Monday 22–Friday 26 September 2014

Mon 22  Director’s Welcome
        Programme Introductions

Tue 23  Registration Day
        Book Launch, *Little Worlds*

Wed 24 –Thu 25  Trips to places of interest, exhibitions and office visits

Fri 26  Thames Boat Trip and Picnic
        Student Forum Welcome Party
Welcome to the AA!
This is the Events List, the weekly printed calendar of events at the AA, also accessible on the School’s website www.aaschool.ac.uk. It will be emailed to you weekly during term time, and printed copies can be found at Reception. Please refer to the Student Handbook for further details about all aspects of the AA and download the AA App.

If you are new to London, the first thing you should buy is the A–Z Street Directory, available from most newsagents and bookshops. For a wide selection of events and entertainment, look out for the free weekly Time Out (available outside most tube stations on Tuesdays), which carries a range of articles covering everything from accommodation to restaurants.

For second-hand household items such as furniture try Loot (published Tuesday to Friday, and Sunday), which has a property section, the websites gumtree.com, loot.com and ebay.co.uk, or the weekly magazine Exchange and Mart. For free items, try freecycle.org. Students are advised to insure their computers and other equipment as the AA’s insurance does not cover personal items in case of theft or an accident.

AA Membership Card and Login Details
As a student of the AA, you are automatically an AA Member. If you have no fees or essential documents outstanding, your AA membership card, email account and computer login details will be ready for you to collect from the Membership Desk at registration on Tuesday 23 September. If your registration is delayed for any reason, please collect these from the Membership Office in 33 Bedford Square, after you have completed your registration, anytime between 10am and 6pm from Wednesday 24 September.

Your membership card functions as a door card to gain access to the various AA premises, it is your library card, your printing and photocopy card, and it also works as a cash card for payments in the bar, materials shop and bookshop. Top-up stations are located in the Hub, the Membership Office and outside Accounts. If you lose your card, a replacement can be purchased from the Membership Office at a cost of £10, and any funds held in your lost card will be automatically transferred to your new card within 24 hours. If you have any problem with your card, please go to the Membership Office. For any issues regarding your AA email account or login details please speak to staff in the Computer Room.

International Student Identity Cards
The cost of this card is included in the AA Student Forum fee. Once we have a comprehensive list of all the 2014/2015 registered students we will place an order for the cards. They should be received by the end of October to collect from the Admissions office. A notice will appear in the Events List when the cards arrive.

AA Bookshop and AA Publications
Situated at 32 Bedford Square, the AA Bookshop is one of London’s leading specialist architecture bookshops; AA Publications are featured alongside a comprehensive range of titles from international publishers. The bookshop has special offers and events for members. Their friendly, helpful staff will endeavour to assist you with any related titles that you may be looking for.

As an AA Member, you are entitled to 20% discount on AA Publications in the AA Bookshop and complimentary copies of AA Files (mailed out to you twice annually) and the AA Book 2014 (published annually in June to accompany the end of year exhibition) for free under your name on the front of your AA Membership card.

AA Bookshop Opening Hours
10.00–6.30 Monday to Friday, 11.00–5.00 Saturday

Digital Photo Studio
The studio is fully equipped with lighting, backgrounds, tripods, and digital SLR cameras available for use in the studio, although students are welcome to use their own cameras if they prefer. Sue Barr manages the Digital Photo Studio from 10.00–6.00 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Student Assistants manage the Studio at all other times.

For more information, please contact the Photo Studio 020 7887 4080 or photostudio@aaschool.ac.uk

Bank/Council Tax/Reference Letters
If you need a reference letter, please see the appropriate Admissions coordinator who has also dealt with your application. Folders will be available in the Admissions Office and at registration where you can fill out your details. Please be aware we cannot issue letters until you have completed registration on Tuesday 23 September.

Student Oyster Cards
You are entitled to a Student Oyster Card, which gives you discount on travelcards (it costs £10). Visit photocard.tfl.gov.uk to register. You will be asked to enter your student ID number, which is the last five digits printed under your name on the front of your AA Membership card.

RIBA Student Membership
Students on the Part 1 and Part 2 courses (1st to 5th year) are eligible for free RIBA student membership. For a full list of benefits and to register, go to architecture.com

Healthcare
If you are an international student on a course of study for six months or more, you will qualify for NHS treatment from the beginning of your stay on the same basis as anyone who is ordinarily resident in the UK. Please see nhs.uk for further details. You will be able to sign up for the NHS system with the Gray’s Inn Medical Practice, 77 Gray’s Inn Road, London, WC1X 8TS on Registration Day.

Loans
The following information applies to students on the five-year ARB/RIBA undergraduate course only and is subject to current legislation.

New AA students from the UK and EU are eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan (non-income assessed). For up-to-date information, visit the student finance section of direct.gov.uk. Bear in mind that the AA is a private institution therefore not all the information on the site is relevant.

New students transferring from other British schools must inform their LEA/SLC of changed circumstances. Student loans for living expenses are available to UK students, or those who have lived in the UK for three years prior to embarking on higher education.

Please note all students are required to register at the AA first in order for the SLC payment to come through.

European Union Fee Contributions
EU students are eligible to receive an EU contribution towards fees for the five-year ARB/RIBA undergraduate architectural course, provided they have been resident in an EU country for at least three years prior to their course of study. For further information, please see the student finance section of direct.gov.uk.
Assistantships
A small number of assistantships in the Maintenance and Exhibitions departments, the Library and in the Computer Room are available to students who are experiencing financial hardship. If you are interested, please contact the relevant department. International students are eligible to undertake assistantships, subject to permission from the UKVI that the student is able to work during term time and vacation time.

Introduction Week Diary

Monday 22 September

Welcome to the AA!
Information packs will be available on arrival.

10.00–11.00 Breakfast
36 Bedford Square
Coffee and croissants will be served both in the AA Bar on the first floor, the Soft Room located on the ground floor and the Dining Room in the basement of 36 Bedford Square.

11.00 Director’s Welcome
Rear Second Presentation Space
Brett Steele, AA Director will welcome you to the School

12.00–1.00 Trips sign-up assistance
Admissions Office
If you had issues using the sign-up system for the Intro Week trips please visit our drop-in help session.

AA School Tours
Three time slots:
12.00, 12.45, 1.15
Meet at entrance of 39, 36 and 32 Bedford Square (maximum 20 per group)

2.00 Programme Introductions
Foundation with Saskia Lewis
New Soft Room
First Year with Monia de Marchi
First Year Studio
Intermediate School with Valentin Bontjes Van Beek
Studio 2
Diploma School with Natasha Sandmeier
South Jury Room
Graduate School with Paula Cadima
Lecture Hall

3.30 President’s Welcome
Rear Second Presentation Space
Brett Steele will introduce Sadie Morgan, president of the AA Council, who will speak about the Association. Followed by an introduction to the Student Forum.

Tuesday 23 September

Registration Day

8.30 Student Forum Juice Bar
The Freshest Mixer
Dining Hall
Let Student Forum make you a fresh juice with produce all the way from Ridley Road Market in Dalston.

Coffee and croissants also served

10.00 – 1.00 Undergraduate Registration
Rear Second Presentation Space
To register you will need:
– A pen
– Your passport and a photocopy of the photo page.
– A photocopy of your student visa (if applicable)
– Any outstanding documents listed on your conditional offer letter or that we have specifically requested
– Proof of payment of your deposit and tuition fees (a receipt or statement), and a copy of your scholarship / bursary / loan letter (if applicable)

11.30 Intermediate (2nd and 3rd years) and Diploma (4th year)
11.30 First Year

11.30 Computer Room Introduction
For all Graduate School students
Lecture Hall

12.00 Compulsory Health & Safety Introduction
For all Graduate School students
Lecture Hall

12.00 Compulsory Health & Safety Introduction
For all Undergraduate School students

6.00 Welcome Drinks
AA Bar
Welcome drinks for all new students
Organised by the Student Forum

5.00 What is an AA Conversation?
New Soft Room
Manijeh Verghese, editor of AA Conversations, describes the conversations that make the AA unique.

Book Launch
6.00 Little Worlds
AA Bookshop
Little Worlds documents three years of conversations and projects in AA Diploma Unit 9’s ongoing enquiry into context. At a time when architecture tries to redefine itself, the issue of context – how to collect it, make it, shape it, talk about it and enter one’s architecture within it – is more pressing than ever. The book is a collection of utterly unique and singular worlds that argue for a positioning of architecture, not geographically but set within its own context shaped by real histories, imagined futures and the architectural identities of the Diploma 9 students.

6.00–7.00 Bedford Square City Tour
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
This evening walk, led by architect and lecturer Benny O’Looney, examines the best new projects in the City of London. The walk follows a craftily planned route that explains some of London’s ancient wonders and why Bedford Square is exactly where it is. Maximum 20 students

7.00 Student Forum Rides Boris Bikes / Buses to Dalston Roof Park
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Join Josh Harskamp and company for a ride by bike or bus to Dalston Roof Park where you can enjoy a drink and take in the view. Cyclists can bring their own bicycle or rent a Boris Bike from two nearby terminals.

2.30 Sustainable Environmental Design
3.00 Emergent Technologies
3.30 AAIS, Housing and Urbanism, Projective Cities
4.00 Architecture and Urbanism (DRL)

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For all Undergraduate School students
Lecture Hall

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Wednesday 24 September

Office visits will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of Intro Week. They are unique opportunities to visit practices that have a connection with the AA. If you have a place on one of the trips promptly meet outside the AA at the times stated below. Unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate latecomers.

Compulsory Workshop Inductions

Workshops
Undergraduate Workshop Inductions will take place during Intro Week. Graduate Workshop Inductions will take place during Week 1. Students must attend in order to use the workshop.
10.00 Fourth Year students

Library and AA Archives Introductions
10.00 First Year
11.00 Foundation and Second Year
12.00 Third and Fourth Year
2.00 AAIS and Architecture & Urbanism (DRL)

Optional Practice Visits and Inductions

8.30 DSDHA
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
DSDHA is an award-winning practice, founded by Deborah Saunt in 1998, whose work focuses on promoting architecture for today’s way of life and tackling issues at the core of contemporary society. Maximum 24 students

9.00 Eric Parry Architects
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Eric Parry Architects is an award-winning practice responsible for several highly prestigious commercial projects in the City and West End including 5 Aldermanbury Square, 60 Threadneedle Street, 23 Savile Row and 50 New Bond Street. Maximum 19 students

9.15 All-day bus tour of London’s significant urban housing projects
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Compulsory for Housing & Urbanism students. Other Graduate students welcome. Maximum 20 students

10.15 Pentagram
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Pentagram is the world’s largest independent design consultancy. The firm is owned and run by 19 partners, working across London, New York, San Francisco, Berlin and Austin, with a broad design range from architecture to digital installations. Maximum 24 students

10.15 AL_A
Meet outside 32 Bedford Square
AL_A is an award-winning design and architecture studio. Founded in 2009, it has recently been commissioned to undertake the expansion of the V&A Museum in London and a 13-hectare media campus for Sky. No shoes allowed in the office. Please bring socks. Maximum 14 students

10.30 ARUP
Meet outside 32 Bedford Square
Arup is the creative force behind many of the world’s most innovative buildings and structures. Founded in 1926 by Ove Arup, its projects include the Sydney Opera House and the Channel Tunnel. Maximum 19 students

10.30 dRMM
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Sadie Morgan, current AA President, is a founder of dRMM with Alex de Rijke and Philip Marsh. In 2013 Building Design awarded dRMM Architect of the Year and Education Architect of the Year for Nursery to Secondary. Maximum 11 students

1.00 HOK
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm. They employ 1,600 people who collaborate across 23 offices on three continents. Larry Malic is the director of design for HOK’s London office and is an AA Foundation Trustee. Maximum 19 students

1.00 Dixon Jones
Meet outside 38 Bedford Square
Dixon Jones is known for their cultural projects, university buildings and commercial developments in sensitive urban sites. Their redevelopment of the former Regent Palace Hotel in Piccadilly Circus has recently been completed. Arrive on-site 2pm, maximum 19

1.00 KPF
Meet outside 32 Bedford Square
Kohn Pederson Fox Architects (KPF) is an international practice that has made significant additions to the London skyline in recent years with the Heron Tower, completed in 2011, and the Pinnacle, currently under construction. Maximum 14 students

2.00 Zaha Hadid Architects
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Zaha Hadid studied and taught at the AA. Her seminal works include Vitra Fire Station; Contemporary Arts Centre, Cincinnati; and Phaeno Science Centre, Wolfsburg. The practice employs 400 staff and is undertaking 950 projects in 44 countries. Maximum 24 students

2.00 Serie Architects
Meet outside 32 Bedford Square
Serie Architects have a close relationship with the AA where founding principal Chris Lee has taught since 2002. In 2010 the practice won the ‘Young Architect of the Year Award’ and showcased the London 2012 Olympic Pavilion for BMW. Maximum 9 students

2.30 Fletcher Priest Architects
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Fletcher Priest Architects is an award-winning London practice. Most recently the East Village project in Stratford has won the Civic Trust Award, the Mayor of London’s Award for Planning Excellence and was recognised as the ‘best new place to live’. Keith Priest is the former AA president and a current council member. Maximum 14 students

3.00 Grimshaw Architects
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Sir Nicholas Grimshaw, past AA President, is Chairman of this firm which has won over 150 international design prizes. Notable buildings include the Eden Project and Southern Cross station in Melbourne. Maximum 24 students

3.00 Wilkinson Eyre
Meet outside 32 Bedford Square
Wilkinson Eyre Architects is among the UK’s leading design practices, and is responsible for a large portfolio of international projects. Most recently their Mary Rose Museum project in Portsmouth was named Project of the Year at the 2014 Building Awards. Jim Eyre, past student and AA President, is a director at the practice. Maximum 11 students

3.00 or 4.00 AA Photo Library Introductions
37 Ground Floor Front
The Photo Library holds approximately 150,000 images of buildings, 100,000 slides, negatives and digital files of student work, 2,000 DVDs of lectures dating from the 1970s and 65,000 images of school life dating from the 1920s. The Photo Library also operates the AA Cinema and Film Club and holds 2,000 feature films for student use. Limited spaces available – sign up in advance at the Photo Library

4.15 Make
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square
Make has established itself as one of the UK’s foremost architectural firms. The practice was founded by
Ken Shuttleworth in 2004 and is engaged in a broad selection of projects worldwide, ranging from large-scale urban masterplans to luxury private houses. Maximum 19 students

4.30 Fosters + Partners Meet outside 36 Bedford Square Norman Foster is one of the UK’s most prolific architects. The practice has won numerous prizes including the RIBA Stirling Prize and Aga Khan Award for Architecture. Notable buildings include 30 St Mary Axe and the Great Court at the British Museum. Maximum 24 Students.

6.00 AA Diploma Honours 2013–2014 Rear Second Presentation Space Chaired by the Director AA Diploma Honours is the AA’s most prestigious award. This event is an opportunity to see work by AA Diploma Honours students. All welcome

Thursday 25 September Compulsory Inductions Library and AA Archives All Graduate Students are required to attend 10.00 Sustainable Environmental Design, PhD, Landscape and Urbanism 11.00 Housing and Urbanism, History & Critical Thinking, Building Conservation 12.00 Projective Cities, Design & Make, Emergent Technologies Workshops 10.00 First Year students, surnames beginning A–H; all new First Year students* 11.30 First Year students, surnames beginning I–Z* 2.00 Foundation Students 3.30 New Second and Third Year students * All First Year students must attend except those who completed AA Foundation Optional Practice Visits and Inductions 9.00 AKT II Meet outside 36 Bedford Square Previously known as Adams Kara Taylor, AKT II is a structural and civil engineering consulting firm that has supported projects which have won more than 250 design awards, including the Stirling Prize in 2000 for Peckham Library. Maximum 24 students

9.30 Alford Hall Monaghan Morris Meet outside 36 Bedford Square AHMM developed the improvements to the foyer and entrances of the Barbican Centre, and the practice was voted Architectural Practice of the Year in 2013 and 2009 by Building Design and Practice of the Year in 2013 by AJ100. Maximum 19 students

12.30 Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners Meet outside 36 Bedford Square RSHP Chairman, Richard Rogers, studied at the AA and is the 2007 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate. He is perhaps best known for his work on the Pompidou Centre in Paris, the Lloyd’s building and Millennium Dome both in London. More recently, the practice’s New Area Terminal at Madrid Barajas Airport won the 2006 Stirling Prize. Maximum 24 students

12.45 Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands Meet outside 36 Bedford Square Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands is an award-winning practice of architects, masterplanners and designers with a reputation for the quality of both its architecture and its completed projects in a wide variety of sectors. Alex Lifschutz, past AA President, formed Lifschutz Davidson with the late Ian Davidson in 1986. Maximum 19 students

2.00 or 3.00 AA Photo Library Introductions 37 Ground Floor Front Limited spaces available – sign up in advance at the Photo Library

3.00 Sasha’s Spectacular Walking Tour A semi-guided tour from Hawksmoor’s St George’s Bloomsbury, to Sir John Soane’s House in Holborn, through the Barbican Estate, then to Shoreditch for a relaxed dinner and drinks. Maximum 12 students. RSVP studentforum@aaschool.ac.uk

5.00 Student Forum Discussion New Soft Room This will be an opportunity to take part in a discussion about the academic year, school activities, student government and Student Forum itself.

6.00 Welcome Party AA Bar Celebrate the start of Term 1 with a live DJ set and drinks for all new students. Organised by the Student Forum

Friday 26 September 8.30 Thames Boat Trip Meet at Westminster Pier A journey from Westminster Pier to the Millennium Dome at Greenwich, followed by a picnic in Bedford Square (open to all students). Benny O’Looney and Hugo Hinsley provide commentary. The boat will leave at 9.00 sharp and return for 12.00. Please be on time – the boat will not wait for you! Nearest underground station Westminster

1.30–5.00 Picnic Bedford Square All are welcome

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Notice

Save the Date: AA Birthday Party Friday 10 October 2014 36 Bedford Square The AA Council and School Director Brett Steele invite all members of the Architectural Association to a celebration of the founding of the AA. All students, tutors, members and their guests welcome

Changes to Library Online Resources and Athens Logins Athens accounts are now automatically created using the AA’s username and password logins. If you cannot remember these details please go to the AA membership login page on the AA website. To find the new instructions and links to access our online resources, e-journals and ebooks, please use the new collections catalogue collections.aaschool.ac.uk
AA Members can access a black-and-white and/or larger print version of Events List by going to the AA website at aaschool.ac.uk. For the audio infoline, please call 020 7887 4111.

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