Introduction Week
18–22 September
Events List
General Information

Welcome to the AA!

This is the Events List – the weekly printed calendar of events for the AA, also accessible on the School's website 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 and AA Rules and Regulations for further details about all aspects of the AA and downloading the AA School Live App.

If you are new to London, the first thing you should download is the London journey planner app Citymapper (citymapper.com), as well as the London tube map TubeNab (tubenav.com). Also for information on events, gigs, bars, restaurants, club nights, film releases and much more get the Time Out app (timeout london/time-out-london-mobile-apps) to keep you up to date.

AA Membership Card and Login Details

As a student of the AA, you automatically become part of an international community of AA Members. If you have no fees or essential documents outstanding, your AA Membership card, email account and computer login details will be ready to pick up from the Membership Desk at registration on Tuesday 19 September. Otherwise, if your registration is delayed for any reason, please collect these from the Admissions Office at 36 Bedford Square after you have completed your registration, any time between 10am and 6.00 from Wednesday 20 September.

Your Membership Card functions as a door card to gain access to the various AA premises. It is also your library card and your printed and photocopy card, a cash card for payments in the bar and materials shop. A cash-only top-up station is located in the stairwell behind the reception area in 36 Bedford Square, otherwise please top-up your account at toppup.aaschool.ac.uk.

If you lose your card, a replacement can be purchased at aaschool.ac.uk/cards for a cost of £10, and any funds held on your lost card will be automatically transferred to your new card within 24 hours. Cards ordered online before 4.00 Monday to Friday will be ready for collection from the AA Reception after 5.00 the same day. If you have any access or money problems with your card, or for any issues regarding your AA email account or the Admissions Office, please speak to staff in the Computer Room in the first instance.

Bank/Council Tax/Reference Letters

If you need a reference letter, please see the appropriate Admissions Coordinator who has dealt with your application. Folder will be available in the Admissions Office where you can fill out your details. Please be aware we cannot issue letters until you have completed registration by 19 September and the letters will be available from the afternoon of 22 Friday September.

International Student Identity Cards

The cost of this card is included in the AA Student Fee. Once we have a comprehensive list of all the 2017-18 registrating 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.

Student Oyster Cards

You are entitled to a Student Oyster photocard, which gives you a 30 per cent discount on adult-rate Travelcards (it costs £20). Please visit photocard.tfl.gov.uk to register. When asked for your student number, enter the last five digits printed under your name on the front of your AA Membership card.

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 www.nhs.uk for further details. You will be able to sign up for the NHS system with the Grey’s Inn Medical Practice, 77 Gray’s Inn Road, London, WC1X 8TS on Registration Day.

Accommodation

Still looking for accommodation?

The AA School enlists the services of the University of London House Services (ULHS) to help AA students to find accommodation in London. Visit www.housing.lon.ac.uk for housing databases, renting advice, flatmate-finder notice boards and to read their Online Housing Guide. Please note they will be holding flatmate-finder events on Friday 15 September and Monday 18 September between 3.00–6.00. To register for these events please visit their website. You can access their database by using your membership number which can be found on your offer letter.

Of course, secure accommodation, some students may be asked to submit identity documents under the Right to Rent scheme. It is very important that you do not send your original documents to anyone via post. If documents are requested, you should take these to the landlord and have them checked. Photocopies are not acceptable. For further information please see the UKVI website.

If you need further advice, we recommend you contact University of London Housing Services on +44 (0)20 7862 8880.

For second-hand household items such as furniture try gumtree.com, Loot (published Tuesday to Friday and Sunday), which also has a property section, loot.com and ebay.co.uk, or the weekly magazine Exchange and Mart. For free items, try freecycle.org.

Insurance

Students are advised to insure their computers and other equipment as the AA does not cover any personal items in case of theft or an accident. For information about insurance you may find www.moneysupermarket.com helpful.

RIBA Student Membership

Students on the Part 1 and Part 2 courses (First to Fifth year) are eligible for free RIBA student membership. By becoming a student member, you will be joining a network of over 40,000 members worldwide. For a full list of benefits and to register go to www.architecture.com

Loans

The following information is subject to current legislation.

Students joining the five-year ARB/RIBA undergraduate course New ARB/RIBA students from the UK and EU are eligible for a Tuition Fee Loan (non-income assessed). For up-to-date information, visit www.gov.uk/student-finance. Bear in mind that the AA is a private institution and not all the information on the site is relevant. New students transferring from other British Schools must inform their FAS or 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.

Postgraduate Course Designation

We are delighted to announce that the AA has secured specific course designation for postgraduate master's courses which will enable eligible applicants to the AA Graduate School who will register in the 2017-18 academic year, to access student funding in accordance with the Education (Postgraduate Master's Degree Loans) Regulations 2016. For full details please visit www.gov.uk/postgraduate-loan.

Exemption 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 ordinarily resident in an EU country for at least three years prior to their course of study. For further information, please see www.gov.uk/student-finance

Assistantships

A number of assistantships are offered to eligible full-time registered students who are experiencing financial hardship. Students are able to work up to ten hours per week, providing assistance with certain administrative, exhibition, or maintenance functions. New eligible students wishing to apply can speak to departments directly or visit the website to see the opportunities available school.aaschool.ac.uk/jobs/student-assistantships.php

Student Forum

The Student Forum will be hosting events throughout Introduction Week to provide all new students with the opportunity to meet each other and to become a part of the community. Please see posters which will be up around the school for full event details.

AA Bookshop and AA Publications

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

As an AA Member, you are entitled to 20 per cent discount on AA Publications and a monthly selection of featured titles in the AA Bookshop and complimentary copies of AA Files (mailed twice annually) and the AA Book Review (published annually in June to accompany the end-of-year exhibition).

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday 10.00–6.30

AA Library

Introduction Week Opening Hours

Monday 18 September – Saturday 23 September: open 10.00–6.00

Normal term-time hours resume from Monday 25 September – Monday to Friday 10.00–10.00, Saturday 10.00–16.00.

The Library is holding drop-in ‘tours for all students on Wednesday and Thursday of Introduction Week. The tours will give you an overview of the services available, book collections, to help you find what you need. Each tour will last about 20 minutes. The tours are limited to 20 students on each tour. Free admission is guaranteed but please book in advance.

Digital Photo Studio

The Studio is fully equipped with lighting, backgrounds, tripods, and digital SLR camera available for use within 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 other times. For information, contact 0207 887 4080 or photostudio@aaschool.ac.uk

Photo and Film Library

Ground Floor 37 Bedford Square
Open 10.00–6.00 Monday–Friday

Established in the 1890s, the Photo Library holds nearly one million slides of buildings, student work and images of school life dating back to the 1920s. It also houses recordings of more than 1,500 AA lectures, dating from the 1970s (aaschool.ac.uk/lectures). The Photo Library website offers public access to more than 20,000 images of school work, life, buildings and places, as well as the images and bios of nearly 100 of the AA’s contributing photographers.

The AA Cinema, adjacent to the Photo Library, is equipped with 20 seats and can be reserved for unit, programme or student screenings. The cinema is also the venue for the weekly AA Film Club and Members’ Screenings, a documentary film series that runs throughout the term.

AA Photo Library staff are responsible for the photography of current school life for the AA blog aaschool.ac.uk, the Facebook page and the AA Instagram.
Introduction Week Diary

Monday 18 September

Welcome to the AA!
Information packs will be available on arrival.
10.00–11.00 Breakfast
Coffee and croissants will be served in the Bar, Front Members’ Room (located on the first floor of No 36), and in the Dining Room (basement of No 36).
11.00–12.00 Director’s Welcome
Lecture Hall, relayed to Barrell Vault; Samantha Craig, AA Interim Director. Welcome to the School, and David Porter will introduce the AA Council.
AA School Tours
12.00, 12.30, 1.00 Meet at entrances of 32, 36 and 39, Bedford Square (maximum of 25 per group). Please do not all rush to the first tour as there are three time slots available.
2.00 Programme Introductions
Foundation with Juliet Haysom in 32 First Floor Front
First Year with John Ng, Alex Vougas and Pol Estevé in the First Year Studio
Intermediate School with Chris Pierce in 33 First Floor Front
Diploma School with Kostas Grigoris in 37 First Floor Front
Graduate School with Theo Spyropoulos in the Lecture Hall
3.00–4.00 Trips sign-up assistance
Admissions Office (Second floor, No 36)
If you had issues using the sign-up system for the Intro Week trips please visit our drop-in help session.
3.00–6.00 Free Time
You may like to visit the University of London House Hunting Event (3.00 – 6.00 at Student Central, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HY, a five-minute walk from the AA). To book your free place visit housing.london.ac.uk/events
6.00 Student Forum
Welcome Event
AA Bar and Front Members’ Room
A good way to start the week, get to know each other and ask questions. Please check posters around the school for full details.

Tuesday 19 September

Registration Day
To register you will need:
- A pen
- Your passport and a photocopy of the photo page.
- Your Biometric Residence Permit Card or Student Visa and a photocopy (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)
10.30–1.00 Registration for Undergraduate Students
Barrell Vault (please use the back stairs)
10.30 Foundation
11.00 Intermediate (Second and Third years) and Diploma (Fourth year)
12.00 First Year
Compulsory Inductions for all Graduate Students
Lecture Hall
11.00 Computer Room with Josh and Connor
11.15 Library with Simine Walyar-Marine
11.30 Audio Visual with Joel Newman
11.40 Photo Studio with Sue Barr
11.45 Health & Safety with Jeanette Spenceley
12.15 Student Forum with Nena and Sherreen
5.00–8.00 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. Max 20
6.00 Student Forum Event
An informal event at Freud (198 Shaftesbury Ave, WC2H 8JJ). Please see posters for full details.

Wednesday 20 September

Compulsory Inductions
In addition to the office visits, students must attend compulsory inductions as outlined below during Wednesday and Thursday. You will not be able to attend an office visit at the same time as a compulsory induction.
Workshop Inductions
AA Workshop (No 36 basement)
Undergraduate Workshop Inductions will take place during Introduction Week. Graduate Workshop Inductions will take place during Week 1. You must attend in order to
be able to use the Workshop.
10.00 First Year students surnames beginning A–J
11.45 First Year students surnames beginning K–Z (all First Year students except those who completed AA Foundation)
2.00 Intermediate students
3.45 Diploma students
Archives Inductions
AA Archives (No 32 basement)
10.00 First Year students surnames beginning K–Z
11.45 First Year students surnames beginning A–J
2.30 Diploma Students
4.00 Intermediate Students
1.00 Intermediate and Diploma Unit Selection and Induction
Lecture Hall
This session will provide an overview of the unit selection process, how and where to find extended unit briefs, what to expect during unit interviews, and some tips and tricks on how to best prepare for interview day. New Intermediate and Diploma students only please.
Library drop-in sessions
AA Library, No 36 First Floor
11.00, 12.00, 2.00, 3.00, 4.00
The Library is holding drop-in tours for all students on Wednesday and Thursday of Introduction Week. The tours will give an overview of the Library’s layout and collections. Each tour will last about 20 minutes. The tours are limited to 20 students on each tour on a first serve basis so please be prompt.
5.30 AA Search Committee Meeting for New Staff and Students
Lecture Hall
The AA is currently searching for a new director. As part of this process, a Search Committee was formed in April 2017 comprised of eight elected members of Academic Staff, Administrative Staff, and Students as well as three AA Council-appointed members. This session will be led by members of the Search Committee to update new students and staff about the search process and the consultation with the School Community that took place in Term 3 last year, as well as answer any questions about the search.
6.30 AA Diploma Honours Presentations
Lecture Hall
A great opportunity to see the best Diploma projects from the 2016-17 academic year including Ji Soo Hwang (Dip 10), Jonathan Cheng (Dip 17), Nathan Su (Dip 9) and Rory Sherlock (Dip 14).
Practice Visits
Office of 36 will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of Intro Week. The office visits are unique opportunities to visit practices that have a connection with the AA. If you have a place on one of the trips please meet outside the AA at the time stated below promptly.
Meet outside 36 Bedford Square unless otherwise noted. Unfortunately we will be unable to wait for latecomers.
8.50 AKT II
AKT II is a London based design-led structural engineering firm, with current and complete projects in 44 countries worldwide. They have won over 300 design awards including the prestigious Sterling Prize for the Peckham Library and the Sainsbury Laboratory. Max 19
9.20 AL_A
AL_A is an international award-winning design and architecture studio founded by the RIBA Stirling Prize-winning architect Amanda Levete with directors Hox Young, Alice Dietsch and Maximiliano Arrocet. The practice recently completed the Victoria & Albert Museum Exhibition Road Quarter in London, the V&A’s largest building development over 100 years. Max 14
9.45 PRP Architects
For over 50 years, PRP has been designing world-class buildings that enrich the lives of users and their communities. The practice has won over 100 awards for their work including the RIBA London Award 2017 for Park Heights in Lambeth. Max 19
10.10 HOK
HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm. Founded in 1955, they employ 1700 people who collaborate across 23 offices on three continents. Larry Malic is the Design Principal for HOK’s London office and is an AA Foundation Trustee. Max 19
21.00 Grimshaw Architects
Nicholas Grimshaw, past AA president, is Chairman of this firm which has won over 200 international design prizes including the AJ100 International Practice of the Year Award in 2016. Notable buildings include the Eden Project and Southern Cross station in Melbourne. Max 19

4.45 Rogers Stirk Harbour + Partners
RSHP is an international architectural practice based in London. Over the past four decades, RSHP has attracted critical acclaim and awards with built projects across Europe, the Americas, Asia and Australia including two RIBA Stirling Prizes, one in 2006 for Terminal 4, Madrid Barajas Airport and the other in 2008 for Maggie’s West London Centre. Students MUST take photographic ID. Max 14
3.40 Foster + Partners
Norman Foster is one of the UK’s most prolific architects. The practice have won numerous prizes including the RIBA Sterling Prize and Agu Khan Award for Architecture. Notable buildings include 30 St Mary Axe the ‘Gherkin’ and the Great Court at the British Museum. Max 19
Wednesday 22 September

8.30 Thames Boat Trip
Westminster Pier
A journey from Westminster Pier along the Thames River. Benny O’Looney and Hugo Hinsley will be providing commentary throughout the trip. The boat will leave at 9.00 sharp, and the nearest Tube station is Westminster. You do not need to pre-book for this event. However, the event is open to new students only. Please be on time – the boat will not wait for you!

After the event please make your way back to the AA for lunch.

1.30–5.00 AA School Lunch
Bedford Square
Lunch for all new students.

6.00 Student Forum Party
AA Bar/Terrace
Full details of this event will be confirmed on posters around the school during Introduction Week.

Lectures & Events

Introduction Week Event
Diploma Honours 2017
Nathan Su, Jisoo Hwang, Joshua Penk, Rory Sherlock and Jonathan Cheng
Wednesday 20 September, 6.30 Lecture Hall
The five recipients of the AA Diploma with Honours 2017 will present their Fifth year projects and discuss their experience studying at the AA.

Nathan Su, Diploma 9, Through Leviathan’s Eyes
Jisoo Hwang, Diploma 10, Shared Roof
Joshua Penk, Diploma 11, Confluence: A Strategy for the Archaeological Excavations and Development of Convoys Wharf
Rory Sherlock, Diploma 14, Breaking the Bottleneck: Appropriation of the Internet in the Nile Delta
Jonathan Cheng, Diploma 17, ‘Where is the Center’?

AA Diploma Honours is the AA’s highest award. Each Summer Term outstanding Diploma School students are selected to present for Honours awards, which are given to the fifth-year student or students who achieve an exceptionally high standard during the academic year.

AA Visiting School × t-sa forum
Annual Lecture Series
Foundation Myths: Charles Holland
Thursday 21 September, 6.30 Lecture Hall
The term ‘foundation myths’ refers both to personal stories we tell ourselves when we design as well as wider narratives about the origins of architecture and the role of historical sources and precedents in the design process. Charles Holland will use the origin and foundation myths of architecture to discuss a number of recent projects.

Book Launch
 Builders, Housewives and the Construction of Modern Athens
Friday 22 September, 6.30 AA Bookshop
This book reassesses the explosive growth of postwar Athens through its most distinctive building type: the polykatoikia, drawing on population trends and the growth of postwar Athens and regional planning theory, cultural studies and anthropology to examine the evolution of this phenomenon and consider its role in building an exceptionally high standard during the academic year.

Exhibitions

Exhibitions are open Monday to Friday 10.00–7.00, Saturday 10.00–5.00.

AA Honours
Until Friday 1 December
Graduate Gallery

The 2016-17 Diploma Honours projects offer a window into how the AA continuously pursues the teaching and learning of architecture in the form we know best: one mind, student, project or portfolio at a time. The exhibition includes the Fifth Year projects of Nathan Su, Jisoo Hwang, Joshua Penk, Rory Sherlock and Jonathan Cheng.
All events take place at 6.30pm in the Lecture Hall unless otherwise noted

Mon 18 – Fri 22

Introduction Week

Tue 19

Registration Day

Wed 20

Intro Week Event:
AA Diploma Honours Presentations

Thu 21

AA Visiting School × t-sa forum Annual Lecture Series: Foundation Myths – Charles Holland

Fri 22

Book Launch: Builders, Housewives and the Construction of Modern Athens
AA Bookshop, 6.30pm

Joshua Penk, Diploma 11 (Honours), Confluence: A Strategy for the Archaeological Excavations and Development of Convoys Wharf

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