range of courses as well as information on registration on the Language Centre website.



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NOTES AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Applications for LSE accommodation are still open. Don't delay - applications close on 31 July.

Don't forget, you can pay your fees early if the exchange rate is favourable to you - there will be a link on your LSE for You account.

Please complete your Financial Undertaking Form (FUF) by 31 July if possible. If you miss this date, don't worry, you will still be able to submit the form at a later time.

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LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the School's new centre for academic, personal, and professional development. It is the place to come for all undergraduate and taught master's students for support, guidance, and ideas about how to succeed in your studies and extend your learning and discovery outside the classroom.

See more information on our Using LSE LIFE and Frequently Asked Questions pages.



BEYOND LONDON

London is not just an amazing city; it's also extremely well connected to other parts of the UK and Europe and offers the opportunity to explore further afield during vacation time or even for a weekend or day trip; Paris is only 2 hours away by train, and many other European destinations are just a short flight!

Some of Britain's most beautiful and historic towns are easily reached by coach or train. We've made some suggestions for destinations from London below, but lots more information is available from websites such as Visit Britain. Remember the 16-25 Railcard is open to all full-time students, and offers 1/3 off UK rail fares.

Brighton

Just 45 minutes away by train on the south coast, Brighton is a bohemian delight, from the many boutiques of the Lanes to the iconic Pavilion.



Bath

This world heritage site is situated in beautiful countryside and home to some spectacular Georgian architecture and the splendour of the Roman Baths.



Oxford

The 'Oxford Tube', a frequent coach service running from central London, means that the city of spires is in easy reach. Visit the worldfamous Ashmolean, check out the historic pubs or relax by punting on the Thames!



Edinburgh

Edinburgh is a beautiful city of contrasts, from the steep and narrow closes of the Old Town, to the grand terraces of the New, and only 5 hours from London. If you visit during August, you will be caught up in the buzz of the worldfamous Edinburgh Festival.



"It's worth noting that none of the universities in these cities are a patch on the London ones....* .

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LSE Email Accounts

You will be issued an LSE IT account during the summer which will give you a network username, password, and email address, once you have met your conditions and accepted your offer.

This will be then made available via your LSE for You account.

If you have any queries regarding the IT support and facilities available, make sure to check out our Information Management Team's website <u>here</u>.



Sending your documents in

It's that time of year that everyone starts to receive their results (good luck!), and we are grateful to all of you who send them promptly to us in Graduate Admissions.

Despite our best efforts, processing times may increase at this time of year, purely owing to the volume of documents we are sent, and the need for us to individually assess each item.

Please bear with us, we will make sure we process everything in the order it is received so that we are fair to everyone, and you will be updated on your <u>LSE for You</u> tracker and via email, once we have processed your items.

If you aren't sure how to send us your documents, please check out how to confirm your offer <u>here</u>.



RESULTS FOR LSE UNDERGRADUATES

If you are currently an LSE Undergraduate and are holding an offer for a Postgraduate programme, please be advised that the Graduate Admissions Office will receive notification of your results on 7 July 2017, at the same time that you do.

Once you have received your results, **you do not need to send them to us**, we will view them internally and action accordingly.



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NEWS FROM AROUND LSE

LSE in the news

Getting personal: why our identities shape our politics

Britain's recent political history has been notable for acrimonious campaigns that have highlighted grave differences in voting behaviour by age group and social class. Examples such as the 2016 EU referendum campaign and the 2017 general election appear to corroborate the theory that voters are not primarily driven by rational economic interests; instead, they are guided by their relationships and attitudes towards other social groups. Read on...

Behind the article

Cultivating Political and Public Identity: Why plumage matters by Rodney Barker is published by Manchester University Press.

The book will also be available as an eBook under a CC-BY licence, the first ever book by an LSE academic to be made available as open access.

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

How can I pick my courses?

Students take the courses (modules) prescribed by their Programme Regulations, normally the

equivalent of four units per year. Choosing courses is done in LSE for You (LFY), LSE's web-based self-service student administration system. All course choices are subject to approval from the department, availability and timetabling constraints.

You will be able to start browsing courses in Welcome week, and will be able to make your selections from the end of welcome week. Welcome week is held from Monday 18 to Friday 22 September 2017.

In exceptional circumstances students are also allowed to take courses offered at other University of London colleges.

How do people find their accommodation?

Most LSE students live in privately rented housing and commute to the School every day. In order to find somewhere to live, you should come to London before the beginning of the academic session. 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

LSE Studentpad is our online private housing database. Registration is free, and you can search for suitable properties and contact landlords directly: LSE Studentpad

Featured event

Good Growth by Design – A Vision for London

Sadig Khan, the Mayor of London, will set out his personal vision for London's future development, and discuss his plans to ensure that the city's growth benefits all Londoners.

Monday 10 July 2017 6:30pm to 8:00pm - Find out more.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

This month we are featuring a video from the LSE Youtube account entitled 'Is news reporting fair and objective?' Click on the thumbnail below to view.



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