

NEWSLETTER OF THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

WEEK BEGINNING 3RD OCTOBER 2016

FEATURING THE NEW 'WHAT I WISH I KNEW WHEN I WAS A FRESHER GUIDE'



HIGHLIGHT OF LAST WEEK

The 'Meet the committees' joint social with all of the Law Societies was an amazing success with a great turnout. It was great to meet so many new faces and share what we do. This will be the first of many joint events this year! (See left all of the Law Society presidents, the LULS committee members who attended).

DATES TO NOTE FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY

JOIN THE LAW SOCIETY AND PICK UP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

- Office hours have now started which means you can come and see us between 10am and 4pm every weekday. You'll be informed of who is in the office when, and you can get your LULS membership card & keyring by showing us your confirmation email of membership any day!
- To join the Law Society go to www.leicesterunion.com/groups/law--2 to make an SU account and pay! £15 for the year, £40 for lifetime.



ALL WEEK

PRO BONO PROJECT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

- Legal Advice Clinic Administrators: 5th October
- Street Law Team Leader, Presenter & Researcher: 7th October
- Project LIGHT Advisors: 7th October
- Miscarriages of Justice Researcher: 7th October
- Asylum & Immigration Intern: 10th October
- Crime Club: 2nd October
- Lawyers Without Borders Student Division Researchers: 12th October
- Email Georgia Phillipou at gp187 to enquire about becoming an Amicus Charity Volunteer.
- ALL APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PRO BONO WEBSITE: <http://luls.org.uk/probono/recruitment/>



ALL WEEK

MENTORING SCHEME – BECOME A MENTOR OR MENTEE

- Amazing experience as a mentor to help first years adjust to life and uni and Law School through general guidance and support. Chance to win 'mentor of the year' award.
- Mentees get to meet more people in the Law School, attend the mentor/mentee dinner and ask questions about uni life/the course.
- Essay help seminars to be set up and run by a group of mentors.
- Sign up here:
(Mentors)
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ObrgRcIQJ0Q5eGo5s46ppaTYi0qpZjngNyAWmFsWtcY/viewform?edit_requested=true
(Mentees)
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DEADLINE 10TH OCTOBER. Any questions email our International Officer Maria Pavlou at mp498

FRIDAY

LAW BOOK SALE

- LULS is holding a Law book sale on Friday 7th October.
- If you are second or third year and want to sell your books please arrive at 10am and know how much you want to sell them for.
- If you want to buy books please arrive at 10:15am.
- Time: 10am – 12pm
- We are still trying to confirm the room booking, so the venue will be confirmed as soon as possible, and you'll be notified if we have to postpone it to the week after.

FRIDAY

LEICESTER STUDENT LAW REVIEW APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

- WRITE FOR THE LAW REVIEW! The LSLR is an academic legal publication which produces two issues a year. Articles for the autumn issue must be 700 words long, on any area of law, and may be previous coursework pieces. Deadline is the 7th October!
- LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE! If you want to help to organise the Review as either a Co-Editor, one of the three Sub-Editors, a Secretary, a Financial Administrator, Webmaster/Publishing Coordinator or Events Coordinator, then the deadline for applications is the 10th October.
- Please e-mail our Editor-in-Chief Lucie Zhang at leicslawreview@le.ac.uk to get an application form, to submit an article, or ask any questions.
- To find out more go to www.luls.org.uk/lawreview



FROM MONDAY

HOODIES & KEEPING UP TO DATE

- Law Society hoodies are being sold in the Law Society office every day in blue, green and burgundy
- £13 from Monday
- Social media – Twitter/Snapchat and Instagram 'uniofleiclawsoc. Facebook – 'University of Leicester Law Society'. Website: www.luls.org.uk and email luls-exec@le.ac.uk

WHAT I WISH I KNEW WHEN I WAS A FRESHER GUIDE

A NEW INITIATIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR LULS COMMITTEE

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge welcome from LULS to all of our fresher members! We got to meet lots of you at Freshers' Fair, Orientation and Meet the Committees, but as you can see we have A LOT going on, so we are excited to get to know even more of you then!

Last year one of my projects that I promised was to make this guide as I thought it would be so helpful to have insider knowledge from second and third years. I hope it's helpful!

Scarlett, Chairperson

Things I wish I knew about ... Uni life:

- I wish I knew Freshers' is the best time to make friends that make you're time at uni amazing! – Abbi H
- TALK TO EVERYONE YOU MEET (and go out of your way to talk to them) - Scarlett
- I wish I realised how important sleep was - Kamran
- I wish I knew going home in the first few weeks makes homesickness worse – Zoe
- I wish I knew in Freshers' is going to LetsDisco without having finished my tutorial work was a bad idea, because I was absolutely clueless in tutorial the next day. (Get it done! Time management is key) – Lucie
- I wish I knew about Morrison's Signature Series Sea Salted Almond Chocolate Bar so that I didn't have to waste my time eating inferior kitkat bars (Find your favourite Leicester food. Explore!) – Yukit

Things I wish I knew about ... getting involved:

- I wish I knew when I was a fresher is that you don't have to wait until second year to get involved in society committees. Pro Bono, Law Review and mootings, for example, offer opportunities for you to get involved straight away in your first few months at university and really boost your CV. (And that

gives you experience needed to join higher roles in committees in 2nd and 3rd year) – Alex

- I wish I knew that my mooting partner would be critical to my performance in Moots – Derrick
- I wish I knew I could join law netball having never played netball – Anna
- I wish I knew that the finals of the competitions were open to the public, and this is a great way to see experienced competitors in action. (Keep an eye out for the finals being publicised this year so you can see how it's done! And we have some job judges too) – Lena
- I wish I knew there was a law sports basketball team (If you're interested email Abi at aec20) – Abi C
- I wish I knew that going on trips is a great way to make friends with other people in law and a great way to see important institutions that affect my studies (This year we are going to Strasbourg to see the EU institutions, and Amsterdam to see some international courts) – Abbi H
- I wish I knew how much the Law Society did when I started (I knew it was crucial for job applications, but it all happens so quickly). There are a lot of deadlines that come up really fast in the first few weeks so there's a lot of emphasis this year on publicity. You can now find everything on all social media outlets, plus our website and newsletter so you won't miss out on any opportunities! - Scarlett

Things I wish I knew about ... Uni work:

- I wish I knew the stuff you learn in first year is a really important basis for the rest of the degree – Abbi H
- I wish I knew about the online tutorial for Oscola referencing that the library put up! – Kamran
- I wish I knew that it was okay to ask questions in tutorials if you don't understand something. – Tabitha
- I wish I knew that lecturers aren't as scary as you think. Make use of them and go and ask them questions. Ask the obvious and dumb questions in tutorials when you don't get it. The process is there to help you learn! - Scarlett
- I wish I knew that buying statute booklets early is actually helpful (you get used to how to use them and where everything is) - Kamran
- I wish I knew that no lecturer ever expects you to do ALL the required reading but doing none is a really bad idea – Zoe
- I wish I knew about the Harry Peach (law) library because it is a great place to study – Tabitha
- I wish I knew to be more prepared. I came from being "spoon fed" at high school and sixth form that I had no idea what I was in for at university. It really is a lot of independent learning but this is where you should really build a

relationship with your personal tutor! (Get organised early and don't be afraid to ask for help) – Minah

- I wish I knew what a good essay looked like. It can be difficult to achieve higher marks if you're not sure about what you're doing. This is why as your Law Society we will be showcasing these essays to you in student-led seminars to not only help you access good grades but to get the most out of your time here in Leicester and to prepare you for a career in law. - Minah

Things I wish I knew about ... saving money:

- I wish I had gone to the second hand law book sale! (We will be having ours, hopefully, on 7th October) - Kamran
- I wish I knew that you don't need to buy every book! The Uni e-library is great for Reading lists, and you can just check books out of the library (And a lot of lecturers say just use one, and pick the one you prefer) – Kamran
- I wish I knew that Chi in Charles Wilson has cheaper coffee than Starbucks – Abbi H
- I wish I knew that Asda 'reduce to clear' their food everyday at 9pm- Kamran
- I wish I knew about Turtle Bay 2 for 1 cocktails happy hours (12-7pm and 10pm til close) - Kamran
- I wish I stocked up on Dominos vouchers... they'll be your saviour after a night out. – Kamran
- I wish I knew how much money it would save me just by getting a Tupperware box, some wraps and some chicken instead of buying lunch everyday - Scarlett

Things I wish I knew about ... preparing for a career in law:

- I wish I knew that the earlier you get legal experience the better – Abbi H
- I wish I knew that meet and great sessions with law firms would be really valuable -Abi C
- I wish I knew how important it was so prepare for meet and greets. Making awkward small talk gets you nowhere! - Scarlett
- I wish I knew how important and easy it is to get involved with loads of societies for future careers – Caitlin
- I wish I knew that first year counts if you're applying to vac schemes and training contracts – Ollie
- I wish I knew more about the opportunities available as a first year law student because when applying for insight days or open days at law firms, they don't really mark you on your university grades because you won't have any. I wish I applied for more in my first year to boost my credibility come second year and now third. - Minah

UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT WEEK

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<p>*LULS CAREERS WEEK*</p> <p>EVENT: SOLICITORS' REPS-Day in the life of a solicitor - DLA Piper TIME: 12-1 VENUE: TBC</p> <p>Opportunity to gain a first-hand insight to a typical day of a trainee commercial solicitor for an international law firm. Also a great opportunity to network!</p>	<p>EVENT: SOLICITORS' REPS - Fieldfisher Group Exercise TIME: 11am VENUE: TBC</p> <p>Another fantastic opportunity to network and get involved in an interactive problem solving activity similar to that of a lawyer.</p>	<p>EVENT: SOLICITORS' REPS - Sam McGinty Guest Speaking TIME: 2-4 VENUE: TBC</p> <p>Sam McGinty from local government talking about his training contract at Howes Percival and local government jobs.</p>		<p>EVENT BPP/ Aspiring Solicitor event TIME: TBC DATE: TBC</p>
	<p>EVENT: Competitions Showcase TIME: 5pm VENUE: Ken Edwards Ground Floor Lecture Theatre 3.</p> <p>The perfect opportunity to learn all about the competitions we offer</p> <p>Sign ups for the competitions of the 1st Semester will be open after the showcase.</p> <p>Semester one competitions: Baker & McKenzie Negotiation Competition and Client Interviewing Competition</p>			<p>EVENT: Law Society Bar Crawl TIME: 7:30pm VENUE: Beginning at the Corn Exchange</p>