

MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing

August 2011

Dear Student,

On behalf of the two schools, a very warm welcome to the MSc in Health Policy, Planning and Financing.

The MSc Course will begin on **Monday 26th September** with the orientation to the MSc and the two schools. On this day you will also meet the Course Directors who will introduce you to the MSc and explain the structure of the course, your choices and opportunities. The first session of orientation starts **at 9.30am** in the **Beveridge Hall, Senate House, Malet Street**. Please make sure to attend this first day – there will be some very important information about the course and you will need to register at LSHTM on the morning of the first day in order to obtain access to all resources of *both* schools!

During the following days you will receive more information about the two schools, the modules on offer and have a chance to meet individually with your tutor and/or the Course Director. Module teaching commences at both schools in the Week beginning **Monday 3rd October**.

The International Students Welcome will take place on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd** September at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and will provide an opportunity to meet fellow students, find out about life at the School and in London, and other practical matters such as UK healthcare and bank accounts. The event is aimed at international students, but UK students are also welcome to attend. Further details are available via the LSHTM applicants' web pages

If you have any queries or questions between now and the start of the MSc, particularly in relation to the LSE, please do not hesitate to contact Errol Lobo (Health Programmes Officer). His contact details are as follows: Tel: **+44 (0) 20 7955 6650** Email: e.w.lobo@lse.ac.uk. Please note that Errol will be away from the office between August 15th – 29th.

Similarly if you have any queries particularly in relation to LSHTM please do not hesitate to contact course administrator at the School Pauline Button. Her details are: Tel: **+44 (0) 207 958 8220** Email: Pauline.Button@lshtm.ac.uk

We would also like to draw your attention to the New Arrivals pages on the LSE website, which you will find at: <http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentServicesCentre/newArrivals/>

Please also refer to the Department of Social Policy New Arrivals pages which you will find at: <http://www2.lse.ac.uk/socialPolicy/Orientation/Home.aspx>

We look forward to meeting you on the 26th September and we hope that you will find the course stimulating and enjoyable.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Spicer and Mrigesh Bhatia
Course Directors - MSc Health Policy, Planning and Financing