

Dear %studentname,

**Welcome 2023**

Starting from **Monday 23 September 2024** and running through to **Friday 27 September 2024**, all new students will join us at LSE for a week of department and school-wide events; including our Introduction to the Department session and BSc Welcome Lunch. These events will be your opportunity to learn about what life is like in the department and to start making friends on your programme.

You'll also hear from the BSc Programme Director, meet with your academic mentor, and join us at our Welcome Reception! Students will be able to attend all sorts of fun events from across LSE, including the SU fair. Welcome will start from Monday 23 September 2024. Please save the date as you’ll also need to attend enrolment on campus during this week! First day of teaching will take place Monday 30 September 2024, and you can [find term dates here.](https://info.lse.ac.uk/current-students/term-dates)

We will also be running a coffee morning for students who live off campus and an afternoon tea for international students, so you have a chance to meet students who will be studying in a similar situation to you.

**Recommended Readings**

If you want to get a head start on expanding your Sociological knowledge over the summer, you may want to read one or more of the books listed below:

* Gurminder Bhambra, *Connected Sociologies* (Bloomsbury, 2014) – Introduction.
* Patricia Hill Collins and John Solomos, *SAGE Handbook of Race and Ethnic Studies* (SAGE, 2010) – Introduction, ‘Situating Race and Ethnic Studies’.
* Steph Lawler, *Identity: sociological perspectives* (2nd edition, Polity, 2014) - especially 'Introduction: Identity as a question'.
* Samantha Punch et al, *Sociology: making sense of society* (5th edition, Pearson, 2013) - especially Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6, and any chapter on a topic of particular interest to you.

Best wishes,

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