

STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to this month's edition
of the newsletter!**

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Student Inductions

22nd Sep – 26th Sep



Macmillan Coffee Morning

26th Sep

Letter from Associate Dean, Student Activities, Wellbeing & Safeguarding

Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you well.

As we progress into another exciting month of academic and personal growth, our community continues to grow, and I am proud of the resilience and dedication you have shown in navigating the challenges and opportunities of this academic year.

As the Associate Dean for Student Activities, Wellbeing & Safeguarding, my focus is on ensuring you feel supported, engaged, and empowered throughout your time at Scholars School System. This is more than just an academic institution; it's a vibrant community where you can grow both personally and professionally.

This semester brings many opportunities for learning and development. From workshops and career fairs to student-led initiatives, there are countless ways for you to get involved and make the most of your university experience. I encourage you to take full advantage of the resources available to you and to reach out to our dedicated Student Support team whenever you need guidance or assistance.

Wishing you all the best for the semester ahead! Let's make it a successful and memorable one.

Warm regards,

Prof. Ezendu Ariwa
Associate Dean, Student Activities, Wellbeing
& Safeguarding



Student Support and Experience

How Do We Help?

As Student Support Officers, we serve as the first point of contact for all students, providing guidance, advice, and support to help you succeed both academically and personally. Our role is to ensure that you feel supported throughout your university journey. We operate an open-door policy, ensuring that support is available to all students during working hours, Monday to Friday.

We Can Support You With:

Academic Support – Provide comprehensive guidance on study skills, effective time management, and strategies for academic success. Assist students in navigating and utilising online platforms, such as Moodle, E-Vision, and CRM to access course materials, submit assignments, and monitor their progress. Offer workshops and one-to-one sessions to help students build confidence and achieve their academic goals.

IT Assistance – Conduct targeted IT support sessions to enhance students' digital literacy and competence. This includes helping students create presentations, utilise software tools effectively, access online resources, troubleshoot technical issues, and develop skills that are essential for both academic and professional success.

Submission Guidance – Support students throughout the assignment submission process, including guidance around deadlines and what to look out for when submitting assignments. Provide advice and assistance with mitigating circumstances, emergencies, and extension requests, ensuring that students can manage unexpected challenges without compromising their academic performance.

Tailored Learning Support – Deliver individualised learning support by creating learning adjustments and tailored support plans. Collaborate with academic staff and students to implement flexible solutions that accommodate specific learning needs, ensuring all students have equal opportunities to succeed.

Personal Wellbeing Support – Offer empathetic and confidential support for personal or emotional challenges. Signpost students to appropriate services, including health and well-being, safeguarding, or specialist departments, to ensure their overall well-being and resilience are supported throughout their university experience.

Information, Advice, and Guidance – Provide accurate and timely advice on a wide range of matters, including surveys, university processes, policies, and student engagement opportunities. Equip students with the knowledge and resources they need to make informed decisions, participate actively in university life, and achieve personal and academic success.



How to Become a Student Representative?

If you, as a student, are interested in becoming a student rep, then you can register your interest by highlighting the skills and qualities you have that make you suitable for this role. This may include strong communication, leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities, as well as a willingness to listen to and advocate for your peers.

Serving as a Student Representative offers valuable benefits such as developing leadership and networking skills, enhancing employability,

gaining experience in decision-making, and having the opportunity to positively influence university policies and initiatives. As a Student Representative, your contributions will be formally recognised and valued by the university. You will be rewarded for your commitment through the student reps' rewards and recognition scheme.

To help determine if this role is suitable for you, reflect on the following:

- Am I approachable, and do I have a willingness to listen to others?
- Do I feel confident enough to represent my peers' views and opinions?
- Am I committed to making a positive difference within the university community?



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Macmillan Coffee Morning – a wonderful opportunity to come together, enjoy some sweet treats, and support a great cause!

In partnership with **Feedo Needo**, we're hosting this event to raise vital funds for **Macmillan Cancer Support**, a charity that provides emotional, practical, and financial help to people living with cancer.

Date: Thursday, 26 September

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Across all campuses, look out for posters on your campus

You can donate, buy cakes, or even bring your own baked goods for us to sell; every little bit helps and makes a difference.

Let's come together for a great cause and make this event one to remember. We look forward to seeing you there!



Student Complaints

At Scholars School System, we value student feedback as a vital part of our continuous improvement. Our student complaints process ensures that concerns are addressed promptly and fairly, fostering a positive learning environment.

Students are encouraged to voice their concerns through the appropriate channels, where they are reviewed with confidentiality and professionalism. Whether academic or administrative, each complaint is an opportunity to enhance our services and student experience.

We remain committed to providing a supportive and transparent system where every student feels heard and valued.

You can reach out for complaints at the following email address.

Complaints@scholarsschool.ac.uk

Bullying, Harassment & Sexual Misconduct

Creating a Safe and Respectful Community

At Scholars School System, we want every student to feel safe, valued, and respected. Bullying, harassment, and sexual misconduct are never acceptable, whether in person, online, or through any form of communication.

What this means:

- Bullying – repeated behaviour causing distress (e.g. name-calling, exclusion, intimidation).
- Harassment – unwanted behaviour that feels hostile, intimidating, or discriminatory.
- Sexual Misconduct – any behaviour without consent, inappropriate comments, or actions that make someone feel unsafe.

If it happens:

- Respond – leave the situation if possible.
- Record – note details (time, place, people involved).
- Report – use our confidential online form (E-SSS tab).

Support is available:

- Safeguarding & Welfare Team for immediate help.
- Signposting to trusted external services.

👉 Remember: You are not alone. Speaking up helps protect you and others. All reports are handled with care and confidentiality.

Alumni, Placements & Student Success

A Warm Welcome from the Associate Dean

Hi everyone,

Welcome to a brand-new term at Scholars School System! Whether you're returning after a long summer break or continuing your academic journey, we're so glad to have you with us.

If you're heading out on placement this term, I hope it's a rewarding and inspiring experience. And speaking of placements, we've got some new faces joining our team!

Please give a warm welcome to:

- **Hajara Khan in Manchester**
- **Amna Zehra Zaidi in Birmingham**
- **Bhavani Rangu in London**

Be sure to say hello when you see them around campus!

This week, we kicked things off with a cheerful Back to Class coffee morning for our Cohort 14, Level 4 students. It was a great chance to catch up and discover what's new at Scholars. Students got to meet the Academic Development Unit, explore our updated website, and in London, even try out our brand-new patient simulator. It is a great resource for our London students.

We also introduced everyone to **MyCareers**, an amazing online careers portal from Leeds Trinity University. It's packed with tools to help you build your career skills and prepare for life after graduation. If you haven't checked it out yet, head

over to mycareer.leadstrinity.ac.uk. Just click on the Partner Institution link and log in with your LTU email and password. We can't wait to see you all during induction week. Until then —take care and enjoy the start of term!

Warm wishes,

Associate Dean – Student Success, Placements & Alumni





coffee morning!

COHORT 14

10:30AM - 12:30PM

Mon 15 - Fri 19

Find out what's new:

- Learn about The Academic Development Unit!
- See our Student Support Web portal!
- Meet the placement officers!
- Explore our Career Hub!

**BACK
TO CLASS**

***Enjoy a
morning to
revive &
reconnect*** 

Join us as we get ready for a new exciting term!

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Student Contributions

Hannah Ogden - My Journey at Scholars School System

Hello, my name is Hannah, and I am a former student at Scholars School System. I'd like to begin by sharing a bit about my journey.

I come from a proud working-class background, raised in some of Manchester's most deprived areas. As a young mum, I left high school without any GCSEs, but I was determined to forge a path for myself. My mum had worked in youth services, and inspired by her, I decided to pursue an apprenticeship as a youth worker at the age of 17. This opportunity allowed me to gain both functional qualifications and hands-on experience.

Once I completed my apprenticeship, I sought to broaden my horizons. I reached out to agencies for guidance, which led me to a role as a care assistant with a domiciliary care company. There, I worked with elderly clients who had diverse physical and psychological needs. This position also gave me the chance to study Health and Social Care (HSC) at Level 2. Initially, I had no interest in this field, but working in this role changed my perspective. I came to understand just how essential care staff are to the people we support, and it sparked a passion within me.

From there, I continued working in various settings within the HSC sector, accumulating several years of experience. At one point, I was contacted by a company offering me a position at Manchester University. However, due to my lack of formal qualifications, I was unable to move forward with the opportunity. But the company then introduced me to Scholars School System—and that was a turning point in my life.

Studying at Scholars School System was one of the best opportunities I have ever had. Over the course of four years, I pursued HSC studies with a team of knowledgeable, dedicated tutors who genuinely cared about helping me grow. Their support pushed me to reach new heights, both academically and personally. The staff at Scholars are outstanding, and there are a few individuals who particularly stood out to me—offering guidance, encouragement, and a much-needed boost of confidence.

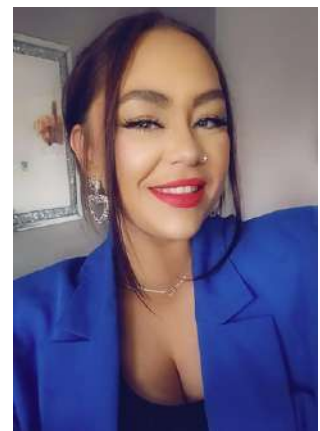
Beyond academics, my time at university has been incredibly rewarding on a personal level. I've made lifelong friends, and the people I studied with will always hold a special place in my heart. Of course, the journey wasn't always easy. There were times when I felt stuck, staring blankly at my laptop, questioning whether it was worth continuing. But I kept going, and I can now confidently say that it was all worth it.

Student Contributions

Now, having completed my studies, I am proud to be working as a Team Lead in an adolescent residential setting. My goal is to become the manager of two homes within the next few years. I'm committed to building my skills and resilience to ensure that I can be the best leader for both the young people in my care and my colleagues. Without Scholars School, I would never have had the confidence to pursue such a role. I may still freeze up during interviews or talk too much, but the knowledge I gained during my studies has empowered me to know that I am more than capable of taking on a leadership role.

To those of you embarking on your academic journey with Scholars School, or those already on your way—congratulations! The field of Health and Social Care (HSC) needs and appreciates individuals like you. It takes immense physical and mental strength to work in this sector but remember, you could be the person who makes a vulnerable individual feel safe, heard, and valued. With the knowledge you're gaining, you are well on your way to becoming exceptional leaders.

I wish you all the best of luck, and I hope you continue to enjoy your academic journey. Keep pushing forward, because it is so worth it!



Hannah Ogden
HSC L6

As we wrap up this edition of the Scholars School System Newsletter, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributes to making our school a vibrant and supportive community. From dedicated teachers and support staff to hardworking students, each of you plays a vital role in our success.

Remember to stay connected with us through our social media channels and school website for updates on upcoming events and important announcements. Your feedback is always welcome, so please share your thoughts and suggestions to help us improve.

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