

Successful Studying

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Overview

- 1) What to know now
- 2) What to know later
- 3) General study tips
- 4) Working while studying



1) What to know now

- Academic Calendar
- Map of school buildings
- Teaching Support Office
- Disability support
- Personal Tutors



MSc Academic Calendar

- **Autumn Term:** 24th September – 14th December
 - Reading week: 5th – 9th November
- **Spring Term:** 14th January – 29rd March*
 - Reading week: 18th – 22nd February
- **Summer Term:** 24th April – 23rd September

**Term start January 7th for students on the following programmes: MSc IID; MEDC; MM; MP; TM&IH*

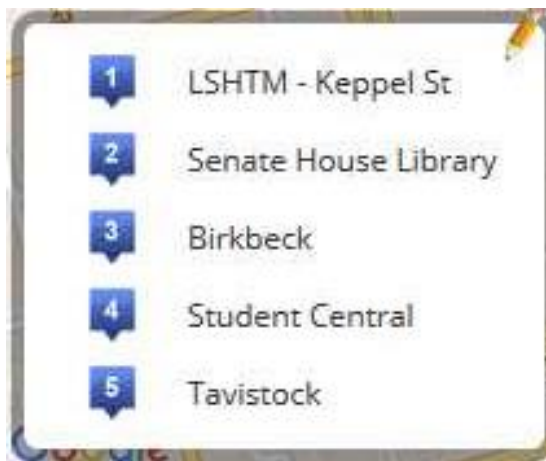
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PM classes generally end at 5:00

PhD Academic Calendar

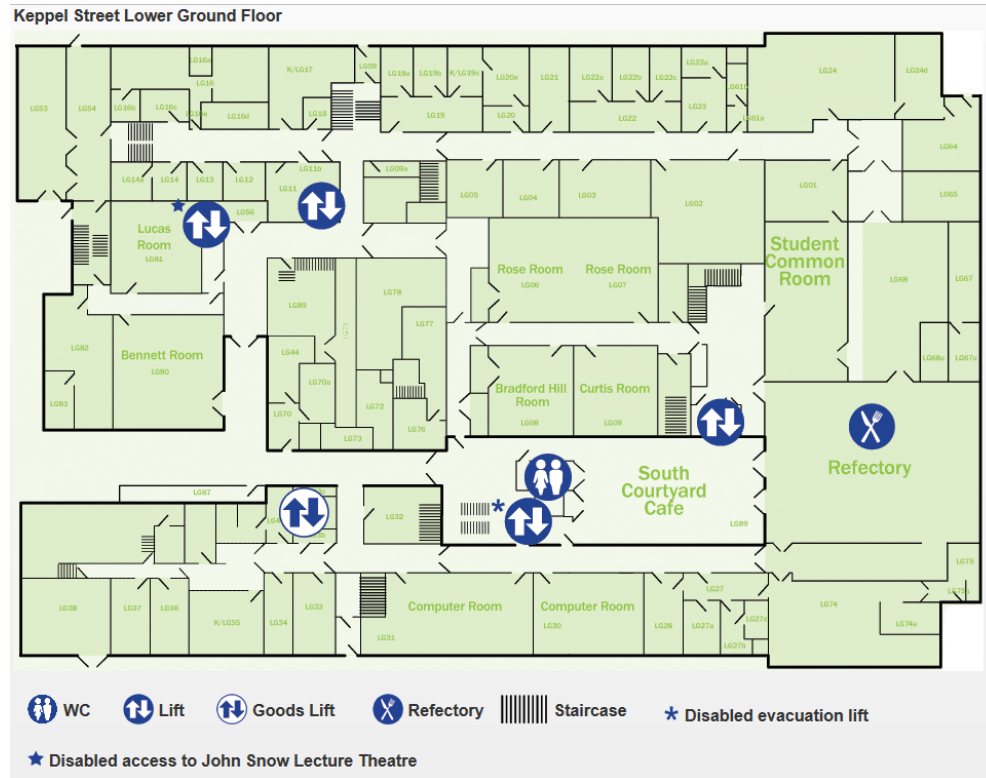
- **Year 1:** Attend modules, literature review, ethics approval, upgrade from MPhil to DPhil
- **Year 2:** Data collection, start analysis, start writing
- **Year 3:** Data analysis, write and submit thesis

Map of Buildings



Link to school maps

<http://m.lshtm.ac.uk/maps/>



Teaching Support Office (TSO)

- Teaching materials
- Scheduling / timetabling
- Exams / assessments
- Orientation week, module choice, graduation
- Liaison with other staff / support

E-mail: HTSO@lshtm.ac.uk

Tel: + 44 (0)20 7299 4800



Disability support

- Arrange to meet the student advisor
- Bring evidence
 - Medical report
 - Educational psychologist assessment report
- Screening for dyslexia
 - Student advice team also offers screening

E-mail: studentadvice@lshtm.ac.uk

Tel: + 44 (0)20 7299 4706

Personal tutors

Don't wait until you feel
like you're drowning to
ask for help!

- Can help with questions/concerns
 - Academically
 - Socially
 - Anything else



2) What to know later

- Grading
- Assessments/Exams
- Summer project

Grading

Grade point	Descriptor	Typical work
5	Excellent	Excellent engagement, insight, and argument
4	Very Good	Depth of understanding and insight – may have some inaccuracies
3	Good	Good, reasonable, clear
2	Satisfactory	Adequate engagement, routine argument and analysis
1	Unsatisfactory / poor (fail)	Gaps in understanding, poor argument and analysis
0	Very poor (fail)	Poor engagement and argument, limited understanding, may not have submitted

Final award classification

Award GPA	Classification
2.00 – 3.84	Pass
3.70 – 3.84	Consider Merit
3.85 – 4.29	Merit
4.15 – 4.29	Consider distinction
4.30 – 5.00	Distinction

For more detailed information
about grades and variation by
program, see the face-to-face
MSc Award Scheme

https://www.lshtm.ac.uk/sites/default/files/PGT_MSc_Award_Scheme-2018-19.pdf

Assessments/Exams

- Assessments (Feb-May)
 - Term 2 & 3 Modules – assessed individually
- Exams (June)
 - Paper 1: Term 1 modules (except some MScs)
 - Paper 2: Everything learnt in the year, applied

January assessments instead of Paper 1

- MSc Immunology of Infectious Diseases
- MSc Medical Entomology for Disease Control
- MSc Medical Microbiology
- MSc Medical Parasitology
- MSc Tropical Medicine & International Health

Summer Project

- Don't stress about the details now
- Prepare to use what you learn this year
 - Pay attention to who your lecturers are and what topics you might be interested in
 - Don't have your mind set from day 1



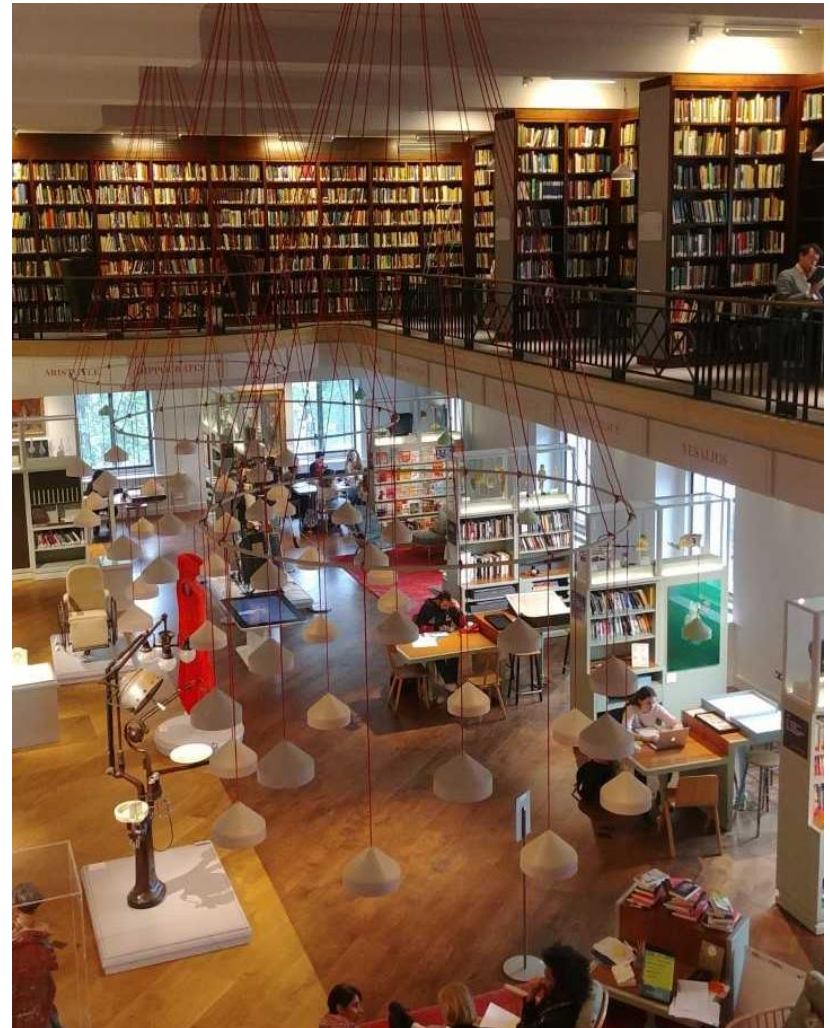
3) General study tips

- Library resources/study spaces
- Budgeting your time
- Teamwork!



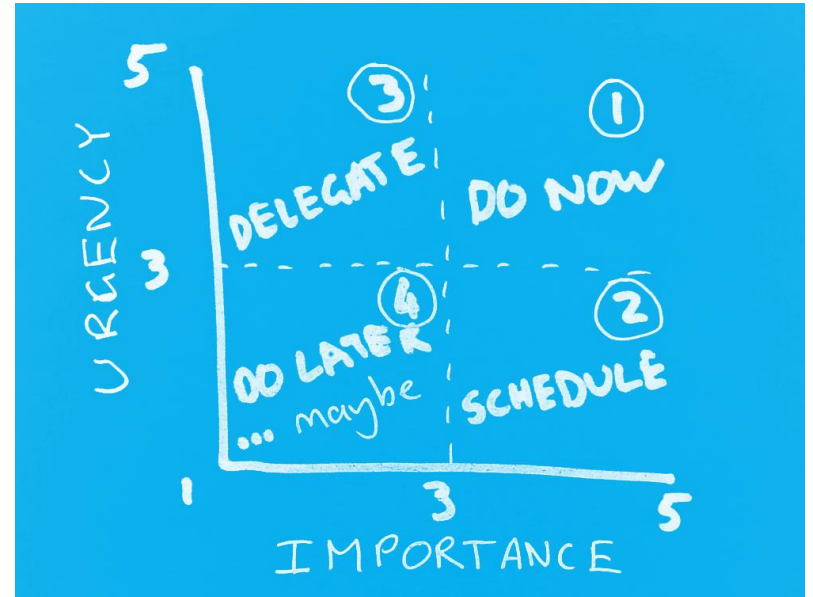
Library resources/Study spaces

- LSHTM Library
- Senate House Library
 - You may get a library card using your student ID
- **Wellcome library**
- SOAS basement



Budgeting your time

- ✓ Use a diary or day planner
- ✓ Separate working time and relaxing time
- ✓ Get a good night sleep so you can use class time wisely



TEAMWORK



4) Working while studying

- Work during term
 - Get settled first
 - Know yourself
- Working at LSHTM
 - Alumni Telephone campaign
 - Events (Such as this)
- Working in the holidays



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