



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■



LSE CHOICE

**Come and study at the world's leading
Social Science Institution**

Summer School: Monday 19 – Friday 23 August 2019

16 Saturday Masterclasses: 21 September 2019 – 7 March 2020

Economics • Government and Politics • History • Maths • Sociology

Deadline for submitting applications: 10 March 2019

Deadline for teacher reference submission: 24 March 2019

About LSE

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is the world's leading social science university, based in the heart of London. LSE has been running projects to encourage students to go to university since 1988. LSE CHOICE aims to identify talented young people from London state schools and colleges, and give them the tools they need to apply to LSE and other highly selective universities.

LSE CHOICE is designed for Year 12/Year 13 students.

About CHOICE

Summer School

The programme begins with a week-long Summer School at the end of August. You will enjoy an intensive week focusing on your main CHOICE subject, consisting of:

- workshops, classes and lectures
- a relevant external visit
- advice and guidance to help with university selection.

Throughout the week you will have the opportunity to meet like minded students and make new friends.

Information, advice and guidance sessions

There will be advice and guidance sessions throughout the Summer School on topics such as student finance and budgeting, personal statements, completing your UCAS form and key skills.

Saturday Masterclasses

Starting in September there will be 16 Saturday masterclasses taking place over Year 13. Each two hour session will focus on your CHOICE subject.

CHOICE attendance allowance

You will get an allowance for all Saturday sessions to cover travel and attendance.

Subjects

Economics

Topics may include fiscal policy, market structures, efficiency and distribution. There will also be the chance to look at wider issues, such as income and poverty, and economic policy in developing countries.

Government and Politics

By choosing this subject, you will develop further understanding of contemporary political theory. Topics may include; states, nations and empires; foreign policy analysis; democracy and democratisation.

History

Choosing this subject will enable you to engage in a broad level of study that may include topics such as: causation (why things happen); power; literature and history; film and history and art history.

Maths

Topics include roots, co-efficients and algebra. You may also learn techniques for STEP papers. The mathematics stream focuses on developing your technical aptitude and analytical skills.



Sociology

Topics may include class, gender and ethnicity; modern family structures; deviance. During your studies you will have the opportunity to develop key analytical and problem solving skills.

Application Process

Places are limited and will be based on the information given to us on your online application.

We are looking for students who:

- Attend a state school or college in London (preference is given to schools performing below the national average)
- Have an interest in the social sciences
- Are enthusiastic and able to commit to the programme
- Have an excellent GCSE profile of A*-B/ 5-9 grades at GCSE and predicted A*- B for A-Level.

Please note, you do not need to be studying the subject at A Level, though we do require Maths at A Level for the Maths and Economics streams.

We will prioritise students in the following groups:

- Looked-after children, care experienced, or estranged from their family
- With caring responsibilities for family members
- With a disability
- Eligible for free school meals in year 11 and/or pupil premium now or in the last six years
- No parental experience of higher education
- Parents/carers working in low socio-economic categories and/or on receipt of means-tested benefits

- From a Gypsy, Roma, or Traveller community
- Forced migrants (accompanied or unaccompanied) including refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC), persons granted humanitarian protection and limited/discretionary leave to remain and stateless persons
- From a socio-economic or ethnic background currently under-represented at highly selective universities such as LSE; especially Black African, Black Caribbean, Bangladeshi, Pakistani and white working class
- Meeting one or more postcode measures including POLAR3 quintile 1, ACORN groups LMOPQ, Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) or Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDAC) quintiles 1 or 2. Please visit the eligibility criteria on the widening participation webpages for more information on postcode measures and to assess whether you meet this criteria
- Meeting one or more criteria above and attending a school/college that is performing below the national average and/or has a high proportion of students eligible for free school meals.

We review all applications in a holistic manner and whilst we prioritise students who meet the above criteria we will consider all the information contained in an application.

If selected for LSE CHOICE you will be expected to attend the week long summer school and all 16 Saturday sessions.

Key Dates – 2019/20

Summer School

19 – 23 August 2019

Saturday sessions 2019

21, 28 September
5, 12 October
2, 9, 16, 23, 11 November
7 December

Saturday sessions 2020

18, 25 January
1, 8, 29 February
7 March

Application process:

If you would like to apply, speak to your teacher or visit lse.ac.uk/lsechoice
You will need to complete an application including a personal statement.

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Contact us

For more information, please contact
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You will find information about LSE CHOICE on
the following webpage: lse.ac.uk/lsechoice

“ I have changed a lot as a person over the past year and have become a lot more ambitious and motivated to do well at school which is one of the reasons I applied to CHOICE in the first place. The people I’ve met at LSE are exactly like me and I’m so excited to stay in touch with everyone, it’s been an amazing experience! ”

“ I enjoyed learning about topics that were not in my curriculum, this gave me an insight into university level studies. I also liked having discussions in my politics group, it was really fun. ”