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Offer Holder News

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Dear Offer Holder,

Welcome to our February newsletter! This month we focus on accommodation. There is a newish booking process, so even if you have previously used our accommodation system, you should find useful information below.

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

University Halls are a great way to meet a real mix of people, from the UK, and international student. 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 31 July 2021 - remember to apply early to ensure you have more choice!

You need to log into your [LSE for You](#), and click on the 'accommodation' option. If you haven't yet accepted your offer, you will be unable to book accommodation.

Residential Halls at a glance

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

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Notes and Dates for the Diary

Apply for the **Graduate Support Scheme** as soon as possible. The application process will close on **29th April 2021** (applications close at 5.00pm UK time).

News from around LSE

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 to your landlord 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 to you, or bring along copies along with the originals. 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 other 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.

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 lsevacations.co.uk



Accommodation fees

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

Utility bills, Wi-Fi internet access and contents insurance, as well as the welfare support are included in the rent you pay. Some contracts include catering, so you don't have to cook.

You may wish to check the [2021/22 Table of Accommodation Fees](#), before deciding which hall is best for you.

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

News

[Aardman Animations collaborates with LSE on mental health campaign for young people](#)

LSE Events

[A Brief History of Equality](#)

Wednesday 10
March 2021
4:00pm to 5:00pm

*Hosted by the
Economica
Journal and the
Department of
Economics*

Will the COVID-19 pandemic fuel social demand for equality and economic justice?

[Find out more](#)

Podcast of the month:

[Should we be optimistic?](#)



LSE Blogs:

[LSE COVID-19 blog:](#)

From research to global policy response

Featured Research:

[Creating a safer world for children at risk](#)

"The Munro Review is a 'seminal work' which is now being used as a 'touchstone' for the way forward

As 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: Student Services Centre daily between 2.00pm and 3.00pm (Outside of term time, there are no Fees Office drop in sessions on a Tuesday or Thursday).

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for childcare services."

Don't forget to follow our social media channels!





And Finally - Some of the upcoming events of the LSE Festival

Nobel Laureates Amartya Sen and Juan Manuel Santos will be among those speaking at:

[What We Owe Each Other: a new social contract](#)

Date: Monday 01 March 2021, 6:00pm to 7:15pm

Speakers: Baroness Shafik, Juan Manuel Santos, Professor Amartya Sen

What should a social contract for the 21st century look like? Launching her new book, *What We Owe Each Other*, LSE Director Minouche Shafik draws on evidence from across the globe to identify key principles for a social contract for every society. She will be in conversation with Juan Manuel Santos, former President of the Republic of Colombia and Amartya Sen, Thomas W Lamont University Professor and Professor of Economics and Philosophy at Harvard University.

Hosted by LSE Festival: Shaping the Post-COVID World

[How the Pandemic Polarised Us](#)

Date: Tuesday 02 March 2021, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Speakers: Dr Florian Foos, Professor Sara Hobolt, Professor Peter Trubowitz

We explore political polarisation in the UK, EU, US and on social media in light of COVID-19, and how democracy can be built back. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit and the world was plunged into lockdown, nations were unified in the fight against the virus. As time has rolled on, a suffering economy, rising infection and death rates, a historic election, Brexit, and confusion around devolved powers have intensified the divide in political attitudes to ideological extremes.

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