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Dear {!Contact.FirstName},

Flexible teaching and learning in Michaelmas Term

Earlier this month we published [our plans to welcome students to the LSE campus](#) and halls of residence in Michaelmas Term. Small in-person classes, seminars, tutorial groups and other sessions, such as Harvard-style teaching (integrated lecture/class sessions), will run on campus, all in socially distanced environments. Lectures will be delivered online throughout Michaelmas Term, and they will be recorded and made available for students to access.

We expect all new and returning LSE students to come to, and be resident in, London for the start of term. If you cannot make it for the start of term then we encourage you to arrive as soon as possible after that date. This will ensure a better experience for you and your fellow students as you will be engaging with teaching and learning on campus and with your peers and academic faculty. This will also provide you with access to the various services LSE has on offer that are important for a positive student experience outside the classroom.

Flexible teaching and learning arrangements in Michaelmas Term 2020

However, we know that some students may not be able to arrive in London for the start of term for a number of reasons, such as travel and visa delays or for medical-related reasons. That's why we are introducing flexible arrangements, so that you have a range of options that work for you and we can put in place the support you need, whether you are in London or elsewhere for all or part of Michaelmas Term.

If you cannot make it to the LSE campus for the start of term, we will provide online substitute teaching and learning until you are able to join us. Online provisions will vary across departments, but besides pre-recorded or synchronous online lectures, this

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Notes and Dates for the Diary

Apply for [Accommodation](#) as soon as possible to ensure you have the most choice.

There is no official deadline to accept your offer, although we ask, if possible, that you respond within 6 weeks, to help us plan ahead. If you can't take up your place, letting us know early may free up a space for another applicant.

may take the form of online tutorial sessions, Q and A with faculty, peer study groups for on-campus and online students or similar activity designed to build and strengthen our student community. While we will try to schedule teaching to accommodate students studying remotely, some synchronous teaching may not always be available within normal teaching hours in your location.

Students studying online will also have access to support from a range of LSE services. While we will try to provide as much as we can to students studying remotely, there may be some activity which we cannot offer online. Examples of these are likely to include work and volunteering opportunities, as well as access to some on-campus events.

Further information

Our flexible approach with online teaching and student support will be in place for the duration of the Michaelmas Term for students unable to be in London. If you cannot arrive on campus for the start of term, you will be asked, prior to the start of your programme, to let us know your likely date of arrival and to request online teaching in Michaelmas Term.

If you need to study remotely for some or all of Michaelmas Term, you should also check, and take responsibility for, any other arrangements that may be impacted by a period of online study. These may include accommodation contracts, scholarships or loans, and visa conditions for international students and EU students (who, post-Brexit and under current rules, would need a visa if they do not take up residence in the UK before 31 December 2020). It is also your responsibility to ensure that you are able to study remotely in an appropriate environment.

LSE will not discount the tuition fee for students who study for some or all of the Michaelmas Term online. However, you are able to take advantage of our standard payment plans whereby fees can be paid in instalments and details can be found on our [Tuition Fees](#) pages.

The option to follow your programme remotely via online study is currently available for Michaelmas Term only. Subject to updates, we expect all new and continuing LSE students to arrive on campus for in-person teaching at the start of Lent Term, and we very much hope to deliver as many face-to-face teaching and learning opportunities as soon and safely as possible.

Support, guidance and advice

Our priority remains the health and wellbeing of our community. We know that you will have lots of questions about living and studying in London and we are here to help and support you however we can. Our [FAQs](#) contain the most up to date information about measures in place on campus and in halls, as well as information about your studies in Michaelmas Term 2020,

News from around LSE

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

Headline of the month:

LSE becomes the eighth full member of CIVICA - The European University of Social Sciences

On 16 June 2020, the European Commission raised the status of The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) from "associate partner" to "full member" of CIVICA - The European University of Social Sciences.

Events:

Journalism, Power and Pandemic

Wednesday 15 July 2020
3:00pm to 4:30pm

Hosted by LSE's public event series - COVID-19: The Policy Response

How well has the UK news media kept the public informed and held the authorities to account during the COVID-19 crisis?

Leading journalists and political communicators discuss how the news media has coped with the practical, editorial and political challenges of covering coronavirus.

Featured Video:

Why do we have a World Blood Donor Day? LSE Health Policy

Blood donations are a lifeline in an emergency and for people who need long-term treatments. Find out more from Dr Sara Machado about why we have a [#WorldBloodDonorDay](#).

and how we want to help you feel #partofLSE. We will continue to update these pages as we count down to you registering in September.



LSE halls vacancies

There are vacancies remaining in LSE halls for graduate students who have not yet arranged their accommodation for the next academic session (2020/21). Please do create an account in the LSE accommodation system to log in, view current availability and book your accommodation [here](#).

We currently have vacancies in single rooms in Butlers Wharf Hall from £179 per week; and also in single, single ensuite and studio rooms in urbanest Kings Cross hall, with prices ranging from £232 per week - £367 per week.

Our availability changes throughout the summer, so if you don't see what you are looking for initially, it is worthwhile checking our system again a bit later in the summer, as rooms can become available.

COVID-19 update:

Our halls have friendly, inclusive and vibrant communities and we are working hard to ensure that this continues to be the case in light of COVID-19. There will be some changes to make sure that we prioritise your well-being while you stay with us. We are looking forward to welcoming all our new residents in September safely and in adherence with guidelines from Public Health England. For more information on how we will make LSE Halls of Residence safe for you, please see our webpage [here](#).

If you have any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact us at accommodation@lse.ac.uk.

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