Access to PhD Study Spaces – During Remaining part of Lent Term

With the restrictions of a national lockdown, the stay at home order and the C-19 variants, the School closed all buildings save for the Library and the Centre Building (CBG). The School recognises that it is not possible for all PhDs to operate from home for a variety of reasons and has therefore agreed to make dedicated and bookable PhD spaces available within CBG.

Important Addition.

Following agreement with two of the CBG host departments, we have now been able to extend this facility to all LSE M.Phil and M.Res research students. This arrangement will continue over the Easter break and up to 19 April 2021 when the School will re-open the remaining buildings on campus.

Coming on to Campus

As with all LSE personnel, PhDs and research students requiring access to Campus will first need their Head of Department’s authority before their Departmental Manager can book reserved study spaces for them.

Anyone accessing Campus buildings MUST obtain a negative Covid-19 test.

LSE testing is available with results in 15 – 20mins please book directly info.lse.ac.uk/coronavirus-response/get-tested-at-lse

OR produce an up to date negative NHS test result

All must undertake and produce a negative test on a twice weekly basis and undertake the test at a maximum 4-day interval.

On entering the CBG, all will be required to produce evidence (email from LSE Test) they hold a valid negative COVID-19 test. When travelling into campus on public transport the Police may ask you for your reasons for travelling during lockdown, if you require an authorisation letter, please contact your Departmental Manager.
There are now limited PhD study spaces available within CBG (see plans below) and these can be booked via LSE Room Bookings lse.roombookings@lse.ac.uk.

**Protocol for Shared PhD Study Space Use**

Desk spaces are situated in existing Departmental PhD space and all are reminded to respect the environment in which they book.

The spaces will be available to book Monday – Sunday from 08:00 – 21:30

Desk allocation will be made by Estates Room Bookings.

Users are required to adhere to all School COVID-secure measures and protocols and specifically testing, mask wearing and social distancing. Protocols include the wiping down of equipment and surfaces before and after use, please ensure you have your own independent supply, though Estates will seek to provide packs of wipes on a regular basis.

Users will be required to bring a laptop for connectivity as we cannot guarantee availability and use of existing desk top PC’s.

Demand for the spaces will be monitored and may result in either additional spaces being sought and/or restricted hours of use imposed.

Please respect the host Departments’ PhD students and this space which is their permanent home. These privileges will be rescinded when the remaining buildings on the campus are re-opened, when you will be able to use your own departmental space.

**Access to CBG for Existing Department PhDs will be reserved through their Department**

The same protocols will apply (HoD authorisation, COVID-19 negative test) but there will of course be no need to book via LSE Room Bookings.

I would like to thank all those staff and Departments who have demonstrated wonderful collegiality by offering up PhD study spaces in CBG for use by those who have difficult working conditions at home.

LSE Room Bookings should be able to deal with most of your queries but should you have any questions regarding the operation of these protocols, please contact me on: j.s.robinson@lse.ac.uk

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