LSE THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Welcome to LSE

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Will Breare-Hall

Student Recruitment and Study Abroad Manager

Programme

10.00 – 10.30	Welcome and overview of LSE Will Breare-Hall Student Recruitment and Study Abroad Manager
10.30 – 11.00	What we look for in an LSE student Alex Ingold Undergraduate Admissions Manager
11.00 – 11.30	Q & A session
11.30 – 12.00	Campus tour with student ambassadors
12.00	Lunch

What is LSE?

- London School of Economics **and Political Science**
- Dedicated social science institution

Did you know? *King George V laid the foundation stone of LSE's Old Building in May 1920.*

What is LSE? 38 UG degrees

- Accounting and Finance
- Actuarial Science
- Anthropology and Law
- Business Mathematics and Statistics
- Economic History
- Economic History with Economics
- Economics
- Economics and Economic History
- Economics with Economic History
- Econometrics and Mathematical Economics
- Environment and Development
- Environmental Policy with Economics
- Finance **(NEW)**
- Geography
- Geography with Economics
- Government
- Government and Economics
- Government and History
- History
- International Relations
- International Relations and History
- Law
- Management
- Mathematics and Economics
- Mathematics with Economics
- Philosophy and Economics
- Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method
- PPE
- Politics and International Relations
- Politics and Philosophy
- Social Anthropology (BSc)
- Social Anthropology (BA)
- Social Policy
- Social Policy and Economics
- Social Policy with Government
- Social Policy and Sociology
- Sociology
- Statistics with Finance

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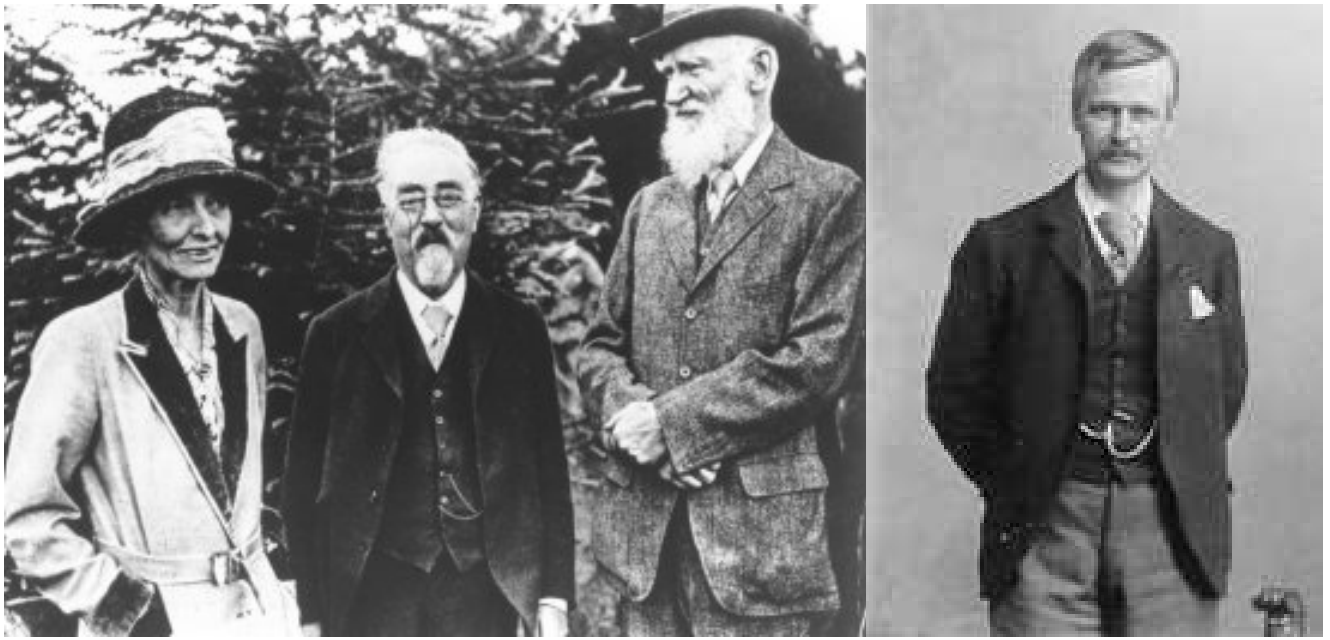

Beatrice and Sidney Webb, George Bernard Shaw and Graham Wallas

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“Rerum cognoscere causas”
Verse 490 of Book 2 of the *Georgics* by Virgil

“To understand the causes of things”

The LSE motto and “industrious beaver” mascot were adopted in 1922

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- Founded in 1895
- A college of the federal University of London
- 10,800 students, 60% graduate, 52% female
- Compact city centre location…….

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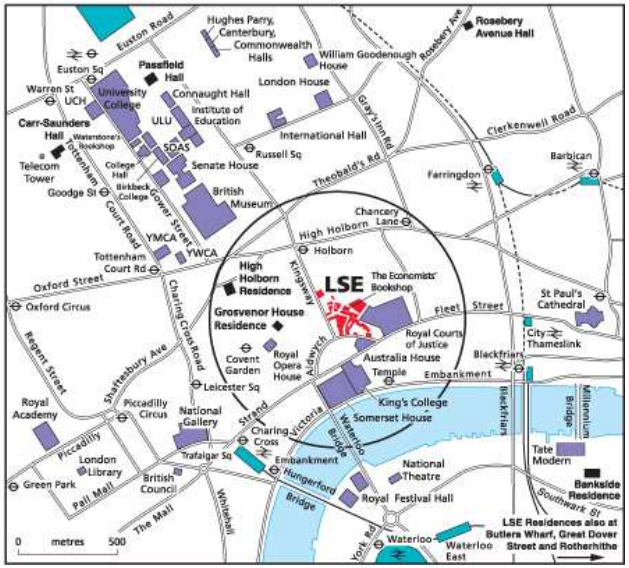
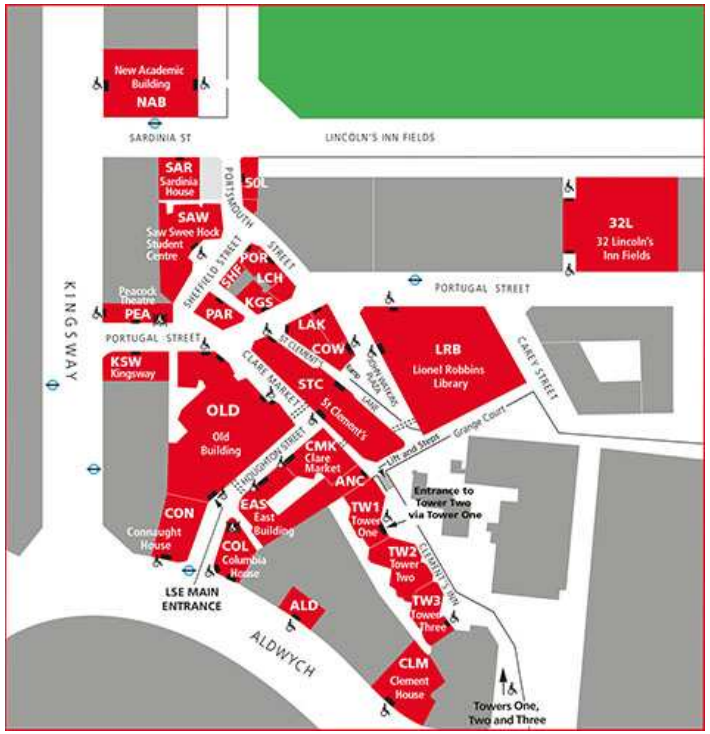
Location





Did you know? *With a population of 8.2m, London is the largest city in Europe.*

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Why LSE?

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Why LSE?

- **World's foremost institution dedicated to the social sciences**

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Why LSE? 16 Nobel Prize Winners

Professor Christopher Pissarides

Professor Paul Krugman

Professor Leonid Hurwicz

Professor George Akerlof

Professor Robert Mundell

Professor Amartya Sen

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Why LSE?

- LSE has the highest percentage of world-leading research of any university in the country – Research Excellence Framework '14.
- In the 2014 REF LSE came top nationally by the percentage of research receiving a 4* (world-leading) or 3* grade in the departments of International Development; Social Policy; Media and Communications, and Government and International Relations.

Rank	Institution	Total staff submitted	GPA	%4* for the institution	%4* or 3* for the institution
1	Imperial College London	1,256.90	3.36	46	91
2	**London School of Economics and Political Science**	**532.2**	**3.35**	**50**	**87**
3	University of Oxford	2,409.30	3.34	48	87
4	University of Cambridge	2,087.60	3.33	47	87
5	Cardiff University	737.7	3.27	40	87

Why LSE? Cutting edge research

- Environment: An eye on the skies
  - How accurate are hurricane forecasts and do global insurance premiums reflect the real risk?
- Society, media and science: The politics of outer space
  - Forty five years after the Moon landing, outer space still holds a fascination for the world, associated with prestige, political and military power.
- World regions & development: Sex & fertility versus health in AIDS stricken Africa
  - How do you reconcile the basic sexual and fertility needs of 25 million Africans with the stark reality of HIV/AIDS?
- Law: The right to be forgotten
  - The age-old debate about the balance between privacy and freedom of expression.
- Economy: The fight against cyber crime
  - Is cyber-crime as big a threat as rumoured?
- Law: Food for thought
  - What is speculative trading and how can it lead to food poverty?
- Society, media and science: Dumbing down the smart city
  - Does the smart city concept put technology ahead of people, ignoring the very things that make us human?
- Economy: Expensive mistakes on the trading floor
  - How do you separate technical slipups from human factors when it comes to high-risk environments?

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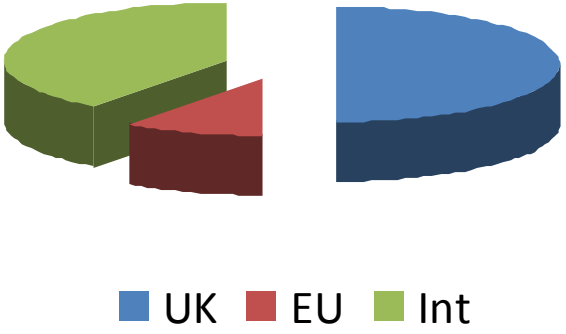
- **International character**

Why LSE? Students

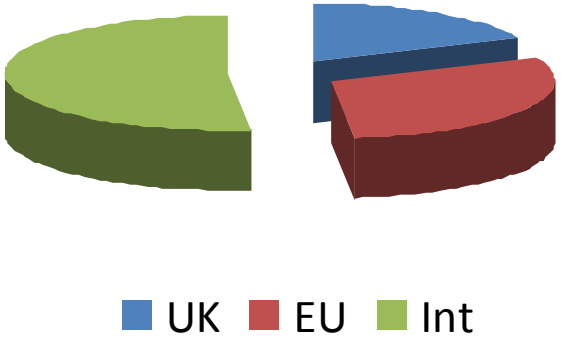
Undergraduate

UK	2176	50%
EU	448	10%
International	1736	40%
Total	**4360**	**40%**



Graduate

UK	1175	18%
EU	1933	30%
International	3332	52%
Total	**6440**	**60%**



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- **Central London location**

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Why LSE? Public lectures

Recent speakers at LSE include:

- Antonio Horta Osorio
- Aung San Suu Kyi
- Bill Gates
- Christine Lagarde
- Eric Schmidt
- Fatima Bhutto
- Ha Joon Chang
- Helen Clark
- His Holiness the Dalai Lama
- Nancy Pelosi

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- **Global reputation**

Study with LSE

- Undergraduate degrees
- Masters (taught graduate) degrees
- Doctoral (research postgraduate) degrees
- The General Course – study abroad programme
    - lse.ac.uk/generalCourse

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Study with LSE: The General Course

- Established in 1909
- Full-year only – no semester study or exchanges
- Over 300 students each year
- Students from more than 170 institutions worldwide
- Fully integrated undergraduate study
- More than 250 courses available
- Scholarships worth £15,000 each

The General **Course**

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  - lse.ac.uk/generalCourse
- Summer Schools
  - www2.lse.ac.uk/study/summerSchools.aspx
- University of London International Programmes
  - www2.lse.ac.uk/study/externalStudy/home.aspx

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Undergraduate Study

- Three year duration (PPE four years)
  - BSc, LLB
- September – May. Two 11 week teaching terms
- 4 courses, usually year long but some half units
- 4 classes and 4 lectures totalling 8-12 hours per week
- Academic adviser, student mentor and study skills sessions
- LSE 100 – unique compulsory course
- www.lse.ac.uk/resources/calendar/courseGuides/undergraduate.htm

Assessment

- Papers throughout the year
- All exams held in May and June
- Single 3-hour written exam for each subject, 4 questions
- 100% of mark frequently rests on final exam

LSE Language Centre

- Available to all LSE students and at different levels
- lse.ac.uk/language
- Languages offered:
  - Arabic
  - Catalan
  - French*
  - German*
  - Italian
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Mandarin*
  - Portuguese
  - Russian*
  - Spanish*

*Available as part of undergraduate degrees

LSE Library

- British Library of Political and Economic Science
- Europe's largest social science library
- Over 4 million printed volumes
- Long opening hours
- Access to libraries of other UoL colleges
- lse.ac.uk/library

Did you know? *LSE's Library contains over 50km of shelving.*

LSE Accommodation

- Accommodation guaranteed to all first year undergraduate and study abroad students, and most graduate students
- Second and third year undergraduates are encouraged to enter the housing 'lottery'
- Student residences located off-campus in central London
- Varying types, facilities and prices, apply online by June 30th
- Assistance offered to those looking for private accommodation
- lse.ac.uk/accommodation

Did you know? *London has 300 museums, 250 art galleries and 200 theatres.*

Social and Pastoral

- LSE Students' Union
  - Around 200 clubs and societies, e.g.
    - Accounting
    - Magic
    - Young leaders
  - Gym
  - Athletics' Union
    - 25 acres of playing fields and many sports teams
  - Advice and support
  - Shops, bars and cafés
  - TV and radio stations, weekly newspaper and termly journal
  - www.lsesu.com

Did you know? *London is home to six Premier League football clubs.*

Social and Pastoral

- LSE Students' Union
  - www.lsesu.com
- University of London 'Student Central'
  - studentcentral.london
- Academic support
- Extensive provision for disabled students
- 8 weeks vacation, 4 at Christmas, 4 at Easter
- Medical Centre

Costs

- Tuition Fees (2015/2016)

Undergraduate:	£17,040 [International]
Study Abroad (General Course):	£17,544
Summer School (London):	£1,775

- Estimated total expenses (housing, food, books etc.)
  - £1,200 per month

- Work 20 hours per week on Tier 4 (General) student visa, more in vacations
  - lse.ac.uk/isis

LSE Financial Support

- **Over £15m** made available to LSE students annually
- Undergraduate Support Scheme
  - £3,000 + (£700k annually)
- Financial Support Office: lse.ac.uk/financialSupport
- British Council offices around the world

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Careers

The Daily Telegraph

PwC

BARCLAYS CAPITAL

Tech Mahindra
IT Services and Telecom Solutions

Goldman Sachs

KPMG

SOCIETE GENERALE
Corporate & Investment

ICICI

markit

ERNST & YOUNG
Quality In Everything We Do

BBC

MACQUARIE

Infosys

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Careers

- University of the Year 2015 for Graduate Employment – the Times and Sunday Times newspapers.
- Comprehensive careers guidance and employment services
  - lse.ac.uk/careers
- Individually tailored service
- Volunteer Centre
- Typical starting salary of LSE graduates from undergraduate degrees is £9,000 higher than the national average, at £29,000
- Popular careers include:
  - Banking, financial services, insurance & accountancy
  - Education
  - Central and local government
  - Management consultancy
  - Charities, voluntary sector and trusts

Did you know? *338,000 people are employed in the financial services sector in London.*

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Alumni

- Eminent and celebrated alumni:
  - Stelios Haji-Ioannou; JFK; Will Breare-Hall; Romano Prodi; HM Queen Margrethe II; David Rockefeller; George Soros; Mick Jagger
- LSE alumni groups active in more than 40 countries
- Over 125,000 registered alumni in 190 countries
- Service available to alumni include:
  - LSE Magazine
  - LSE email address
  - Access to LSE Careers and Library
- Alumni Professional Mentoring Network and Alumni Ambassadors
- Life-long connection – life-long benefit

Did you know? *34 past or present heads of state have taught or studied at LSE.*

Undergraduate Open Day 1 July 2015

An opportunity to:

- find out more about LSE
- attend specific subject talks
- attend general talks on applying to LSE, careers and studying in London
- meet academics and current students
- meet accommodation, admissions and financial support staff
- tour an LSE hall of residence

For further information and to book a place, please visit lse.ac.uk/meetLSE

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- Email an alum
  - lse.ac.uk/emailAnAlum
- Follow us on Twitter
  - @StudyLSE
- ‘Like’ us on Facebook
  - www.facebook.com/lseps
- Blogs
  - lse.ac.uk/studentblogs

Contact

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London School of Economics and Political Science,
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London, WC2A 2AE, UK

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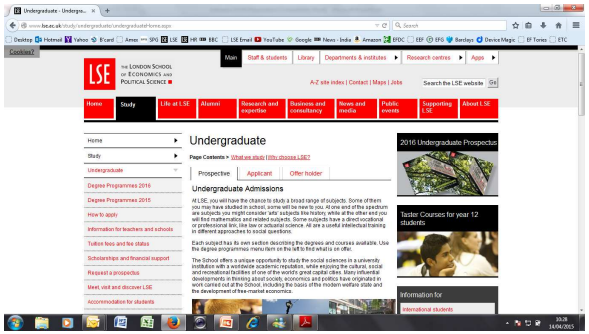
Email: stu.rec@lse.ac.uk



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What we look for in an LSE Student

Alex Ingold
Undergraduate Admissions Manager

Application Statistics

	Applications	Places	Ratio
Bristol	40,425	5,165	8:1
Cambridge	16,970	3,425	5:1
King's	41,270	5,035	8:1
LSE	**17,175**	**1,685**	**10:1**
Oxford	17,980	3,190	6:1
Warwick	29,845	4,245	7:1
UCL	38,330	5,030	8:1

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LSE Admissions Policy

- The School is committed to admitting students:
  - with the merit, potential and motivation to succeed at LSE
  - who can benefit from and contribute to the LSE community

- UG Admissions seeks to achieve these aims by:
  - providing clear and concise information about entry requirements, application procedures and the admissions process
  - upholding the principles of fairness, transparency and consistency that underpin the admissions process

LSE Admissions Figures

- **2015 Entry**
- 17,706 UCAS applications
- 1,502 registered places
  - 952 UK/EU, 550 Overseas
- Applications to places ratio:
  - 12:1 overall

Highest	Lowest
16:1 International Relations 16:1 Law 15:1 Accounting & Finance 13:1 Economics 13.1 Management	9:1 Economic History 9:1 Mathematics 8:1 Geography & Environment 8:1 Anthropology 7:1 Sociology

LSE Admissions Requirements

- Three A levels: A*AA – AAB
  - Fourth AS level is expected and may be a requirement for some programmes
- IB: Diploma with 38 points (7,6,6 at Higher Level) – 37 points (6,6,6 at Higher Level)
- Advanced Placement:
  - At least four (preferably five) two-semester subjects
  - At least three in one sitting
  - Four – five Grade 5s depending on programme
- Some subject specific requirements
  - A level/IB HL Mathematics or AP Calculus BC is required for some programmes

Non-preferred A Level Subjects

A levels in generally preferred (traditional, academic) subjects or two generally preferred subjects and one ‘non-preferred’ subject.

- Any Applied A Level
- Accounting
- Art and Design
- Business Studies
- Citizenship Studies
- Communication and Culture
- Creative Writing
- Design and Technology
- Drama/Theatre Studies
- Film Studies
- Health and Social Care
- Home Economics
- Information and Communication Technology
- Law
- Leisure Studies
- Media Studies
- Music Technology
- Sports Studies
- Travel and Tourism

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This list is published online and in the undergraduate prospectus

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LSE Admissions Requirements

- GCSE (or equivalent) and AS grades are taken into consideration – minimum B grades required in GCSE English & Maths (or equivalent)
- Subject in a first/native language may not be counted
- Other qualifications are accepted
- Further, specific, qualification and departmental information regarding requirements available on website:
  http://www.lse.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/howToApply

LSE Admissions Requirements

- Meeting or exceeding academic entry requirements does not guarantee an offer
- Personal statement is a very important aspect of admissions criteria – key element of selection process
- Reference is also important – particularly helpful when detailed and specific to applicant
- Educational and social context taken into consideration
- Extenuating circumstances also taken into account

LSE Admissions Process

- Equal consideration given to ALL applications received at UCAS by the 15th January deadline
- All applications are first read by Admissions Assessors, who can decline if the application does not meet minimum entry requirements – decisions are verified by senior Admissions Officers
- Remaining applications then passed to Admissions Selectors (Specialists and Tutors) for a decision
- Selector decisions are made holistically, usually based solely on the information provided in the application

LSE Admissions Process

- We do not currently interview any applicants
- Some applicants may be asked to sit LSE Undergraduate Admissions Assessment (UGAA)
- Applications may be considered as part of ‘gathered field’
  - enables fair and equal consideration of all ‘on time’ applications
  - may mean earlier applications are held until later in the cycle to be reconsidered alongside later applications
- Applicants are kept informed about progress of application
- We aim to make all decisions by the 31 March UCAS deadline, although many decisions are made earlier

LSE Admissions Process

- **Confirmation**
- Very few ‘marginally missed’ offers are confirmed
- Relevant additional information is welcomed, particularly regarding extenuating circumstances

(by 30th June for IB, 31st July for other qualifications)

- **Clearing**
- LSE has not been in Clearing for several years

- **Adjustment period**
- LSE has not participated in Adjustment since its commencement

LSE Admissions ‘Myths’

- “LSE will reject me if I apply to Oxford or Cambridge”
- “I will improve my chances of gaining admission if I apply to more than one programme”
- “LSE will reject me because my predicted grades aren’t AAA”
- “LSE will reject me if I don’t have 10 A*s at GCSE”
- “LSE will reject me because of the school I attend”

Advice for Teachers/Counsellors

- Reference is **crucial** for LSE
- Realistic predictions
- Place in context with others
- Capacity for hard work and independent study
- Commitment to the subject area
- Personal issues/domestic circumstances
- School issues/limitations
- Explanation of any glitches

UCAS Form:
Personal Statement

- Subject
- Work experience/related activities
- Extra-curricular activities
- Interests
- Spelling and grammar
- Tell the truth!

Q & A Session

- **Will Breare-Hall**

Student Recruitment and Study Abroad Manager

- **Alex Ingold**

Undergraduate Admissions Manager

- **Dan Newby**

Student Recruitment Officer