

Offer Holder News July 2023

Dear ,

Welcome to our July newsletter, with a focus on Destination LSE events, updates to available course, Support at LSE and more.

If you have missed any of our previous issues, you can find them on this [page](#).

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.

Kind regards,

Graduate Admissions Office

Trending Question

"When do I get access to the online enrolment portal?"

The pre-enrolment portal does open roughly 4 weeks before campus enrolment for unconditional offer holders and 2 weeks for conditional offer holders, however there are some variations by programme.

Destination LSE

Each summer, the School organises Destination LSE pre-departure events for undergraduate, graduate and study abroad students who are joining LSE for the first time. Destination LSE events are designed to provide you with a relaxed and informal opportunity to meet your future classmates, learn more about the School, and ask any questions you might have. Some Destination LSE events have already taken place and the recordings are available [here](#).

There are also some upcoming events, including an event specifically for Graduate offer holders on 4 August 2023. Book your place [HERE](#).

Find out more and register on the Destination LSE [webpage](#).

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Graduate Admissions Update

We appreciate that many of you are keen to prepare for your arrival, and are working hard to provide us with information we have requested.

Please refer to our [News page](#) to see our updates around standard processes, such as English language waivers, and also refer to our [current processing times](#) to see what date we are up to for confirming offers, actioning the documents we've received, and processing CAS.

Do not send multiple emails with the same query or document, or emails to chase us up, as this drastically slows down our processes. It's not unusual for us to find 6 or 7 emails from a student about a single document - which then takes us much longer to resolve. We will work from the most recent email you send - i.e. if we receive a document on the 1st and a chaser on the 10th, you will drop down the queue to when we process those received on the 10th. **If your documents are sent to us by your institution, or via a digital transfer service, you do not need to send the same documents via the GAP.**

Please check you understand the requirements you must have met to be eligible to receive a CAS, often people chase up their CAS but have not yet submitted their Financial Undertaking Form and/or accepted their offer.

It is usual for there to be a delay in processing at this time of the year, so please be patient with us. We have added extra staff to the team, and are hopeful to be reaching much faster turnaround times soon. We are also prioritising documents which fulfil the academic requirements of conditional offer holders for pre-sessional programmes, and for those who register in late August and early September.

IMPORTANT: Confirmations of conditional offers are double checked by the senior staff in Graduate Admissions, and although your Graduate Applicant Portal (GAP) may show an update to the status of an offer, the update is only considered as official once an email has been sent to you from the Graduate Admissions Office.

[View the 2023 Enrolment Schedule](#)

News from around LSE

LSE master's student and England hockey player Tess Howard recently published research revealing the alarming rate of girls quitting sport due to clothing concerns.

[Here](#), she discusses her work to change the face of sport and her life as a

student and international sports player.

Video of the month:

[Understanding The Sixth Mass Extinction](#) | LSE Festival Shorts 2023

LSE Events:

[The Awakening of Indian Women](#)

Wednesday 13 September 2023 1.00pm to 2.30pm

Hosted by the LSE Library

Featured Research:

[Ukrainian Roma refugees continue to suffer from a lack of solidarity](#)



Information on Courses Not Available during 2023/24

Each year there are some courses that do not run due to being temporarily suspended or permanently withdrawn. In many cases this is due to the adjustment of teaching allocations so that other existing courses can be enhanced or new courses can be offered in light of developments in the discipline, path-breaking research, or on the basis of student feedback; these changes are intended to enhance the overall student learning

experience. Other adjustments to the teaching portfolio may be required to accommodate sabbatical leave for academic staff, or due to unforeseen staff illness or resignation for example.

We will have emailed you directly, already, if any of the **core** courses on your chosen programme have been suspended. However, you may also want to view optional course changes across all programmes as you prepare to join us in Autumn.

A full list of suspended and withdrawn courses for 2023/24 postgraduate students can be found [here](#) in the School's Calendar.

Please note that this page will be updated with additions and changes as necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of course availability.

This information is provided to assist you when considering your course choices for 2023/24 and to keep you fully informed of any changes which may affect the courses available on your programme of study.

Changes to Summative Assessment for 2023/24

Each year all courses undergo a review of their course content, assessment and availability. Sometimes, this leads to a change to the summative (at the end of your course) assessment tasks which students are required to complete. A course's summative assessment may be reviewed and enhanced in light of developments in the discipline, changes to course content, or on the basis of student feedback. These changes are

intended to improve the quality of the overall student learning experience.

A full list of summative assessment changes for 2023/24 postgraduate students will be found [here](#) in the School's Calendar once published.

Please note that this page will be updated with additions and changes as necessary, so check it periodically or contact the relevant academic department for confirmation of course assessment requirements. Some variation to mode of delivery and/or format of assessments may be required to respond to changes in public health advice and/or to account for the situation of students in attendance on campus and those studying online during the early part of the academic year. Students will be notified of any changes to assessment plans at the start of their course.

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Support at LSE

We want to reassure you that we're available to help and support you throughout your time at LSE.

Whatever your query, big or small, there are a range of services you can utilise and people you can speak to and who will be happy to help.

Academic support

Prepare to learn at LSE

Once you complete online pre-enrolment and set up your LSE IT account, you'll be able to access Prepare to learn at LSE to help you get off to a good start and make the most of what LSE has to offer. Work through the online activities and examples, check out the guides and videos, and reflect on your goals to learn more about what it's like to be an LSE student.

You'll discover

- what it's like to learn at LSE - and at university in the UK,
- the skills you'll develop for your everyday academic work,
- where you can find help during your entire time at LSE (and beyond!) and some of the tools you'll need to get started,
- questions and ideas to reflect on your goals, ideas, and aspirations.

You'll receive more details on how to access [Prepare to learn at LSE](#) once your LSE IT account is activated, after you pre-enrol online. In the meantime, we have [this page](#) with a few questions about studying and some basics about writing, reading, and managing time.

LSE LIFE

LSE LIFE is the place to come to develop the skills you'll need to reach your goals at LSE – whether it's about academic work or other personal pursuits. They're there all year long to help you find your own ways to study and learn, think about where your studies might lead you, and make the most of your time at LSE. LSE LIFE offers workshops and personalised one-to-one sessions where you can get advice and ask questions about reading, making notes, writing, managing your time, research, exam revision, and more!

You might also find [LSE LIFE's podcast series](#) useful. The podcasts cover key skills for academic work, and each episode is accompanied by a transcript, a summary of key points, further resources, and some tasks to get hands-on practice.

Watch [this video to see what it's like in the LSE LIFE space](#) on the ground floor of the Library, or take a few minutes with [this video to learn more about LSE LIFE and how they can support you](#) throughout your whole time at LSE.

Academic mentors

All students are allocated an academic member of staff as their academic mentor. Their role is to monitor your academic progress and overall wellbeing during your studies and they can help with any academic, administrative or personal questions you may have.

Class teachers and seminar leaders

Class teaching is an integral feature of teaching and learning at the School and is performed by a mixture of faculty as well as graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) and guest teachers. In addition to running classes, they also hold office hours, mark your work and provide feedback on it. Class teachers and seminar leaders will be available to assist with queries relating to a specific course you are taking.

Student Wellbeing Service

The Student Wellbeing Service is a collection of services dedicated to helping you improve your wellbeing whilst studying at LSE.

[Watch our video about the Student Wellbeing Service.](#)

Disability and Wellbeing Service

The Disability and Wellbeing Service (DWS) arranges adjustments and provides support for students who have a disability, long term health condition, mental health condition or Specific Learning Difficulty (SpLD). They offer confidential advice, and can identify additional support you need and communicate this to staff across the staff through 'My Adjustments'. If you would like to access this support please complete the DWS [Access to Service form](#) and they will get in touch with you.

[Watch our video about the Disability and Wellbeing Service.](#)

[Student Counselling Service](#)

The Student Counselling Service is a free and confidential service for all students.

They offer one to one appointments and drop in sessions. They also offer group based support and workshops on issues such as stress management, looking after yourself, building confidence and self esteem, procrastination and perfectionism.

[Watch our video about the Student Counselling Service.](#)

[Peer Support Scheme](#)

The Peer Support Scheme enables students to talk confidentially to a fellow student about anything that is troubling them.

They provide student-led, confidential assistance and offer a space to be heard, emotional support and reassurance.

[Watch our video about the Peer Support Scheme.](#)



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