

SOAS WELCOME

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WEEK
2025

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This guide outlines what to expect during Welcome week, including timings of key academic sessions and how to find out about different services available to you.

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WELCOME TO SOAS!

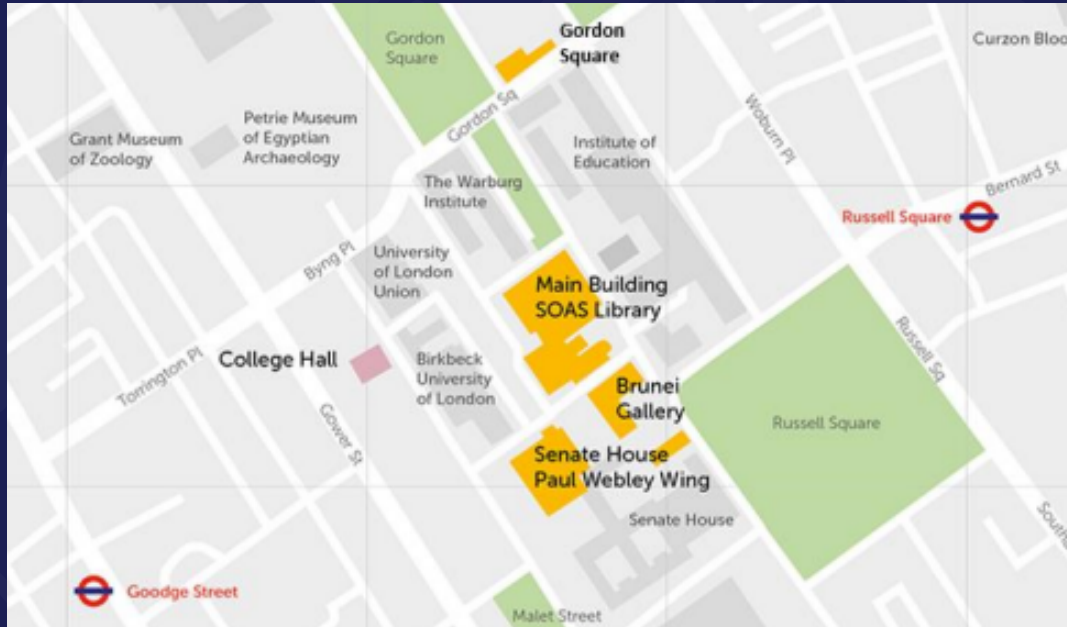


You're now part of a vibrant community of nearly **6,000 students from over 135 countries**, right here in the heart of London. At SOAS, we look at the world through the lens of **Africa, Asia and the Middle East**, tackling today's big global questions.

Our students are curious, thoughtful, and ready to challenge the norm. And with over **75,000 alumni** around the world, you're in great company.

For now, enjoy getting to know your new community – brilliant classmates, inspiring teachers, and a city like no other. Make the most of it!

CAMPUS MAP



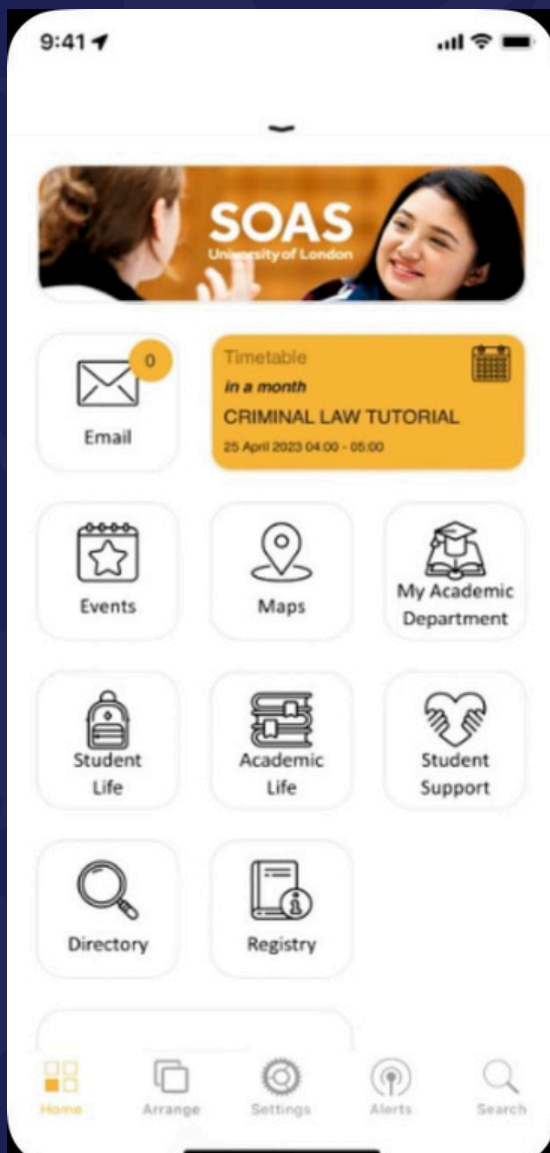
NAVIGATING ROOMS

Prefix	Building	Sample Room Number
C R	College Building (Main Building) College Building (Research Block)	C313 = College Building, 3 rd Floor, Room 313 R301 = College Building, Research Block, 3 rd Floor, Room 301
P	Philips Building (Main Building)	P202 = Main Building Philips, 2 nd Floor, Room 202
S	Senate House (Paul Webley Wing)	S3111 = Senate House, 3 rd Floor, Room 311
B	Brunei Gallery	B101 = Brunei Gallery, 1 st Floor, Room 101
G	Gordon Square	G303 = Gordon Square, 3 rd Floor, Room 303

MYSOAS APP & ESSENTIALS GUIDE

If you have not had a chance yet, please download the [SOAS App](#) from the App Store for iOS or the Google Play store for Android. You will be able to access your timetable, Moodle, your email, an overview of support services, and more.

Additionally, if you need any information on SOAS before, during or after Welcome Week, please refer to the SOAS Essentials Guide on Moodle.



CONNECTING TO WIFI

SOAS maintains an eduroam enabled wireless network available for use by its students.

Students of SOAS may configure their laptops and mobile devices by going to the eduroamCAT website or by scanning the QR code below and following the instructions.



Note that your username must end with '@soas.ac.uk'. This means that if your username is '123456' your eduroam username must be specified as '123456@soas.ac.uk'. If you do not do this, you will be unable to connect.

If you have problems connecting or need further assistance using eduroam, please visit the 'IT Service Desk' located on the ground floor of the Library.

LANGUAGE PLACEMENT TESTS

School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics. Please email the convenor with any queries regarding the language Placement Tests for the following subjects.

Language	Email
Arabic	Mohamed Said, ms15@soas.ac.uk
Bengali	Sahana Bajpaie – sb165@soas.ac.uk
Hebrew	Tamara Novis – tm34@soas.ac.uk
Hindi & Urdu	Naresh Sharma- ns19@soas.ac.uk
Indonesian	Soe-Tjen Marching - sm100@soas.ac.uk
Persian	Narguess Farzad – nf1@soas.ac.uk
Sanskrit	Lidia Wojtczak – lw24@soas.ac.uk
Swahili	Ida Hadjivananis- ih11@soas.ac.uk
Turkish	Yorgos Dedes gd5@soas.ac.uk
Japanese	Seiko Harumi sh96@soas.ac.uk which will be virtual placement test



FINDING KEY TEAMS ON CAMPUS

During your first week, you will need to collect your SOAS ID card, and you may need to speak to different teams about your enrolment, to pay your fees, or to finalise other important enrolment processes.

During Welcome Week, key teams are based in Senate House (Paul Webley Wing):

Ground Floor	Lower Ground Floor
ID Card Collection	Admissions
Fees & Scholarships	IT Queries
Enrolment & Visa	Student Hub

All these teams will be clearly signposted, and don't forget you can always ask one of our Student Ambassadors (wearing purple bibs) on the day.

Please note that many of these teams are normally based elsewhere, and if you need to contact them later you may need to go to a different location or contact them via the Student Information Desk.

CAMPUS TOUR

You may also want to do a campus tour during Welcome Week. Our friendly Student Ambassadors will be waiting on the walkway between our buildings with a Campus Tour sign and will take groups around key locations on campus.



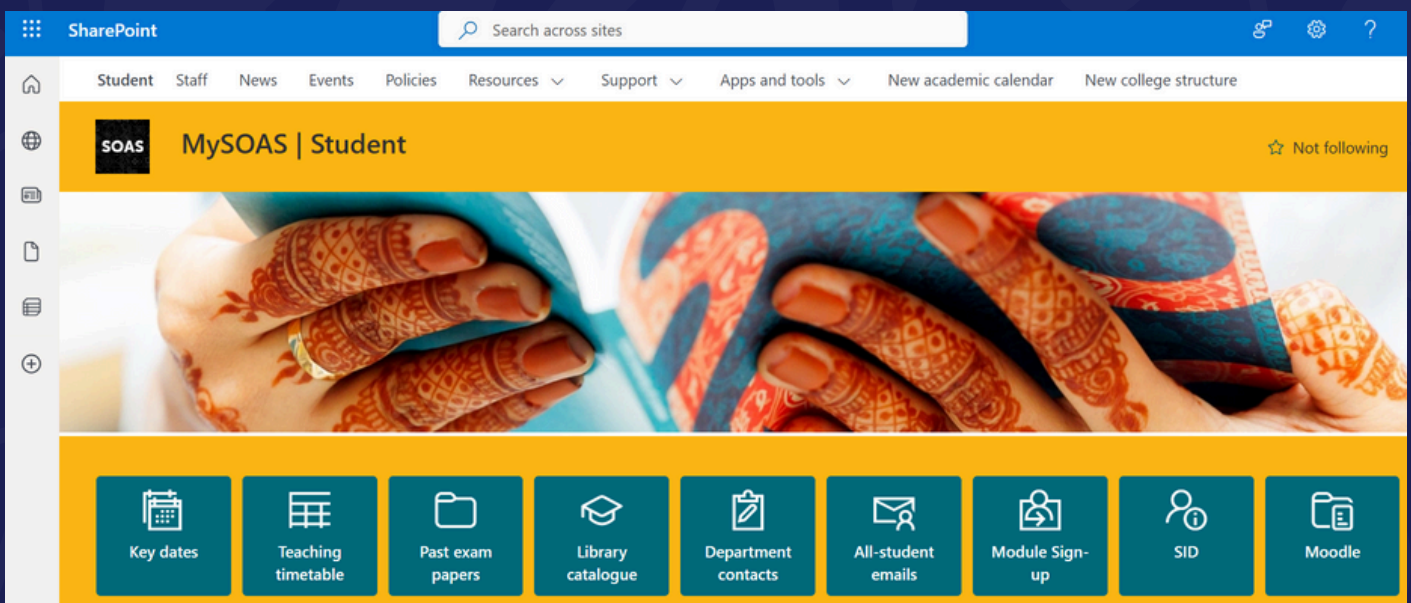
QUIET SPACE

During Welcome Week, the campus can sometimes get quite loud and busy. If you're looking for a quieter spot to relax during the day, feel free to visit one of our designated quiet rooms. We kindly ask that everyone using these spaces refrains from holding conversations, playing music, or doing anything that might disturb the peaceful atmosphere. Alternatively, if you'd like some fresh air, Russell Square is nearby and offers a lovely green space to recharge.

Quiet Space: Rooms S211, S214 and S216 (Paul Webley Wing)

NAVIGATING SHAREPOINT

The MySOAS portal on Microsoft SharePoint will serve as the central platform where students can easily access all the essential information, they need throughout their academic journey. Acting as a one-stop hub, SharePoint will host details about Welcome Week activities, department contacts, module information and much more.



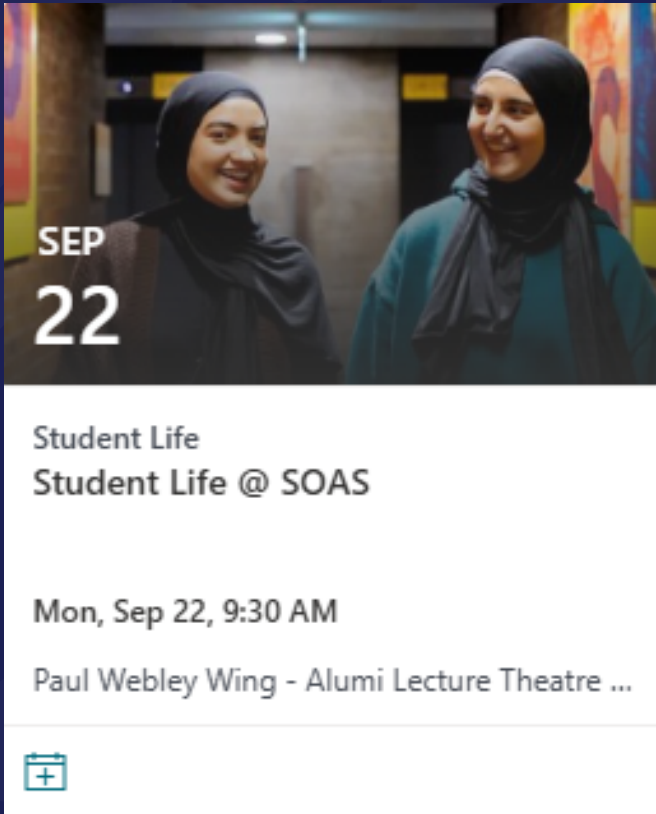
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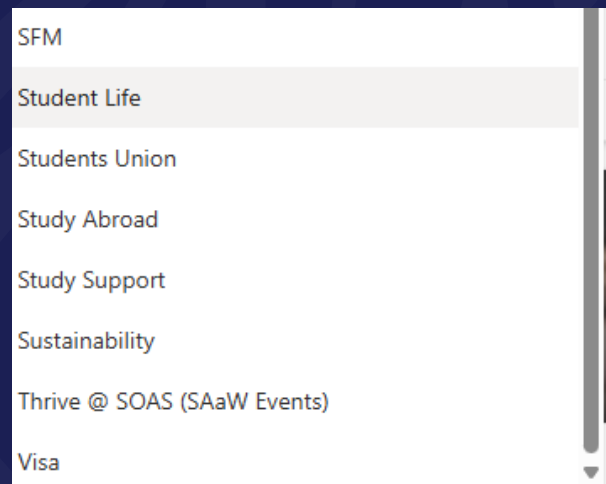
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BUILDING YOUR OWN WELCOME WEEK TIMETABLE



An example of how each appears on the online timetable

This year, students will get the opportunity to build their very own Welcome Week timetable through the MySOAS Microsoft Sharepoint website



Events can be found based on their different categories, so you can find events that work best for you

Show only the events within the following dates, category, or list:

From	Category	Events list
Mon, Sep 22, 2025		Events
To		
Fri, Sep 26, 2025		

Events can also be sorted based on their dates, to perfectly fit your schedule

WELCOME WEEK- AT A GLANCE

For a more detailed look
at the Welcome Week
Calendar, scan the QR
code

KEY:

Student Life

Student Union

Student Advice and
Wellbeing

Sustainability

Study Support

Study Skills

Careers

22nd September

23rd September

24th September

25th September

26th September

09:00 AM

Welcome Fair- Every Day, 10:00-15:00

10:00 AM

Student Life
Talks

Race and
Belonging

11:00 AM

Intro to Study
Support at
SOAS

Yoga in the Park

IQ EQ SQ- The
Three Quotients
in Life

Dog
Therapy

Finding Part
Time Work

12:00 PM

Preparing for
Your First
Lecture

Bloomsbury
Coffee
Walking Tour

13:00 PM

Scavenger
Hunt

Mature
Students
Mixer

Top Tips for
University
Study

Wandering
Minds

14:00 PM

Sashiko
and Boro
Workshop

Plant
Potting
Workshop

How Careers
Can Support
You

Internships and
Volunteering

15:00 PM

World
Calligraphy

Bracelet Making
Workshop

Building Your
Community

Soundbath and
Meditation

16:00 PM

17:00 PM

18:00 PM

Pub Quiz

Movie Night- Porco
Rosso

PGR and Prosecco

Fresher's Fayre



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Starting life as an international student can be exciting but also overwhelming at times. From navigating visas and BRP collection to understanding work rights and adjusting to a new culture, the process can feel stressful. That's why we've brought together all the key events, workshops, and support talks you'll need in one place.

Location	Time & Date	Event
B104	22 nd September 11:00 - 11:30	Student Visa Essentials
BGLT	22 nd September 16:00 - 18:00	Study Abroad and Exchange Students Mandatory Orientation Session
RB01	23 rd September 10:00 - 14:00	International Student Induction Fair (Drop-in)
RB01	24 th September 14:00 - 15:00	Working in the UK with a Student visa

