

Offer Holder News May 2025

Dear,

Welcome to our May newsletter, with a focus on submitting required documents, entertainment at LSE and exploring London. There's also some information from our Fees, Income and Credit Control Team about paying your fees.

If you have missed any of our previous issues, you can find them on this <u>page</u>. If you haven't yet read the **visa special** we sent earlier this month, or if you didn't receive it and will need a visa to study, you can view it <u>here</u>.

Over the next few months we will continue to send you updates via these newsletters to help you prepare for your arrival at LSE.

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

Have a great month!

The Graduate Admissions team

Submitting required documents

As an offer holder, you will be required to submit original or certified copies of your documents (unless you have already provided them - see the important reminder below to make sure you understand what is required). The earlier you can supply these, the better - once you have your results (degree, English language etc), arrange for them to be sent to us without delay.

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Term dates

Your <u>Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP)</u> shows which documents are currently outstanding. These must be submitted prior to your enrolment with us. Please remember that now is when everyone is sending us their documents. When we receive your document, it joins the back of a queue. We will process your documents, but NOT immediately. To see where we are with our processing of documents, please go to our <u>current processing</u> times page.

Sending documents digitally

We strongly recommend that you send your documents either via a secure verification portal, by asking your previous institution to send them directly to us, or in a secure digitally signed format. Please ensure documents are 2MB or smaller.

Transcripts sent via a secure verification portal such as HEAR or Digitary, to <u>graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk</u> will be treated as original/official.

Scanned copies of documents sent directly to the above email **from your institution** will also be treated as verified/official, if they have been sent by their central administration service and include the name and position of the relevant staff member.

Please remember that scanned/electronic copies of documents submitted **directly by you**, are **not** "verifiable" or "official" unless they contain security features that allow us to verify them.

Sending documents by post

We will no longer accept posted documents except in exceptional circumstances. If you are unable to send (or get your previous institution to send) electronic versions, please email us at graduate.documents@lse.ac.uk to explain the situation. We will look individually at your case, and will approach your previous institution to verify that they have no means of providing verifiable electronic documents before we will accept hard copies.

Important reminder: The documents you supply when you submit your application are not considered original or certified. This is because they have been provided by YOU and not the issuing authority. This is why once you receive an offer, we ask for official or certified copies, so we can see that the documents that the selectors used to make

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News from around LSE

President of Finland
Alexander Stubb discusses
global order at LSE

Hear from our students:

You can find out more about what to expect from life at LSE by checking out our student vloggers and bloggers

10 Things I Wish I Knew
Before Coming To London
LSE Student Vlog

LSE Public Events:

We host over 150 events each year as part of our public lectures programme, where you can hear some of the most influential figures in the social sciences speak on a huge range of topical issues.

Explore our website to find an event that interests you.

Featured Research:

their decision are consistent with those issued by the previous institution or issuing authority.

NHS talking therapies
bring long-term economic
returns to England

Course changes for 2025/26

From time to time, LSE has to change the course modules it makes available to new and continuing students. The LSE Calendar website sets out any graduate course changes for the 2025-26 academic year.



Campus Enrolment Schedule

The <u>finalised dates for on-campus enrolment</u> have now been published, alongside lots of other useful information relating to your first days on campus.

Although many of you may have had no change to your registration date, we would advise you to all check, as occasionally the date published in your offer letter will have changed slightly.

Get to know campus

LSE is a vibrant and dynamic community – each year we welcome new students from over 100 countries to start their studies with us. Ranked as one of the most international universities in the world (THE World University Rankings 2025), we are proud of the our diverse student and staff community.

Our compact campus is <u>packed full of facilities and services</u> to help you make the most of your time here, while also giving you <u>easy access to all that London has to offer</u>.

LSE students can enjoy the perks of a central single campus in the heart of a world city, giving you access to the best of both worlds. London is ranked the world's best student city for 2025 (QS Best Student Cities) and our central location means all of its highlights are short journeys from campus.

To give you a sneak peek of what our campus has in store for you, watch our <u>official video</u> <u>tour</u>, led by LSE students Imogen and Michael. They'll lead you around the our state-of-theart facilities, including our libraries, sports centres, teaching spaces, and social hubs.



Visit LSE

If you're in London over the coming months, why not visit for one of our campus tours? Tours run most Wednesdays during term time, and are led by current students who can give you real insight into LSE life. Please note, these are by appointment only, so make sure you book onto an upcoming tour in advance.

You can also take a self-guided campus tour with <u>LSExplorer</u>. It's a great way to discover our campus at your leisure, leading you around the streets and external public spaces that surround our buildings.

A sustainable campus

In 2021, LSE was declared the <u>first carbon neutral University in the UK</u>, and our commitment to sustainability doesn't end there. To learn about what we're doing to keep our campus green, check out our <u>facilities guide</u> for information on our recycling schemes, cyclist-friendly facilities, and more.



Entertainment at LSE

The LSE Students' Union events centre, The Venue, is located in the basement of our <u>Saw Swee Hock Student Centre (SAW)</u> and showcases some of the best entertainment on campus, including live bands, dance, films and club nights.

<u>LSESU's events calendar</u> will be updated soon to show what they have to offer in the new academic year.

Also located on campus is the theatre and arts venue the <u>Peacock theatre</u>. The theatre is a satellite venue to the famous <u>Sadler's Wells</u> and has regular theatre and dance performances, often offering discounted student tickets. See what's on.

Places to socialise at LSE

There is a wide range of places to <u>grab a soft drink or something stronger</u> on campus, from the well loved LSE Garrick, to drinking spots like The George and the students' union bar The Three Tuns, not to mention the huge range of coffee shops on campus! There really is something to match every taste and mood.

One of the most popular places to relax with a drink is The Three Tuns, located on the ground floor of SAW.

SAW is also home to LSE's Students' Union, a fitness centre, internet café, LSE Careers, Residential Services and Faith Centre.

LSE clubs and societies

LSE Students' Union has over 200 societies, covering a wide range of activities to cover every possible interest!

Each society holds events and activities throughout the academic year, and it's a great way to meet people with similar interests. You'll be able to learn more about the various clubs and societies, and meet some of their members, during your first weeks at LSE.

In the meantime, why not browse the options online?

Chat to our students on Unibuddy

We have several <u>postgraduate student ambassadors</u> who are happy to answer questions about life at LSE as an international student.



Exploring London?

Here are some of the best bits London has to offer, and some virtual offerings too.

Studying with LSE means that you will be based at the very centre of one of the world's most vibrant cities, and your social activities needn't be limited to what's available on campus.

Whether you're completely new to the UK, or have lived in London your whole life, there's always something new to try. Around London there is a whole host of alternative ways to spend your evening, from spas to sewing classes, from late-night gallery openings to swimming with sharks. Not to mention the many free activities that take place all over the city!

Free events in London

Studying can be an expensive time, and one way to cut costs is to take advantage of free events in the area. TimeOut London has compiled a list of the best free events in London. Check their page for information on free galleries, museums, music, comedy, films and more.

Explore London tourist attractions

There is no shortage of tourist attractions in London, many of which offer discounted admission for students.

Check the <u>Visit London</u> website to find out more.

Visit the best pubs and cafes in London

If you'd like to explore beyond the numerous on-campus cafes and pubs, TimeOut London have compiled a handy list of the best bars and pubs in London, and London's best cafes and coffee shops, many of which are just a short walk from LSE.

Meet ups in London

The Meetups website can help you connect with local groups in London that share your interests. A diverse range of groups is available, from board gaming to gentle walks and entrepreneur networks. The vast majority of groups are free to participate in, and you can always start your own!

Thinking about fees?

Our Fees, Income and Credit Control team have put together a handy guide to advise you on how to pay, when to pay, and who to contact for help.

Take a look at the guide <u>here</u>. We'd like to draw your attention to page 7, "GBP Card Payments with Non-UK Issued Cards" – as many of you will be making your payments from non-UK cards and converting currency, we have included important information for you to be aware of.

Don't forget to also complete your Financial Undertaking Form

Please submit the Financial Undertaking Form (FUF) using the Graduate Applicant Portal once you have an offer.

If your fees are being paid by another organisation, please give full details and obtain the signature of the responsible person. You will also be asked to outline a personal payment plan (PPP) indicating the number, dates and size of instalments you intend to pay.

Additional information about completing the FUF can be found in the Graduate Offer Pack (pages 18-22).









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