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What to expect: your first weeks at the School

Summer has arrived in London and the countdown is on until the new academic year starts. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the School and hope the information below will help prepare you for your undergraduate studies.

This will be an incredibly exciting time, full of new friendships, adventures, and experiences. However, we also understand that leaving home for the first time can be a daunting prospect and it is important to remember that it is perfectly natural to feel homesick in your first term. These feelings should pass and it is our hope that you will enjoy your new surroundings and form lifelong friendships.

Your [first few weeks](#) will be very busy and it is best to grab the opportunity to immerse yourself in campus life as much as possible. [Welcome Week](#) will be packed full of campus tours, departmental talks and Student Union led social events. It is natural to feel nervous, but we advise getting involved in a variety of events and using this time to meet as many people as you can.

After the first week, you will start your lectures and seminars, which will allow you to find a routine. You will be required to do reading in preparation for your seminars, as well as writing your first essays. Your department will assign you an [academic adviser](#) in the first week who will meet with you throughout the year to discuss your academic progress. They are here to help with any academic, administrative or personal questions which you wish to discuss. Take advantage of this relationship and ensure you communicate any worries you may have. They are here to ensure that you get as much enjoyment as possible out of your time at LSE.

Top Tips:

- If you're an international student, take part in our [Pre-Arrival events](#) in your local area.
- Sign up to as many [clubs and societies](#) during your first couple of weeks, these are an excellent way to meet new people.
- Take part in the social events at your Halls of Residence.
- If you're living at home, sign up for our [Off Campus Support Scheme](#).

- Keep in touch with your friends and family, and keep familiar things around you that have personal meaning.
- Remember that culture shock is a normal experience and should pass.
- Link up with a faith community, if appropriate. The [Faith Centre](#) may be able to help put you in touch with a local place of worship and there are several religious student societies on campus.
- If you feel unsettled - **talk to somebody**. LSE has a range of [support services](#) available and they exist to ensure that you are enjoying your university experience.
- Get out and explore London!

The Student Perspective



The first few weeks of LSE, and what they've taught me

By Krittika Ray



The balancing act that is university

By Aruna Popescu



The Library

More than any other building on campus, the library will play a central role in your studies. The library was founded in 1896 as the British Library of Political and Economic Science and has been given 'designated' status by the Arts Council England for being of outstanding national and international importance.

Not only is it full of thousands of journals and books, you can also take advantage of the bean bags in the basement when you need a place to relax in peace and quiet!

For more information, see [here](#).

The Women's Library

The oldest and most extensive collection of women's history in Europe can be found at LSE. The Women's Library documents all aspects of women's lives, with particular emphasis on the lives of women in the UK and the great political, economic and social changes of the past 150 years.

For more information, see [here](#).

The Shaw Library

The Shaw Library is both a library and a common room for the entire LSE community. The aim of this space is to encourage students to widen their interests by handling and reading books on subjects not included in their curriculum. Collections range from fiction classics, poetry, sport, architecture, and travel guides. There are also a great number of newspapers and serials available for reading.

The library is a haven for retreat, there is a large roof terrace which is great for summer months and comfortable armchairs indoors for when it gets colder.

For more information, see [here](#).

Study Abroad

Interested in combining your studies at LSE with time at another leading international university? Want to gain experiences that will enable you to become an engaged global citizen? Why not check out our study abroad opportunities!

The School has year-long exchanges with Sciences Po, a leading social science university in France, and the University of California, Berkeley, in the USA. Each year there are ten places available at each institution and they offer an excellent chance to travel whilst also studying.

Anthropology students also have the opportunity to take part in an exchange with the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Find out more [here](#).



Around LSE



[The Revolution: it might be a dinner party after all](#)

Speaker: James Meek
First broadcast 6 June 2017
Video/Audio available [here](#)



[The End of Globalisation, the Return of History](#)

Speaker: Stephen D. King
First broadcast 12 June 2017
Video/Audio available [here](#)



Summer Checklist

- ✓ Read your [offer guide](#)
- ✓ [Complete](#) your Financial Undertaking Form and Student Verification Form
- ✓ Submit your English language qualification and other required [certified documentation](#)
- ✓ International students - prepare documents for your [visa application](#)
- ✓ Ensure your [accommodation](#) is organised
- ✓ Ensure that you have arranged for [financial support](#) and/or student finance
- ✓ Relax and enjoy your holidays!

Important Dates

14 July 2017: Deadline for requesting a deferral

1 August 2017: Extenuating circumstances deadline for A level offer holders

1 August 2017: Deadline for verification and English language qualifications

17 August 2017: A level results released



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