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Welcome to the Department of Mathematics!

My name is Jozef Skokan. I am the Programme Director for the MSc in Mathematics and Computation at the London School of Economics and Political Science. It is my great pleasure to welcome you to our programme and to the Mathematics Department. We are very much looking forward to meeting you.

Please find below some preliminary information and advice on what is required of you when you join the LSE. This information will also be added to our Offer Holders and New Arrivals website page found at this link:

<https://www.lse.ac.uk/Mathematics/Offer-Holders/WelcomeMScMC>

All times below are London time (BST) and the locations of buildings can be found on [Campus Map](#).

Orientation Welcome Meeting

The Department will hold its official Welcome Meeting for all MSc in Mathematics and Computation students on **Monday 22 September at 13.00-15.00 in room CBG 2.06 (Centre Building)**. This meeting will be an introduction to the programme and the Mathematics Department, followed by a Q&A session.

Welcome Reception

The Departmental Welcome Reception for all our MSc students will be held on **Wednesday 24 September from 13.30-15.30 in the Kinta Alley, Sir Arthur Lewis Building (SAL), Lincoln's Inn Fields**. There will be drinks and light refreshments and an opportunity to meet staff and new students on our MSc degrees.

Pre-sessional Course on Python

The Mathematics Department is providing a pre-sessional course on Python programming on **Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 and Friday 26 September, 11.00-13.00** in rooms FAW 4.02, and FAW 4.03. (The course is intended for students that do not have, or have limited, Python programming experience, but all students are welcome to attend.) Please note, you will need to pre-enrol with the School before you can access teaching and learning resources.

School Enrolment

Enrolment at the LSE will be in two-stages: Online Pre-enrolment and Campus Enrolment.

Online Pre-enrolment

You will receive an email notification from the School's Registry Team when it is time to pre-enrol online for the MSc Mathematics and Computation programme. As part of the online pre-enrolment process, you will activate your LSE network and email accounts. Once you have completed online registration and setup your accounts, you will have full access to all online teaching and learning resources (e.g. pre-sessional Python resources).

On Campus Enrolment

Campus enrolment for the MSc Mathematics and Computation programme will take place on **Tuesday 23 September 14.30-14.45 in the Great Hall, Marshall Building (MAR)**. Information can be found [here](#) and the postgraduate enrolment schedule is available [here](#). If you miss this slot you will need to rebook. Further details can be found [here](#).

Teaching

Lectures start in week 1 beginning **Monday 29 September**. Seminars and classes will start in week 2 or 3, depending on the course.

Mathematics and Computation Courses

The MSc Mathematics and Computation current degree regulations listing the compulsory and optional courses available can be found on the School calendar [here](#). The graduate course guides can also be found on the School calendar website pages [here](#).

The provisional Timetable outline covering Autumn and Winter Term can be found [here](#). You will be required to take the equivalent of four full unit courses as outlined in the degree regulations. The School timetable confirming times and locations of lectures, seminars and classes will be made available to view [here](#).

Choosing Course Options

You will be able to browse the course options available from Monday 23 September and start selecting your courses from **10.00 on Thursday 25 September until 17.00 on Friday 10 October** via LSE For You.

Information about course options and the selection process will be given at the welcome meeting on 22 September. In the meantime, you can review the information on the School website pages [here](#). There will also be short videos made available to view for some of the optional Mathematics courses, on the MSc Mathematics Moodle page. Optional courses from other departments may require some previous knowledge in particular areas. This will be indicated on the course guides, or the departmental website.

Academic Mentor Meetings

You will be assigned an Academic Mentor who will discuss your course options with you in more detail and offer guidance. Confirmation of your Academic Mentor will be announced during the welcome meeting. Your mentor will also provide academic guidance, support and feedback during your studies. You can find out more details about the role of the Academic Mentor [here](#).

Departmental Senior Student Adviser

Our Departmental Senior Student Adviser, Kadija Ahmad, can also support you during your time at LSE by helping you to navigate the advice and support services available to you at LSE, and to assist with your wellbeing needs. Information can be found [here](#).

Academic preparation

This is a degree in mathematics, so the lecturers will expect you to have a good background in mathematical methods and some understanding of the logical structure of a mathematical “proof” and related aspects of abstract mathematics. If you are unsure about your background, or if you just want to refresh certain parts, have a look at the ‘*Preparatory Reading and Further Preparatory Reading*’ information which can be found on our Offer Holders and New Arrivals [page](#).

If you are not familiar with the programming language in Python which is required for the compulsory MA407 Algorithms and Computation course and also the optional MA421 Advanced Algorithms course you might want to look at an online introduction to Python, such as the online tutorial at <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/> or one of the many other resources available online or in print before joining the pre-session course starting **Wednesday 24 September**. Please [consult](#) the ‘*Notice regarding MA407 Algorithms and Computation*’ for further details.

Contact with other students

We have created a LinkedIn Group you can use to connect with other new students in the MSc in Mathematics and Computation programme before you arrive. Please note we will need to recognise your name in English to accept requests to join from the group. The link to this group can be found [here](#).

Welcome Guide

The School has produced a welcome [guide](#) which includes the essential tasks you should complete before and after arriving at LSE; resources for support, now and during your studies; and information about exciting opportunities taking place at LSE.

LSE Welcome Presentation

The School Welcome Presentation will offer you an introduction to LSE from key members of staff. It will include information about the many opportunities and support available to you while you study. You can sign up to watch the presentation [here](#) once you have completed online pre-enrolment. The presentation will take place on Wednesday 17 September from 12 noon – 1pm. A recording of the presentation will also be available online.

Consent.Ed Programme

All students are required to complete the Consent.Ed programme. Information about this programme and the online course can be found [here](#) and should be completed before you arrive.

Prepare to Learn at LSE Course

To help you get off to a good start and make the most of what LSE has to offer, the School has developed, a short online, self-access course to complete before you arrive on campus. Details

can be found [here](#). Our research shows that students who complete the course are more likely to do well in their studies.

Student Hub

The Student Hub is LSE's app, designed to help you navigate your day-to-day life at LSE. You can download the Student Hub to start connecting with your department and course mates and get information to help you familiarise yourself with everything that LSE has to offer. Download the Student Hub app on iOS or Android, or access the web app at <https://welcome.lse.ac.uk/my-lse/download-the-student-hub>

The above information will be posted on <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Mathematics/Offer-Holders/WelcomeMScMC> and the corresponding LSE website: <https://welcome.lse.ac.uk>.

Finally, if you have any further questions, please contact:

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Once again, we look forward to meeting you in September and we hope you have a very happy and rewarding year at the LSE.

Best wishes,

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Please note this message is being sent in advance to all those who, according to our records, hold a conditional or unconditional offer for this programme. Please note, you will need to have an unconditional offer to join the programme and completed on campus enrolment to attend lecture/seminar classes in September. If you have any queries about a conditional or unconditional offer, please contact the [Graduate Admissions Office](#) or check their [Knowledge Base](#)