

Offer Holder News February 2023

Dear Student,

Welcome to our February newsletter! This month we focus on accommodation. The accommodation booking portal is open NOW, and we encourage you to think about booking accommodation sooner rather than later.

Graduate Admissions would also like to ensure those who have emailed, submitted documents, or requested changes to their application that we are working as fast as we can to answer your queries. We are currently receiving a high volume, so we appreciate your patience, and ask that you check our [current processing times](#) - this will tell you if we have passed the date on which your query was submitted. If we haven't passed it - there is no need to chase it up. Don't forget, offer holders can contact Graduate Admissions via Livechat when we are online by logging into the [Graduate Applicant Portal](#). This is ideal when you have a quick query or you need clarification.

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 15 different locations in central London (nearly all in walking distance of LSE!).

Bookings for places in Halls are open and the booking deadline is 9 June 2023 - remember to book early to ensure you have more choice!

Accommodation bookings are made via [Hallpad](#). 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 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.

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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 **27th April 2023** (applications close at 9am UK time).

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 [2023/24 Table of Accommodation Fees](#), before deciding which hall is best for you.

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 team are available to respond to enquiries between Monday to Friday, 9am to 5.30pm GMT.

[Live chat](#)

[Online Enquiry Form](#)

[Book a 15 minute Zoom appointment with an advisor](#)

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News from around LSE

[Director-General of World Trade Organization visits LSE](#)

Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, addressed students, staff and other audience members this week in an event chaired by Minouche Shafik, President and Vice Chancellor of LSE.

"Reforming the WTO is also about inclusion - using trade to include those people and geographies left out of the recent wave of globalisation." - *Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala*

LSE Events

[How to be a Successful Economist](#)

Monday 13 March 2023
6:30pm to 8:00pm GMT

Hosted by the School of Public Policy

An online and In-Person Public Event

Video of the month:

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