



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
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## Introduction to the Social Sciences Day Frequently Asked Questions

### What does the Introduction to the Social Sciences Day involve?

This one day event aims to introduce the content and language of the social sciences to Year 10 – 12 students. The day itself is led by a member of LSE WP staff. Staff and students from LSE work with pupils to explore the social sciences, their relevance to the big questions of the day. Previous topics have included analysing why apartheid failed and exploring what our food says about our culture. This content is covered through a lecture from an LSE academic. The day also includes an interactive student Q & A session about university and studying the social sciences, lunch and a tour of the LSE campus.

### Who should attend an Introduction to the Social Sciences Day?

Introduction to the Social Sciences Days are open to all non-selective London state schools. Priority bookings will be given to schools achieving below the national average at GCSE (53.8% 5 A\*-C grades) or in which over 35.1% of pupils are eligible for Free School Meals.

Schools should select pupils within their school who are most likely to benefit from the day. For example, students considering a social science subject at a higher level and who have demonstrated the potential to go on to a Russell Group University. Amongst these students we would like schools to prioritise students, where possible, who meet a number of different criteria such as, eligibility for free school meals, little or no parental experience of higher education. A full list of eligibility will be made available for schools upon application to attend.

### How many pupils can attend?

LSE are looking to target approximately 25 pupils from each school, with a maximum of 50 students per session. Depending on the date chosen, there can be flexibility to bring more or less students. Please discuss this with us in advance.

### How much does it cost to send pupils on an Introduction to the Social Sciences?

Introduction to the Social Sciences Days are **free of charge** to eligible schools. Although schools must arrange and pay for transport themselves, LSE does not charge for the day itself.

### What are the timings on the day?

Each of the days runs from 10:45 – 15:30.

### Does LSE provide lunch?

LSE will provide lunch for all pupils and staff on the day free of charge.

### How many school staff should accompany the pupils?

LSE asks that for a group of 25 pupils, there must be a minimum of two members of staff accompanying them.

### What training do LSE staff receive?

All staff and students involved in the sessions receive training before the event on activities, working with children, and LSE's Child Protection Policy. All LSE staff and students who participate receive appropriate clearance from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

### Where can I find out more information?

If you have any further questions about the day, we will be happy to answer them for you.

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