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Welcome to this month's edition of the newsletter!

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**Student Inductions
Cohort 18**

W/C 6th January 2026

Letter from Dean, Student Success and Experience

Dear Students,

I hope this message finds you well.

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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Dean Student Success & Experience

Student Recognition Awards

A Celebration of Achievement

The Student Recognition Awards were introduced to acknowledge and reward outstanding academic commitment across our Foundation Year and Level 4 cohorts. Students who achieved 90%+ attendance, 100% on-time assignment submission, and an average pass mark of 70% or above were recognised for their dedication. Foundation Year recipients received £75 vouchers, while Level 4 students were awarded laptops to support their learning.

Below are the students we are celebrating for their outstanding performance.

Students awarded £75 vouchers

Manchester

- Larisa Caramalau
- Muhammad Tahir Saleem
- Samia Khanam Tahir
- Kamval Choudry
- Hajra Imdad
- Thisuni Appuhamilage
- Monika Koch Kwarciak
- Ali Sher Khan
- Entsham Ul Haq
- Chaudrhry Shafqat Ahmed
- Atif Hussain

Birmingham

- Mohamed Hechmi Ben Ahmed
- Balen Adnan Saed

Bradford

- Hina Baig
- Saira Bibi
- Samia Khan

London

- Muhammad Ali
- Tony Agnelo Da Silva

Leicester

- Shyam Subedi



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Students awarded Laptops

Manchester

- Fazia Banaras
- Sabahat Rehman
- Syed Wajid Ali
- Sidra Habib
- Asma Sheeraz
- Asifa Jamil
- Mohammad Munir
- Abda Rashid
- Maimuna Ba
- Eva Csanyi
- Amandeep Kaur Bhatia
- Shumaila Nosheen

Birmingham

- Jawad Mohammad
- Maninder Kaur
- Saira Imraan
- Amandeep Kaur
- Saqiba Arooj
- Nyeela Bibi
- Sukhjit Kaur
- Akhlaq Ahmad
- Navjot Singh

London

- Saira Malik
- Nasir Manzoor Malik
- Andreea Daniela Sandu
- Mohammad Sajid Hussain

Bradford

- Asma Zahara Shah
- Sadaf Iqbal
- Saima Iram
- Saika Kausar Ashraf
- Amandeep Kaur
- Bibi Salma Khan
- Mohammed Shakeel
- Shmaila Ijaz
- Nuzhat Shaukat
- Tanzila Iftikhar Hussain
- Hira Abbas
- Andrea Cifrova
- Saba Shahid

Leicester

- Aishah Hussain
- Magboula Adam



Prevent

At Scholars School System, we take all safeguarding seriously — including concerns about radicalisation and extremism. The national scheme PREVENT is part of our safeguarding framework, designed to help protect individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn into extremist or harmful activities.

If you ever feel worried about a fellow student, whether it's about their beliefs, social media use, behaviour, or associations, it's important to know that you can speak up. Making a referral doesn't mean someone is in trouble: it simply helps to ensure that anyone who might need support can get it safely and confidentially.

If you want to make a referral under Prevent, please complete the safeguarding form available here:

<https://scholarsschool.ac.uk/safeguarding-form>

By doing so, you help us keep our school community safe and support anyone who might be struggling. Thank you for looking out for each other.

British Values

At Scholars School System, we are proud of our richly diverse student community and celebrate this diversity through monthly events such as Diwali, Black History Month, Halloween, and Christmas. Each campus also offers multi-faith rooms for prayer, reflection, or meditation, and we ask all users to show respect for others sharing the space.

By celebrating diversity, we also uphold fundamental British Values:

Democracy – having a voice through fair representation;

Rule of Law – laws applied equally to everyone;

Individual Liberty – freedom to make choices;

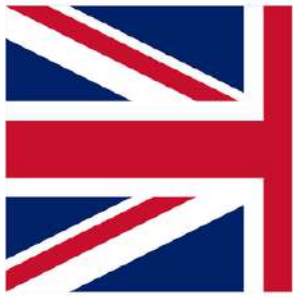
Mutual Respect – valuing others regardless of background;

Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs – accepting those of all religions or none.

We believe every student has the right to fully participate in their education without discrimination and to contribute to school policies and governance. Across our campuses and newsletters, you will find information about student voice, our code of conduct, complaints procedures, and discipline policies, ensuring a cooperative and supportive learning environment.

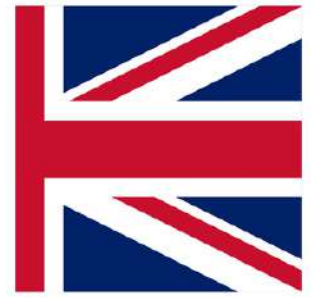
If you hear views that go against British Values or our code of conduct, please use the student complaints or safeguarding portals. If someone appears to be adopting harmful or extreme beliefs, they may be referred to Prevent.

Together, we share the responsibility to maintain a peaceful, equal, and dignified environment for all students.



BRITISH VALUES

AT SCHOLARS SCHOOL SYSTEM



INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY

1. We respect and promote students' rights and personal choices.
2. Independent and collaborative learning are encouraged.
3. Students are supported to think for themselves and take ownership of their learning.
4. Students grow in maturity and independence as they progress academically.



THE RULE OF LAW

1. Success is acknowledged through rewards and celebrations.
2. Students at Scholars School System understand the need for rules to ensure SSS is a secure and positive learning environment.



TOLERANCE

1. We take part in community events.
2. Cultural awareness activities help us learn and celebrate each others backgrounds.
3. Enrichment opportunities support different perspectives.
4. We are proud to be part of a diverse and inclusive community and welcome all.
5. We recognise and appreciate the rich cultural heritage that different religions bring.
6. We emphasize respecting differences and valuing creativity.



MUTUAL RESPECT

1. We show respect for ourselves, staff, visitors, and the wider community.
2. At Scholars School System, every individual is valued - our actions towards each other reflect this.
3. We celebrate and embrace our diverse community.
4. All visitors are welcomed with warmth and respect.
5. Our clear policies on bullying, harassment, and sexual misconduct help ensure a safe and supportive environment for all.
6. Every student understands they represent Scholars School System both on and off campus.



DEMOCRACY

1. We have active Student Representatives who share the views of their peers.
2. Student routines are shaped through democratic processes.
3. Every student has the opportunity to influence decision-making and make their voice heard.
4. Students understand that being heard starts with speaking up respectfully and responsibly.



Student Support

Understanding Academic & Non-Academic Appeals

Sometimes you may feel that a university decision about your assessment, progress, or registration doesn't reflect your circumstances. The appeals process exists to make sure decisions are fair. Here's a simple guide to help you understand academic and non-academic appeals.

What is an Academic Appeal?

An academic appeal is a formal request asking the University to review a decision about your assessment, progress, or award. You cannot appeal just because you disagree with your grade; there must be valid reasons.

Valid reasons include:

- New Evidence: Important information you couldn't submit earlier.
- Breach of Procedures: Something in the process didn't follow university rules.
- Discrimination or Bias: You believe you were treated unfairly.
- Administrative Error: A mistake affected your assessment or progress.

Evidence you can submit:

- Medical letters from a GP
- Notes from Student Support or Tutors
- Emails or proof of appointments
- Any documents showing how circumstances affected your assessments

Possible outcomes:

- Extension of deadlines
- Different assessment format
- Another chance to submit or be assessed
- Removal of penalties
- Permission to repeat the year or suspend studies
- Acceptance of work submitted to the wrong link
- Appeal may not be upheld

What is a Non-Academic Appeal?

A non-academic appeal is for decisions about withdrawal from your course (for example, if you didn't register on time). It does not cover academic failure.

Valid reasons include:

- New evidence about mitigating circumstances
- Administrative errors

Possible outcomes:

- Return to studies immediately
- Permission for late registration
- Suspension for the rest of the year, with return later
- Acceptance of right-to-study documents
- Debt cleared or payment plan approved
- Appeal may not be upheld



Timeline:

You usually get a formal outcome within 25 working days.

Remember:

Appeals exist to ensure fairness, so be sure to provide clear evidence and follow the guidance carefully.

HSC Simulation Lab

Have you visited our Patient Simulation Lab?

In our London campus, and coming soon to all campuses, is a brand new Patient Simulation Lab.

But what is it?

This exciting innovation comes to us courtesy of our Deputy CEO, Dr Neysha Ahmed, who sourced and built a new training lab for all London campus Health and Social Care students to use. The lab is created to simulate a real clinical

environment and has a medical bed with a 'patient'. The body is weighted to simulate an adult woman, and students can learn and practice how to turn the body, how to insert a cannula, how to raise or lower the patient in and out of the bed and how to position the body with dignity. Other valuable tools in the patient simulator lab are a CPR and resuscitation doll, blood pressure and oxygen measuring tools, a wheelchair, crutches,



medical assistance devices, an IV drip and stand, and an anatomically correct full-size skeleton. This patient simulator lab marks an important development at Scholars School System, as we invest in the richness of the student experience and give our Health and Social Care students valuable experiential learning, designed to equip our students with needed skills for placements and real-world work environments. Our patient simulator lab gives students the needed exposure to the pressures and demands of professional clinical environments in a controlled and managed way.

We'll be bringing patient simulator labs and other innovations for our Business Management students to all our campuses. So, keep checking the school newsletter for further important updates, as we work to continually improve and challenge our students, and work with you to achieve your dreams.

National Conversation on Personal Academic Tutoring

Our Dean of Student Success and Experience, Dr Gary Jones, is leading a national conversation about the future of personal academic tutoring in UK higher education. As institutions in this sector reassess their priorities, Dr Jones is playing a crucial role in promoting personal academic tutoring as a fundamental part of student success.

During recent discussions at the UKAT Senior Leaders' Network Group, which Dr Jones chairs, the focus was on the significant positive effects that personal academic tutoring has on student outcomes, including continuation and completion rates, as well as essential metrics set by the Office for Students, such as the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), National Student Survey (NSS), and Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES).

To read the full article published on the Higher Education Policy Institute website, please visit: <https://www.hepi.ac.uk/2025/11/17/why-institutions-must-protect-personal-academic-tutoring-at-all-costs/>

Sports Day

Sports Day was held across all campuses, bringing students together to enjoy a day filled with excitement, energy, and teamwork. The event featured various activities and games, allowing everyone to showcase their skills and enjoy healthy competition. Physical activities are important alongside studies, as they promote well-being, improve focus, and help develop valuable life skills such as teamwork, resilience, and leadership. Participating in such events also creates a sense of community and encourages students to maintain a healthy balance between their physical and mental pursuits.

We are proud of the enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by all participants.





Your Feedback Shapes Scholars School System
Every Voice Counts - Including Yours!

“YOU SAID

HELP US BUILD THE BEST
STUDENT EXPERIENCE!

WE DID!”



REACH OUT
TO YOUR
CAMPUS
STUDENT REP



SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK TODAY!

YOUR STUDENT REPS



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Salifu Kabbah



MANCHESTER

Muhammed Tahir Saleem



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BRADFORD

Bradley Hubbard



DISABILITY SUPPORT

Here to support you!

DISABILITY IS NOT A BARRIER!

Disclose your disability at the time of admission
or reach out to our disability team:

disability@scholarsschool.ac.uk



Student Success, Alumni & Placements

Graduate Outcomes Survey – Have Your Say!

Students who completed their UK higher education course between August and October 2024 are now invited to take part in the Graduate Outcomes Survey.

You'll soon receive an email, text message, or phone call with your invitation to participate. The survey takes just 10 minutes to complete and is easiest to do online.

This is the biggest survey of graduates in the UK, and by taking part in the survey, you'll be helping to inform government policy, improve the quality of education, and help put Scholars School System on the map as a quality education provider! Find out more at the Graduate Survey portal on our website.

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**GRADUATE
OUTCOMES
SURVEY**

TAKE 10 MINUTES TO
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SHAPE THE FUTURE

By taking the Graduate Outcomes survey, you'll be making a valuable contribution to the next generation of students.

We'd love to understand more about your career path and experiences after leaving higher education.

We'll get in touch with you via email or phone to complete the survey, 15 months after you've completed your course.

Find out
more here



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Student Success, Alumni & Placements

Farewell Cohort 7

This December, we began saying goodbye to Cohort 7 in Business Management and Health and Social Care. It was an emotional moment for everyone, with students sharing memories, writing heartfelt messages, and enjoying a warm farewell gathering together.

Although your studies have ended, your journey with Scholars School System continues. Through our Alumni support, they will stay connected as they move into new careers, further study, or their own business ventures. Our Alumni team is here to help with CV development, job searching, and progression advice, and we will continue to follow and celebrate their achievements.

And if you haven't yet registered yourself as an Alumni for our updates, make sure to visit the Alumni pages and share your details! And of course, like and subscribe to our Scholars School System alumni page on LinkedIn.

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Cohort 7, we are proud of you. As the saying goes, **"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."** You will always be part of the Scholars School System family.



Student Success Stories



**MIHAELA CARMEN
VRINCEANU MINDRA**

"Studying Health and Social Care at Scholars School System has had a tremendous impact on my career. Having worked in the NHS for several years, this course strengthened my skills, deepened my understanding of people's needs, and transformed how I support individuals with disabilities, dementia, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's.

The guidance and encouragement from my tutor, Ashley, were invaluable, helping me grow in confidence and communication.

This qualification also opened new doors. I was recently promoted to Medical Records Supervisor, a role I'm about to begin with pride. I'm deeply grateful for the support I've received from both staff and classmates, and I'm excited to continue my journey by pursuing a Master's degree. To anyone considering this path, I say: It's time to take the leap - nothing is impossible when you follow your dreams."

"This whole journey has been about proving to myself that I could still do it, that I could go back, study, and earn my degree after being away from education for so long. Balancing my family life, running a business, and studying at the same time was tough. There were moments I doubted if I could keep going. But Scholars School System really supported me through it all. They helped me make a plan that worked around my life, and their advice and encouragement kept me going.

This degree has strengthened my leadership skills, deepened my understanding of business strategy, and given me the confidence to grow my company into new regions. It's also made me more focused and determined in how I manage my business and my time. I'm proud of what I've achieved and truly grateful to the faculty and staff who supported me every step of the way."



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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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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our students and staff from SSS

We look forward to an amazing 2026!

We welcome contributions from our community!

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

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