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VISIT DAY 2014

Visit Day 2014

Parents' Talk



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Visit Day 2014: Parents' Talk

- **Catherine Baldwin**

Director of Recruitment & Admissions

- **Hannah Bannister**

Head of Student Services

- **Sue Plater**

Financial Support Manager

- **Emma D'Aeth**

Parent of a current LSE student



Student Services and Advice

Hannah Bannister

Head of Student Services



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Degree structure

- UG programmes – 3 years full-time study
- Typically four courses per year + LSE100
- Mix of compulsory and optional courses
- Combination of lectures and classes
 - *Classes & coursework are compulsory*
 - *Significant emphasis on independent study*
- Intensive teaching Michaelmas + Lent terms
- Revision / examinations in Summer term



Academic Adviser

- Provides advice/guidance on academic and personal matters
- Advises on course selection/changes
- Monitors progress
- Facilitates access to other support services



Sources of Advice: Who to Approach?

- Academic Adviser
- Departmental Tutor
- Student Services Centre, Disability Service, Counselling Service, St Phillips Medical Centre, Adviser to Women/Adviser to Men, Faith Centre, Students' Union Advice Centre, Mentors, Hall Wardens
- Dean of Undergraduate Studies



Student Services Centre (SSC)

Advice/information/referral

- Registration – examinations – graduation
- The student record
- Financial support
- Academic regulations
- Visa / immigration advice
- Support service referral

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Student Services Centre (SSC)

Student mentoring

- New students mentored by trained current student
- Provide pre-arrival support via email
- Group meeting during orientation week – 1 Oct
- Follow up group/individual meetings
- Make friends before classes start
- Support service referral

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studentmentoring@lse.ac.uk



LSE Library



*British Library of Political
& Economic Science*

- Largest academic social science library in world
- 4 million separate items plus on-line journals
- Redesigned by Foster & Partners for £35m
- Long opening hours



Academic and Professional Development (APD)

- **Careers Service**
- **Language Centre**
- **Teaching and Learning Centre**



LSE Careers Centre



- 1-1 advice
- Seminars on CVs, interviews etc
- Events, Careers Fairs
- LSE job shop

www.lse.ac.uk/careers

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LSE Language Centre

- Undergraduate degree options in English, French, German, Russian or Spanish
- Language and society courses
- Over 2,000 students use the Language Centre
- English for Academic Purposes courses

www.lse.ac.uk/languages



LSE Teaching & Learning Centre

Study support sessions

- Open lectures
- Workshops/practical sessions
- 1-1 study advice
- Learning world website

- Intro to study
- Essay writing
- Class participation/presentation
- Exams



LSE Teaching & Learning Centre

Counselling Service



- Confidential 1-1
- Groups
- Stress Management
- Acclimatising to LSE
- Perfectionism
- Procrastination



LSE Teaching & Learning Centre

Disability & Well-being Service



- Individual student support agreements (ISSAs)
- Neurodiverse support
- Specific examination arrangements
- Visit the Information Stand in the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre or call in to room OLD.G23



LSE Students' Union

- New Student Centre
- Advice centre
- SU sabbatical officers
- Student club night
- 150 + clubs and societies
- Media group
- Sports facilities



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Undergraduate Student Finance

Sue Plater

Financial Support Manager



Costs

Tuition fees

- £9,000 in 2014/15 for Home/EU students
- £16,392 in 2014/15 for Overseas students
- Annual inflationary increase

Living costs

- LSE estimates that students will require around **£1000 per month**
- Students can live on less, particularly if they take advantage of student discounts



Tuition fees

- For Home UK students and EU nationals – fee loan from UK Government for full amount available
- Loan repayable after graduation (non means tested)
- Or pay upfront in full or part (mix with loan)
- Overseas students – pay in advance or once here by instalments



UK/EU Tuition fee loan

- Tuition fee loan available from UK government administered by SLC
- Apply for this via Gov.UK at same time you apply for grant and maintenance loan (**early application is advised**)
- Apply for full tuition fee or any amount below tuition fee if you/family make a contribution
- Tuition fee loan paid directly to the university *not* to the student
- Interest charged on tuition fee loan and repayment terms the same as on maintenance loan



Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

- Arrangements different for students from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Check relevant national authority for details and application process
- Once differences taken into account, all paid on same basis – fees go direct to University, and maintenance is paid in termly instalments.



Student Loans - Repayment

- Student loans (maintenance + fees) are combined
- Different rates of interest apply to the loan
- Interest accrues from date of first instalment of loan taken
- Repayments commence when earnings exceed £21,000 per year
 - 9% of income over £21,000
 - Income of £25,000, repayment of £30 per month
- Repayments made automatically through taxation
- Repayments based on what you earn not what you owe [like a graduate tax]
- Loan balance written off after 30 years
- If salary falls below £21,000 repayments stop
- Student loans do not go on credit files



Living costs

Maintenance Grant – UK students

- Maximum of **£3,387** in 2014
- Upper income threshold of **£42,611**
- Paid in three instalments
- Grant does **not** have to be repaid

Household income	Non-repayable grant
£25,000 or less	£3,387
£30,000	£2,440
£35,000	£1,493
£40,000	£545



Living costs

Maintenance Loan

- Maximum Annual Loan Available in 2014
- Living away from parental home (London) £7,751
- Living at parental home (London) £4,418
- 65% of the loan is guaranteed (not means tested)
- Loan reduced if student receives full maintenance grant
- Loan is paid direct to the student in three instalments



Applying for Government help

- Information on www.gov.uk/student-finance
- Online application or can download paper form and send
- Helpline – 0300 100 642
- Includes information on new loan terms and repayment terms



LSE Financial Support

- LSE Bursaries (UK & EU)
- LSE National Scholarship Programme
- LSE Scholarships (UK, EU & OS)
- Undergraduate Support Scheme (OS)
- More details published at

www.lse.ac.uk/financialSupport



LSE Bursary 2014

Students' household income	Grant status	LSE award pa
£0 - £18,000	Full grant	£4,000
£18,001 - £25,000	Full grant	£3,500
£25,001 - £30,000	Partial grant	£2,750
£30,001 - £35,000	Partial grant	£1,750
£35,001 - £40,000	Partial grant	£1000
£40,001 - £42,600	Partial grant	£750



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LSE Bursaries

UK bursaries – application through Student Finance system

EU bursaries – application direct to LSE via Undergraduate Scholarship Application (available from FSO website)

Discretionary bursaries

- For students with exceptional financial needs
- Up to £4,000 available (including any LSE bursary)
- Application is via LSE UG Application form as above



The **LSE** NSP Award 2014

- Students starting in 2014 with a household residual income of between £0 and £7,000 will receive the LSE NSP award
- The LSE NSP award is worth £6,000 to eligible students. This will be paid as follows
 - £3000 in 1st year
 - £1500 in 2nd year
 - £1500 in 3rd year
- In 1st year, students given £1,000 as a cash bursary. The remaining £2,000 will be prioritised for accommodation – paid directly if in LSE hall. Otherwise paid to student to support private accommodation. In 2nd and 3rd years, accommodation again prioritised, and if out of hall paid to student
- The LSE NSP award does **not** have to be repaid



LSE Scholarships

- A range of substantial LSE scholarships is available for Home UK, Home EU and Overseas students
- 7 Bottriell Scholarships worth £9,000 pa available for Home UK students
- 3 Kadas Scholarships worth £15,000 for students from Eastern European countries
- 4 Goldman Sachs Simon Morris Scholarships worth £15,000 for Home UK students
- Application is via the Undergraduate Scholarship Application Form - checkout FSO website for details - www.lse.ac.uk/financialsupport



Increasing your income

- Part time and vacation work
- Hardship funds
- Charities and educational trusts



Part time work

- 75% of students have a part time or a holiday job
- Only at university for 30 weeks of the year
- LSE– ‘My Careers’ job list
- Students should not work more than 15 hours per week



Additional Funds

Student Support Fund

- Maximum award £3,500 per year
- LSE fund
- Available to any LSE registered student who suffers unexpected financial hardship

Students with Children, Dependants or a Disability

- Number of separate allowances are available
- Further information available from www.gov.uk

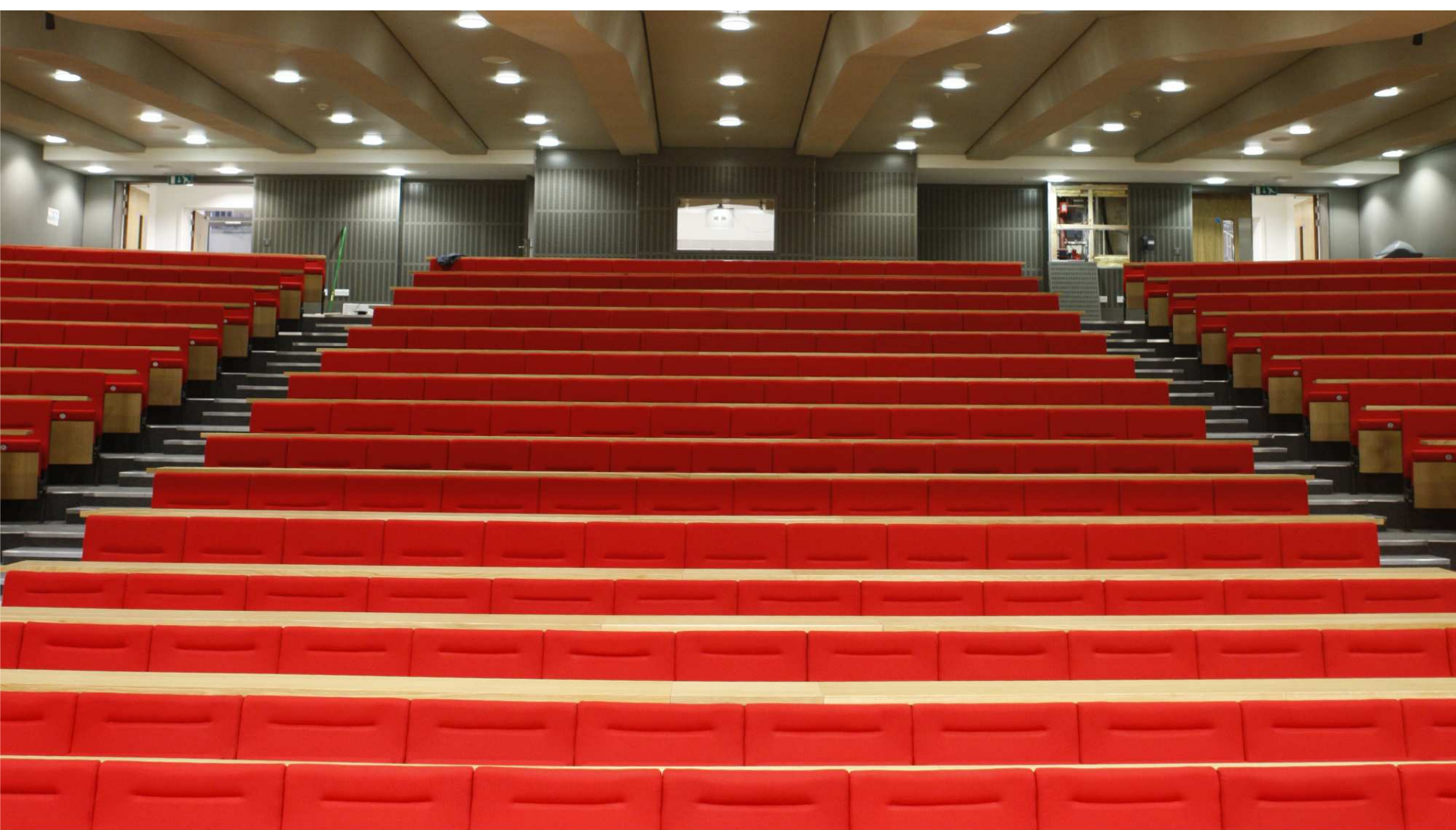


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