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# SLA NEWSLETTER

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## WELCOME!

BY JESS HALL, CHIEF EDITOR

Happy November! Colder weather and darker days are upon us...

Firstly, I want to welcome you to this year's way of doing things. A newsletter will be sent to your inbox every month on the latest news, to promote opportunities the SLA role offers, to have SLAs efforts recognised, useful resources to keep us connected in these times and \*possibly\* guest posts!

If you have something you wish to share with the SLA community, whether that be your favourite workout playlist, projects being worked on, employability updates (ambassadors i'm looking at you), pictures of nature and pets, I am looking to hear from you!

Please also let me know if you have any project ideas for the PAL Team.

Get in touch: [JH1523@live.mdx.ac.uk](mailto:JH1523@live.mdx.ac.uk)



## UPDATE FROM MDX

### AND REFLECTIONS BY DEVARSH PATEL

Following guidance from the Government announced on Wednesday 11th November, all face to face teaching for this academic term will be suspended from 9 December 2020. For those of you living in private rented or halls accommodation, you will be able to **use the Government's 'student travel window' from 3-9 December to return home.**

While we are all keen to go back on campus, I am very happy with all the steps university has taken to ensure our safety.

In this tough period, it is very easy to get distracted in one way or another. The way I try to balance the SLA role and my studies is to prepare a schedule for whole day and stick to it. Also, it is important to give yourself some free time because stress and depression are very important points and it is more likely you will suffer from it in these times. So, give yourself 1-2 hours of free time in which you can do what you enjoy. If you live with your family then try to talk to them so it can give you a boost!

For us, as a community, it is vital that we come together and make sure we keep everyone safe. Please continue to wash your hands, wear a face covering unless you are exempt and maintain social distancing.

**"Online learning means I can learn or teach from any part of the world."**

**PARTH GAJJAR,  
SLA IN ENG. WITH  
MECHATRONICS**



**"The SLA  
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are well  
connected in  
these times."**

**TRISHA LONGERAN,  
SLA IN FOUNDATION  
YR - SCI AND TECH**

## THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR

**BY JESS HALL, YEARBOOK EDITOR AND  
BEAULLAH MLANJIRA, YEARBOOK  
SUPERVISOR**

The yearbook captures memories frozen in time, events that happened, faces that change inevitably and memories that may only be remembered again by opening the cover. It is led and created by the SLAs and will celebrate a year in the life of all the SLAs, featuring everyone who worked as an SLA during that particular year, showcasing the achievements of all SLAs and other page spread ideas we have cooking...

Currently we are looking for:

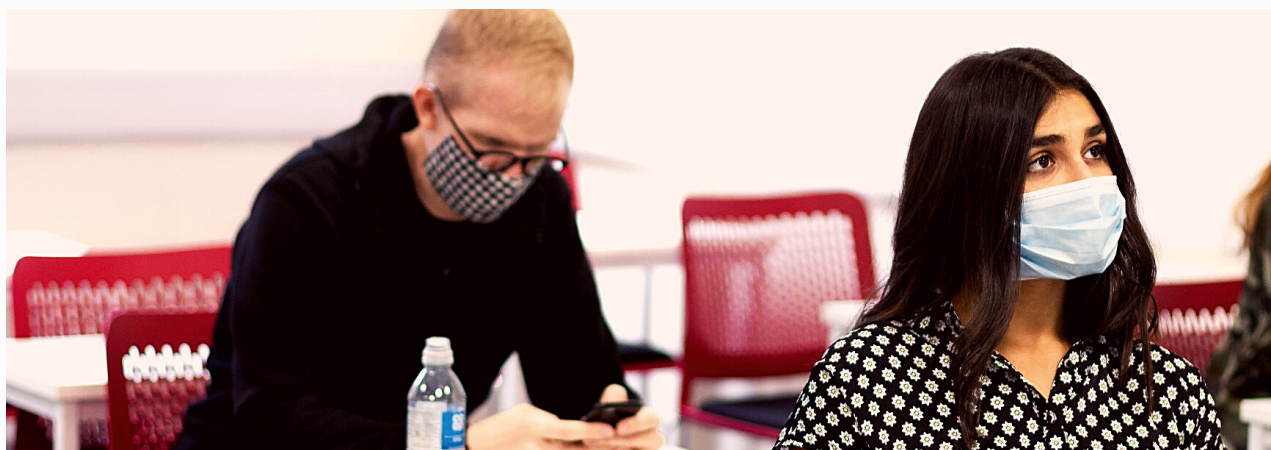
Section editors - ideally one SLA from each school to collect pictures, quotes and achievements and then assist in the layout of each section. Checks all pages for consistency before submitted to me for final checks.

Designers - to help with page spreads, the overall theme and designs.

Photography editors - photographers for events, tracks calendars to make sure virtual events are photographed, edits them, makes sure no photo is used more than once.

Copy writers - brainstorm ideas and coverage concepts for the spreads, write captions and headlines for assigned spreads, spell checks and proofreads.

If you would like to be involved in the Yearbook committee for 2020/2021, please drop me an email with your desired position and an expression of interest. My email address is: JH1523@live.mdx.ac.uk. This must be done by the end of November, and the committee will be kept small - so don't pass this opportunity up! It is also paid.







# SLAS OF THE MONTH

## **NAVEED HAZARBUZ**

Naveed, one of our Senior SLAs and an SLA for the Business School, continuously outshines in his duties. He has created quizzes (Who Want To Be a Millionaire) to entice his SLA cohort as a Senior and puts his heart into everything he does. Well done Naveed!

Amanda, an SLA for the BA English degree, has been consistent in writing exceptionally good blog posts each month. She has introduced her own fun way of expressing herself through various pictures and gifs, and still writes a detailed reflection that is captivating. Good job Amanda!

## **AMANDA SYMBOR**

## **VYARA ALEKSIEVA**

Vyara, another one of our SLAs for the Business School, has been raising the bar in her duties too. Not only has she had brilliant feedback from different students and her lecturers, she also made a quiz to support an in-class session. Keep up the good work Vyara!

Domantas, an SLA for Electronic Engineering, has also been doing an amazing job with his reflections. Every month the posts have been incredibly detailed and offer a great insight into the SLA role. Amazing work Domantas!

## **DOMANTAS GRYBAUSKAS**





Estela, an SLA for the Law school, has created videos for her students to prepare for their first essay and to engage with online learning. This is extremely creative. A big well done Estela - keep up the good work!

**ESTELA  
SANTOS**

**EMILY  
WRAIGHT**

Emily, one of our Dance SLAs, has also been doing a great job with her reflections. Her September reflections saw references of research she had done in her own time about professionalism and her October post saw a detailed account of her experiences in the role thus far. We are looking forward to what you write next Emily!



## DO NOT FORGET:

- Submit your monthly OU Blogs.
- Submit your timesheets weekly and claim your holiday pay.
- SLAs facilitate learning, they do not teach.



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