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Letter from Dean, Student Success and Experience

Dear Students,
I hope this message finds you well. It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as Dr Gary Jones, the Dean of Student Success and Experience at Scholars School System. With many years of experience in higher education, my focus has always been on creating inclusive, supportive, and inspiring learning environments where every student can thrive.

I want to take a moment to recognise the hard work, determination, and enthusiasm you bring to our community. Scholars School System is not just a place of study; it's a place where you can grow personally and

professionally, explore your passions, and build connections that last a lifetime with our Alumni network. This semester is filled with opportunities to get involved, from academic workshops and employability sessions to community events and student-led initiatives. I encourage you to take full advantage of these experiences and make the most of your time here.

Remember, our Student Support and Experience Team is always here to help you with any challenges you may face, whether academic, personal, or professional. Together, we are committed to ensuring your success.

Wishing you all a rewarding and inspiring semester ahead.

Warm regards,

Dr Gary Jones
Dean Student Success & Experience,



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Graduation

A Celebration of Achievement: Graduation for Bachelors Cohorts 4 & 5 and Masters Cohorts 13 & 14

This year's graduation ceremony was a proud moment for the Scholars School System community as we celebrated the achievements of Bachelor's Cohorts 4 & 5 and Master's Cohorts 13 & 14. Held at the historic Whitworth Hall at the University of Manchester, the event marked a significant milestone in our shared journey of learning, growth, and transformation.



Graduates represented four programme areas of Business and Management, Health and Social Care, International Business, and Health and Wellbeing, reflecting the ambition that defines SSS. Each graduate demonstrated the values of excellence, integrity, and perseverance, showing remarkable dedication to their studies and future careers. Seeing each student cross the stage to the cheers of family, friends, and staff was a proud reminder of our mission to empower individuals through education and equip them with the knowledge and confidence to make a positive impact in their communities. As the celebration concluded, graduates left excited about what comes next. This is only the beginning of their journey, with new opportunities, continued growth, and the pursuit of lifelong learning.

Congratulations once again to all graduates. Your hard work and success truly embody the spirit and values of Scholars School System.



Student Success and Placements

It's been another fantastic month across all Scholars School System campuses! Our Level 4 and Level 5 students are now preparing for their placements, and we're excited about the excellent opportunities ahead.

We recently held careers and employability fairs at all five of our campuses. That resulted in 53 employers speaking with more than 900 students, in five cities over five days. Students from all levels, from our Foundation year to our Level 6 students, found valuable networking opportunities, developed career and employability skills, and met with employers and completed applications for volunteer opportunities, placements, part-time jobs, and graduate careers. Thank you to all the volunteers, recruiters, employers and charities that spoke with our students. Your commitment to community and your work to empower our students is invaluable to us as we work to realize our mission of education for all.



The Placements Team has been working hard to support students with advice and guidance on how to search for, apply to, and secure meaningful workplace experiences. If you're still looking for the right opportunity, here are some helpful tips:

Reflect on your interests.

Think about who you are and what kind of services or industries inspire you. If you're passionate about the arts, consider reaching out to local museums or cultural centres, such as South Asian, Caribbean, or African arts organisations. If you enjoy working with children, try contacting nurseries, schools, mosques, or churches to explore what they offer. You might also find a great fit in community support roles, befriending services, or working with refugees, the elderly, or vulnerable groups.

Do your research.

Most companies, charities, schools, and care homes have websites. Take time to explore them, find out who the key contacts are, and reach out directly. A little courage can go a long way. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself!

Dress for success.

First impressions matter. Think about how you present yourself and aim to show the best version of you when meeting potential employers.

Follow up.

If you've submitted a CV and cover letter, follow up with a phone call to check on the status of your application. Many applicants don't take this extra step, so it can really help you stand out. Better yet, consider visiting in person to show your enthusiasm and readiness to work.

Attend careers fairs.

Scholars School System recently hosted career fairs at each of our campuses. Now that you've had a taste of what they're like, why not attend one in your city?

Upcoming city-wide careers fairs include:

London: November 12, 13, and 14

Leicester: November 13 and 26

Birmingham & Bradford: December 5

Manchester (Virtual): December 5



So, polish up your CV and cover letter, attend a fair, and take that next step toward securing the perfect placement!

To support your career development, the team has been running workshops across all campuses. Some highlights include:

Manchester: A workshop with Growth Hub on November 5th, helping students prepare their business ideas.

Birmingham: A series of workshops focused on building company websites and identifying and securing funding.

For all campuses, a fantastic online session with Maryam Bello-Turku on November 12th, discussing NHS career pathways and job opportunities.

London: We have an upcoming workshop with Barclays Bank for Business students on November 17th.

And for our SSS students in London if you haven't yet visited the Patient Simulator Lab, why not drop by and take a look?

Wishing you a fantastic November. I look forward to sharing more updates in our next newsletter!

Student Support

Our Student Support Team is always here to help you manage deadlines, extensions, or mitigation requests. If you're facing any challenges, please don't hesitate to reach out we're here to support you every step of the way.

Extensions

Keep track of your submission deadlines by regularly checking Moodle and the CRM. If you're struggling to manage your workload, our Student Support Team is here to help. You can request an extension through e:vision. Each student is allowed five extensions per academic year, each giving five extra working days. In exceptional cases, an additional five days may be approved by your lecturer and the LTU Assessment Team.

Please note

- You can not apply extensions for exams, quizzes, or live assessments.
- Bank holidays and weekends aren't counted as working days.
- Foundation Year students using an extension are not eligible for In-Module Recovery, so use them wisely!

Mitigation

Mitigation covers serious circumstances beyond a student's control that affect academic performance. It allows extra time to submit work. Eligible reasons include long-term illness, pregnancy, bereavement, accidents, mental health issues, or personal and domestic difficulties.

How to Apply?

Complete the Mitigation Form and attach supporting evidence such as medical or official documents. Email these to your Student Support Officer. Once approved by Leeds Trinity University, both you and your lecturer will be informed of the new submission date by the SSE Officer. Your first attempt will take place during the resit period, but it will still count as your first attempt and will not be capped.

Surveys

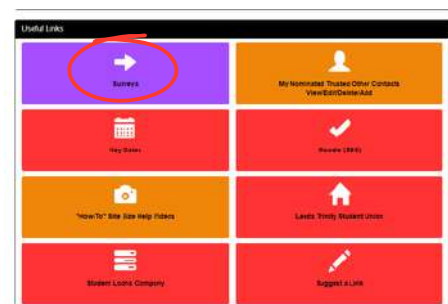
MEQs

At Scholars School System, your voice matters. Currently, we are collecting feedback through the Module Evaluation Questionnaire (MEQ). The MEQs are specific to each module and help us understand what's working well and what can be improved in your teaching and learning. You can participate in this survey through e:vision.

Why is your feedback important?

- It helps us identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- It informs decisions about teaching methods, curriculum, and support services.
- It ensures your voice shapes the future of our institution.

By completing these surveys, you are contributing to the enhancement of your academic experience and that of future students. Take a few minutes - your feedback makes a difference



Mental Health

This Month is about men's mental health. We're shining a light on men's mental well-being because stress, work-life balance, and the day-to-day pressures can affect any of us. Whether you're juggling coursework, part-time work, deadlines, or simply trying to get through the week, taking care of your mind is just as important as taking care of your body.

Stress Management Tips

- Try scheduling small "mental breaks": even 10 minutes away from screens or study to stretch, walk, breathe.
- Prioritise sleep: aim for regular sleep-wake times and avoid late-night work when possible.
- Recognise when "just coping" becomes too heavy: feeling irritable, withdrawing from friends, drinking more, these can be signs your stress is becoming more than "normal".
- Use physical activity as a reset: walking, sport or any movement clears the mind and helps you switch off from work or study.

Balancing Work & Life

- Set realistic daily goals: break big tasks into smaller chunks and reward yourself when they're done.
- Establish boundaries: when your work or study ends, try to physically or mentally switch off (shut the laptop, leave the desk, take a break).
- Make time for relationships, hobbies and rest: connection and downtime aren't optional extras, they help your resilience.
- Ask for help: you don't have to carry everything alone. Talking, even briefly, can lighten the load.

Why is this especially for men?

Men often face unique pressures: societal expectations, the drive to "be OK", and the feeling that they must manage things themselves. But research in England shows men are less likely to access mental health services and that male suicide rates remain alarmingly high. [MMH Men's Mental Health](#). It takes courage to reach out; doing so is a sign of strength.

Need Support?

If you'd like to talk or simply need someone to listen, contact us at [**wellbeing@scholarsschool.ac.uk**](mailto:wellbeing@scholarsschool.ac.uk). Whether it's a one-off chat or something more ongoing, we have folks ready to help.

More Support & Resources

Below are some trusted external services in England you can access:

Samaritans: free, 24/7 phone support for anyone in distress, call 116 123.

SHOUT: free text crisis service: text SHOUT to 85258.

MMH Men's Mental Health CIC: a directory of support groups and resources specially for men.

Change Mental Health: offers advice and sign-posting for men's mental health, money worries and more. changemh.org

Student Welfare & Disability Support

If you have declared a disability on e:vision, you will receive an email from Leeds Trinity University (LTU) asking for your consent to share this information with Scholars School System (SSS). We strongly encourage you to share your disability disclosure so that appropriate support can be provided if needed.

To give your consent, please follow these steps:

1. Open the link provided in the email.
2. Sign in to e:vision.
3. Scroll down to Disability Disclosure.
4. In the drop-down menu that states "I would like to share my disability data with SSS," select Yes.



If you require any support, please get in touch with **Disability@scholarsschool.ac.uk** or visit your campus Disability Officer/Representative.

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

You can also fill out the form online through our website, or you can access the form by clicking [here](#).

Scholars in Print: New Book Release by Our Dean

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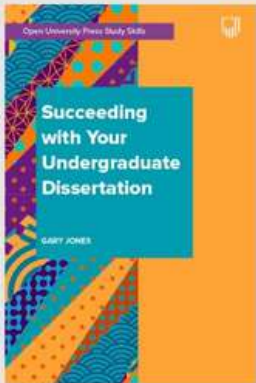


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Student Success Stories



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"Studying here has been one of the most rewarding experiences. Completing my Master's in Health and Wellbeing not only deepened my understanding of leadership and management but also helped me develop essential skills – from communication and teamwork to IT and problem-solving – all of which I now use daily in my role as Deputy Retention Manager. The flexible online learning format allowed me to balance my studies with my personal life, making it an ideal choice.

What I valued most was the opportunity to connect and collaborate with people from diverse backgrounds, many of whom have become lifelong friends. The support from Scholars School System helped me achieve a major milestone and opened the door to a fulfilling career within the institution itself. I'm incredibly proud to be graduating with my Master's, something I've dreamt of all my life. To future students, I'd say: Go for it. Invest in your education; it truly opens doors to rewarding and meaningful opportunities!"

"Before starting my degree, I spent over a decade working as a Mental Health Recovery Support Worker. That experience gave me passion and purpose, but studying for my degree has given me so much more: the knowledge, confidence, and direction to make a real difference in the lives of those I support. I can already see the impact in my work and the positive outcomes for the people in my care.

What makes this experience truly special is knowing I'm setting an example for my child, showing that perseverance and education can open doors to a brighter future. The encouragement from lecturers, staff, and fellow students has been incredible, creating a community where we lift each other.

I'm deeply grateful to the Scholar School System for helping me believe in myself and for giving me the tools to build a better future — for my family, my career, and those I serve."



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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 Scholars 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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If you have a section you'd like to add or want to share your success story through our newsletter.

The deadline for receiving contributions for the December newsletter is: 28th November, 2025

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