



## Offer Holder News February 2025

Dear ,

Welcome to our February newsletter! This month we focus on accommodation. The accommodation booking portal has now opened, we encourage you to think about booking accommodation sooner rather than later. Unfortunately, the School cannot guarantee all new graduate students a place in our halls but the sooner you book the more likely you are to secure a place in Halls. Accommodation in central London sells out quickly so we encourage you to book your accommodation, wherever you choose to stay, sooner rather than later.

If you have an unconditional offer but we have asked you for versions of your transcripts via a university verification service, please send them in now! For the selection process we were able to use scanned documents that you previously uploaded with your application, but we now need to confirm the validity of these documents through a digital service offered by your university. In the Summer when current students graduate, we get sent a mountain of documents which result in longer processing times, so avoid getting caught up in this traffic and send us everything now!

The [Graduate Applicant Portal](#) will let you know what it is that you still need to provide to us. When you send your documents, make sure you check our [current processing times](#), so you have an idea of how long it may be before you hear from us.

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

Kind regards,

Graduate Admissions Office

## REMINDER

### Virtual Graduate Open Events coming up

Attend our [Virtual Graduate Open Events](#) from **17-21 February** – a series of live online events giving you the opportunity to find out more about life at LSE through sessions with our student ambassadors, LSE LIFE and the PhD Academy, along with sessions on Careers and Funding your studies at LSE and an [Information session for Offer Holders](#) covering the next steps in your application and enrolment journey. You can also access our [on-demand recordings](#) from academic departments.

If you'd like to visit the LSE campus, we'll be running additional [campus tours](#) in February – a great opportunity to visit some of LSE's facilities and as they're led by LSE students, you can get a real feel for what it's like to be a student at LSE. If you can't visit LSE in person, you can also [chat to our students through Unibuddy](#).

We look forward to meeting you in-person or online!

Register here for the Information session for Graduate offer holders

## ACCOMMODATION

### LSE Residential Halls

LSE Halls are a great way to meet a real mix of people, from the UK, and international students. LSE halls are exclusively for LSE students so you will be joining a real community of fellow students. We have several exclusive graduate halls plus a few which are a mix of undergraduates and graduates. This year, we have around 2,000 bed spaces available for graduate students and expect upwards of 5,000 new first year graduates to enrol at LSE. This means that our beds will be in high demand, which will outstrip our supply.

You can search accommodation availability by logging onto the LSE accommodation portal. You can access the portal using the same details that you used to create your LSE Public Account. You must have accepted your offer to study at least 48 hours prior to ensure you can access the accommodation booking system. Please do see our accommodation [webpage](#) for more information on how to make your booking.

## Quick Links

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## Robeson House

We are excited to be opening a brand-new hall of residence in September 2025. Robeson House is a 676 bedroom LSE graduate residence. All rooms are ensuite, including a small number of studios, and the hall has generous communal facilities. These include a student lounge and balcony on the first floor overlooking Burgess Park, four roof terraces, a gym, cinema room, flexible study spaces and a large private kitchen which can be booked for special celebrations. There is a direct bus route and cycleways linking the hall to campus, plus a secure indoor cycle storage area.

[Programme and course information UPDATES](#)



## Finding Private Housing in London

LSE students also live in privately rented housing and commute to the School every day. It will be very difficult to arrange this sort of accommodation before arriving in London. You should inspect any property before committing to a contract. 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](#). Students searching for private housing should be prepared to show prospective landlords their documentation. For more information on accepted documents please see our webpage or email [private.housing@lse.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@lse.ac.uk) for advice.

Students staying in LSE Halls of residence, and those provided by its partner organisations (urbanest, Sanctuary Housing and the University of London), are exempt and will not need to provide additional documentation to secure a place in any of these halls.

The University of London (UoL) has an extensive private housing database, which you can search to find available properties. We also recommend that you look at the online ULHS Private

## Notes and dates for the Diary

Apply for the Graduate Support Scheme as soon as possible. The application process will close on 24 April 2025 (applications close at 5pm UK time).

## News from around LSE

[Battery-powered electric vehicles now match petrol and diesel counterparts for longevity](#)

Battery-powered electric vehicles (BEVs) now match the lifespans of traditional cars and vans with petrol

Housing Guide to view a wide range of advice on how to find private housing in London that suits your needs. 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 [stayatlse.co.uk](http://stayatlse.co.uk)

### **Accommodation fees**

Fees for LSE Halls vary depending on the hall you choose. Utility bills, Wi-Fi internet access and contents insurance, as well as pastoral support are included in the rent you pay. You may wish to check the 2025/26 Table of Accommodation Fees, before deciding which hall is best for you.

#### [Accommodation Fees](#)

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 the Accommodation Office**

If you would like to get in touch with the LSE Accommodation Office, they would be happy to provide you with advice on LSE Halls and searching for private accommodation.

The Accommodation 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

and diesel engines - marking a pivotal moment in the push towards sustainable transportation, a new study reveals.

### **Featured Event:**

[Trans\\* lives, histories and activism](#)

Thursday 13 February 2025  
6:30pm to 8:00pm GMT

Hosted by The Department of Gender Studies and the Department of International History

An online and In-Person Public Event

### **Video of the month:**

[How protests shattered Brazil's glossy branding campaign](#)



While going through the archives, we came across this picture we wanted to share. This is Zac Efron meeting the LSE Bees while filming the Netflix documentary Down to Earth. The series explores solutions to climate change, such as rooftop beehives. Ours sit atop Connaught House and are cared for by the LSESU Beekeeping Society.



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