Dear Student,

First of all, congratulations on gaining a place to study Veterinary Science at the University of Liverpool! You must be truly delighted and so excited to start. Despite having that pesky COVID to contend with, we’re sure that your first year will be an absolute blast.

LEVS is a student run society open to all vet students, whether you’re 100% set on being an equine vet or if you’d just like to learn a bit more about horses. We know that not everyone is from a ‘horsey’ background, and that certainly shouldn’t put you at a disadvantage from entering the equine veterinary profession. We pride ourselves on being a friendly and inclusive society where everybody is welcome and feels at ease! Although we may have a slow start to the year, we hope that we will be able to run some fantastic talks and events where you will be able to meet like-minded individuals. It will be a great place to meet students from other year groups, make some new friends and gain tips and tricks from your more experienced peers. Our year-group integration is one of the really great things about Liverpool Vet School!

Over the summer our committee have been busy preparing a ‘Help... I’m not horsey!’ guide, for all those who feel they may need a little assistance in getting up to scratch with basic husbandry and some of the bizarre equestrian terminology, ready for your first equine EMS placement. We also hope to deliver a few social events, making use of our Leahurst student bar (dates to be corona-confirmed) as well as hosting various informative talks over the year. Our evening talks are always a great success, providing a relaxed and more informal route of learning about various aspects of the equine industry, veterinary and non-veterinary. Later on, in your more clinical years (3-5), you will be given the opportunity to take part in our ‘Equine Clinical Day’, comprising of a series of hands-on practical sessions guided by our incredible clinicians at Leahurst. This is always a hugely popular event, so it’s definitely one to keep an eye out for!

So, whether you’re totally bonkers about horses, want to learn more about the complicated creatures or even just want to join a busy and sociable society then LEVS is for you! 😊 If you need a little bit more persuasion, then what about the fact that membership is completely free?! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email us, message us on Facebook or speak to us at the LUVS freshers fair. Although it won’t be in person (for the time being) we will be sure to make you feel as welcome as possible and answer any queries you may have. We also have a Facebook page if you would like to give us a follow (‘Liverpool Equine Veterinary Society’). Watch this space for an Instagram page too!

Once again, a huge congratulations for achieving a place at (the best) vet school! You will absolutely love your time here and we can’t wait to welcome you all.

Kind regards,

Your LEVS committee

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