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LSJS

London School of Jewish Studies

Student Protection Plan - Degrees

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Risk Assessment

We take risk factors very seriously and as part of the London School of Jewish Studies (LSJS) risk register we cover a number of areas relating to continuity of study for our students. The LSJS risk register is reviewed annually with the last review being September 2025. The risk register is regularly discussed at trustee meetings.

We feel the risk of not being able to operate our courses in the future due to operation, financial or our validating institution ceasing its relationship to be low.

1. Studying on Campus

If we are unable to operate our courses in person on the campus our students can continue their studies online. Both our BA and MA courses are set up for online teaching.

2. Maintaining sufficient financial reserves

Our cohort numbers have increased both on campus and through distance learning over the last several years and with improved internal financial controls LSJS cash reserves have increased. This can be seen in the balance sheet of the audited accounts of LSJS. LSJS also has a Director of Development in place. The purpose of this role is to ensure that LSJS receives sufficient donations in the future to continue its operations. This role has already brought in extra funds to LSJS.

3. Provider validation

LSJS higher education programmes are validated by Middlesex University. Should the partnership with Middlesex cease, LSJS will work with Middlesex to ensure students are able to complete their degree either by being taught-out under the current agreement or transferring to an alternative provider.

4. Facilities fit for purpose

We maintain a budget for investment in the building, ensuring all health and safety and fire risk reports are actioned and fulfilled. Insurance policies are in place, and we have further invested in new technology to support the teaching at the School.

5. Teaching provision

We ensure that our courses are taught by a mixture of internal and external lecturers. This ensures we are not reliant on one or two individuals, in the event anyone may leave the school.

6. Refunds and compensation

Within our participation agreement we confirm that students will get a full refund if LSJS is unable to run the course or module. It also sets out the refund policy should any student wish to withdraw from the course. This is the link to the Partificipation Agreement - https://www.lsjs.ac.uk/files/6578-1-1.pdf

Within our student support policy, finance section, it specifies that at any time a student may have financial difficulties they can speak to the relevant person at LSJS. This is the link to the Student Support Policy https://www.lsjs.ac.uk/files/6328-1-1.pdf If any student receives a bursary we will commit to this payment. We will confirm the bursary in writing and deduct this amount from any fees outstanding.

Given our student numbers are relatively small and the amount of cash reserves we have in place, there is no issue that LSJS would not be able to repay or refund any fees or cover travel costs if need be.

7. Communicating the Student Protection Plan

LSJS publicises to all its students that its policies are on its website. Any new student has an induction meeting at which it is explained where you can find all LSJS policies,

including the student protection plan. LSJS' Academic Registrar also emails all new students links to our policies in advance of the start of the academic year.

A Programme Voice Group is set up for the degree programmes. This comprises staff and students from each cohort across both BA and MA programmes. Any changes to the student protection plan would be communicated/raised at this meeting and then passed on to all students. This forum can be used for students to raise any concerns or issues.

Signed on behalf of the LSJS Senior Leadership Team by Paul Gould, Interim Chief Executive Officer

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