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Today we will cover…

- How LSE Careers can support you
- Overview of LSE Careers events and resources
- Where are International History alumni now?
- Q&A

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LSE Careers is here to help you **develop your career**. We can support you from the **early stages** when you are working out what you want to do right through to when you are **submitting applications** and attending **interviews**.

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LSE Careers

1:1 careers appointments

- Career guidance and advice
- CV, cover letter, applications
- Practice interviews
- Disabled, race equity, LGBTQ+, women and social mobility

Departmental careers support

- Linked careers consultant
- Alumni networking
- Tailored seminars and workshops

Opportunities

- Work-based learning
- Jobs, internships and volunteer vacancies board
- Part-time work support
- Employer recruitment and networking events

Resources

- Website resources including employment sector pages
- LSE Careers blog and Moodle
- Social media content
- Careers email newsletter

Careers events

- Careers fairs
- Alumni panels and networking
- Skills seminars
- Mock assessment centres
- Employer presentations
- Sector and region-specific programmes
- EDI focused events and support

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CareerHub

On CareerHub, you can:

- Access a jobs board featuring part-time, graduate and internship opportunities (at peak time, more than 1,000 vacancies)
- Browse and book onto events
- Book a careers appointment or practice interview

Visit **careers.lse.ac.uk**

What is the Career Development Cycle?

Understand

- What do you really enjoy doing?
- What do you value in a career?
- What skills do I have?
- Self-reflection on your career aims

Explore

- Chat with alumni about their jobs
- Meet with employers
- Research different careers
- Consider new and growth areas

Experience

- Work experience
- Volunteer
- Roles in societies and projects
- Develop professional skills

Implement

- Get feedback on your CV
- Prepare your career narrative for cover letters
- Take a practice interview
- Practice psychometric tests

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Understand

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Explore – Understand – Experience – Implement

What do you enjoy doing?

What do you value?

What energises you?

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Explore – Understand – Experience – Implement

LSE Careers webpage **‘Understand’** section

LSE Careers blog to **explore your values**

PROSPECTS

Prospects **Career planner** tool

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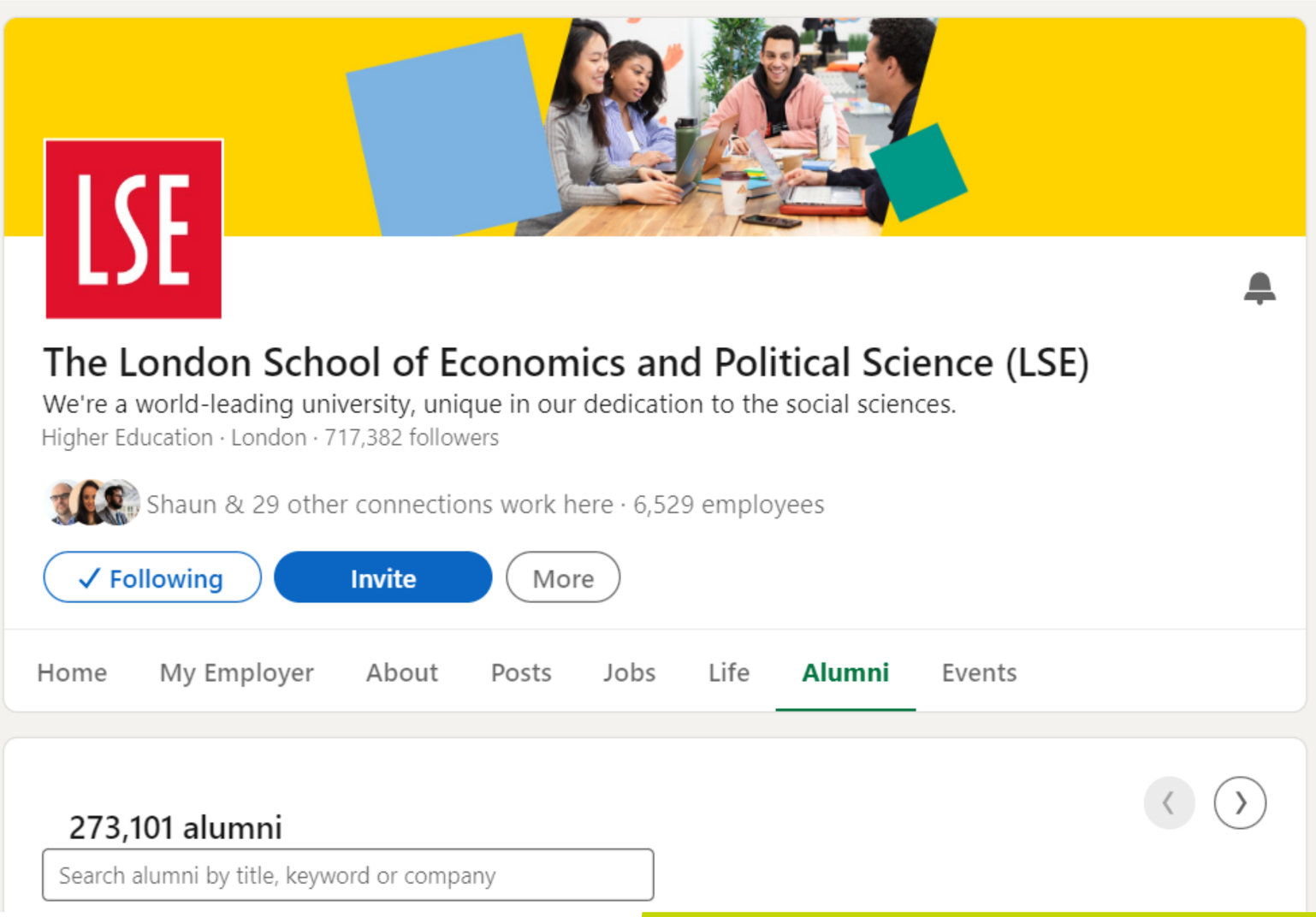
Explore

- Chat with alumni about their jobs
- Network on LinkedIn
- Recruitment Fairs

LinkedIn Alumni Search Tool



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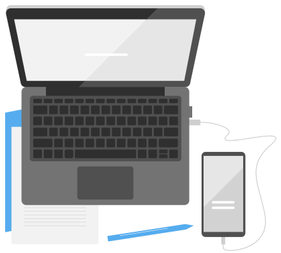
Explore

LSE Careers webpage **'Explore'** section

LSE Careers webpage **'Employment sector' guides**

Get answers to your question using Ask an Alum



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Experience

- Work experience
- Volunteer
- Get involved in running a society

Undergraduates: What experience do you currently have?

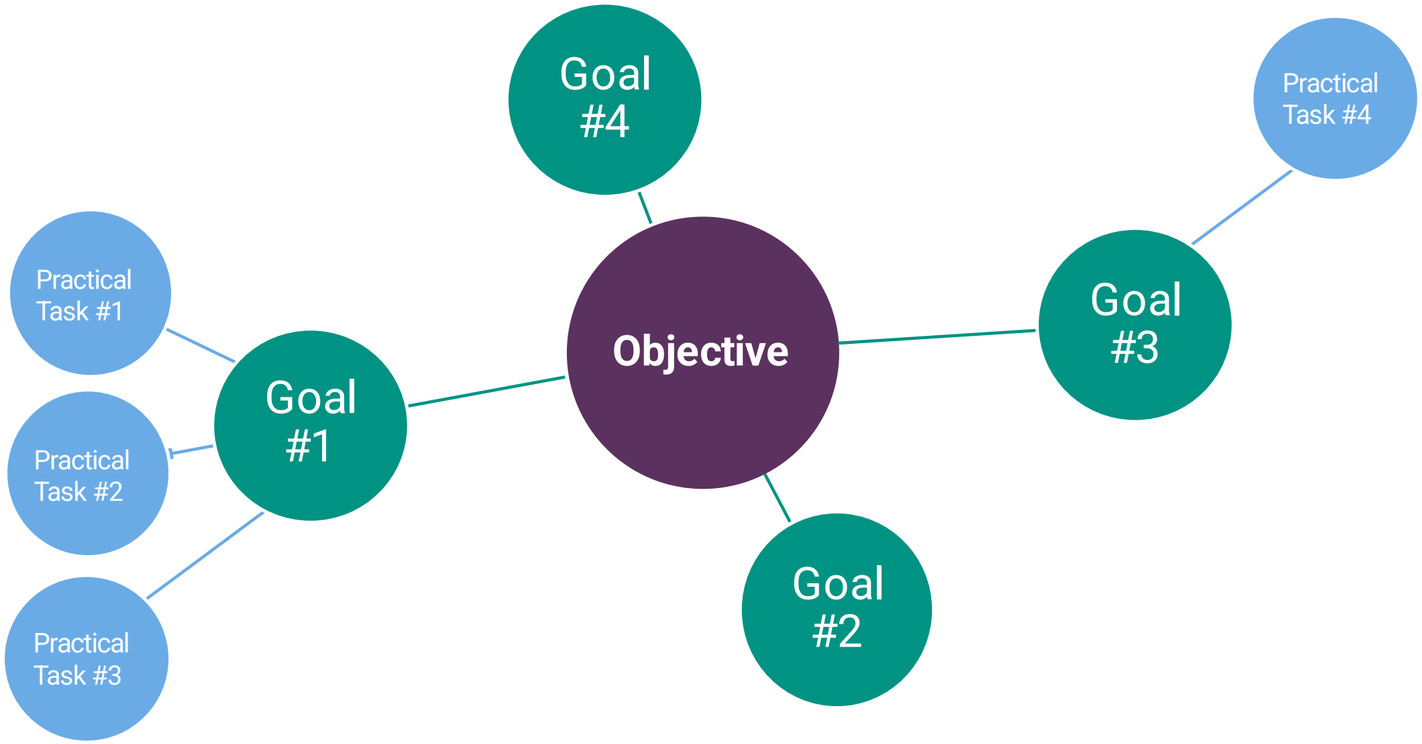
Have you:

- Had a part-time job?
- Spent time volunteering?
- Completed an internship?
- What did you enjoy / not enjoy about these experiences?

Postgraduates: Leveraging your experience and skills

- Making the most of your network
- Are you seeking a promotion at work? Changing careers?
- Evidencing successes and impact (your ‘value add’)

Develop a career strategy



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Experience

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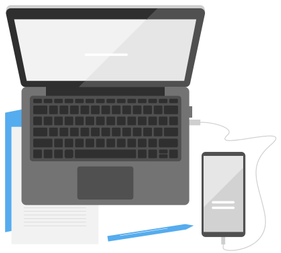
LSE Careers webpage **'Jobs & opportunities'**

LSE **Volunteer** Centre



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Implement

- Get feedback on your CV
- Have a practice interview
- Practice online psychometric tests

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Explore

CareerSet

Get your CV reviewed with CareerSet

Shortlist Me

Practice interviews with Shortlist.me

CASECOACH

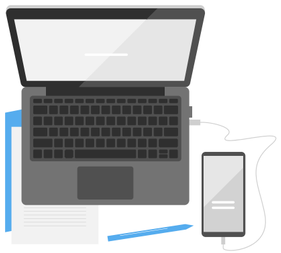
Prepare for case interviews with CaseCoach

STUDENT CIRCUS

Support for international students with Student Circus

Job Assessment Experts

Practise psychometric tests with Graduates First



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Graduate recruitment programmes: some timelines

	July/Aug September	October	November	December	January
IB/Finance	Deadlines published, receive applications but recruit on an ongoing basis (online tests, video interviews, interviews)		Assessment centres and offers		
Consultancy including Management and Strategy		UK Applications (some deadlines are at the end of October)		Interviews, including case studies	
International Organisations (including Central/Development Banks)	• Some early deadlines for international organisations, few or none for NGOs • Few structured programmes so be proactive in finding roles • Relevant experience is important				

NOTE: Recruitment deadlines vary due to location and external factors

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Events programme

Women in Banking. **Civil Service Fast Stream.** **Law.** **Careers in Sustainability.** **Banking Fair.** **Charity & not-for-profit.** **How to write effective CVs.** **Career narrative.** **Consultancy Fair.** **Careers in the US and Canada.** **Careers in Creative Industries.** **Mock assessment centre.** **Political Risk, Conflict & Security Week.** **Meet our Alum.** **Mock Interviews.** **Discover International Development.** **Careers in Data and Tech.** **Careers with Economics.** **Think Tank panel.** **Consultancy Case Study.** **Careers in China.** **Breaking Down Barriers.** **Brussels Careers Programme.** **Career Changers.**

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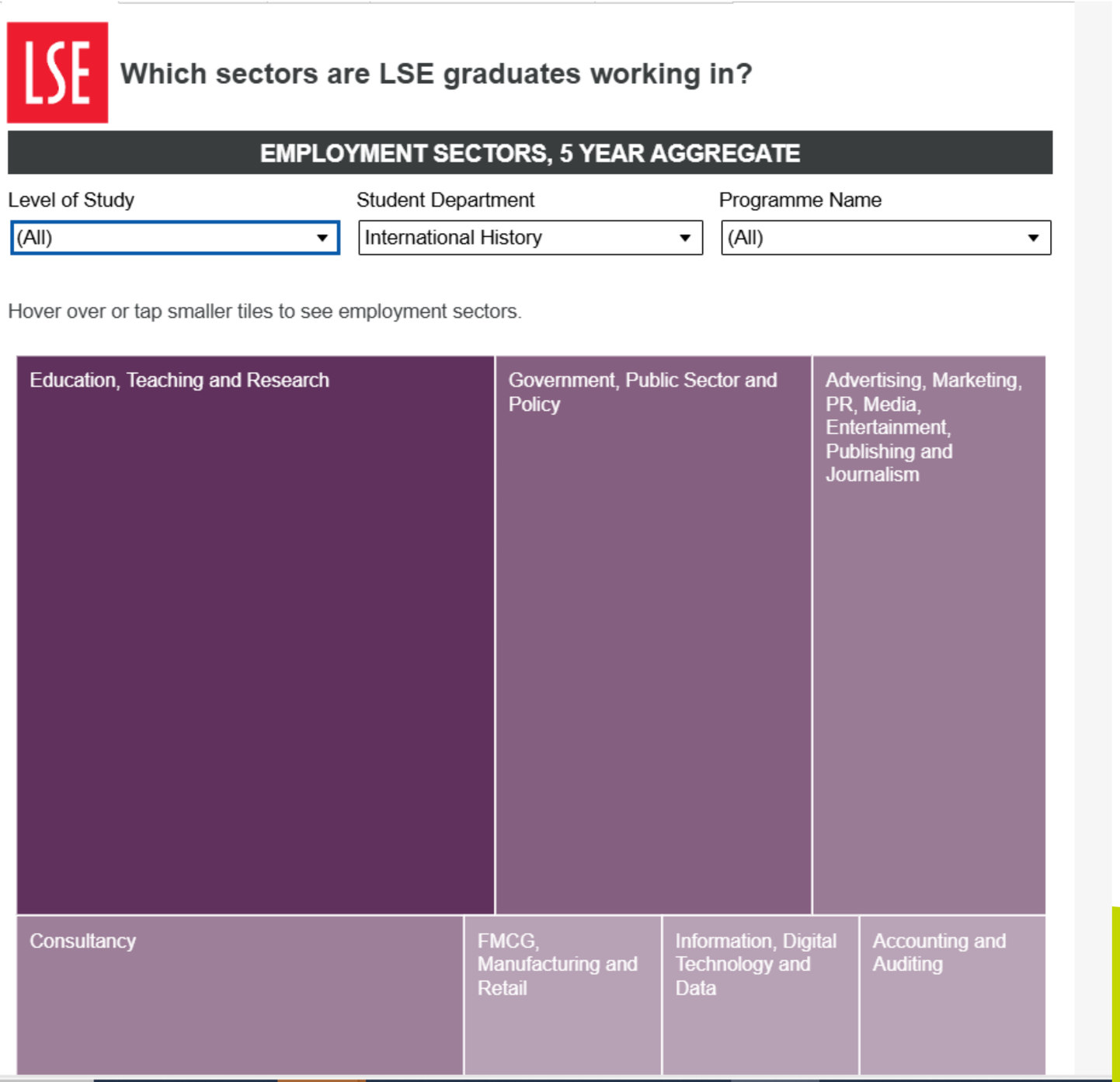
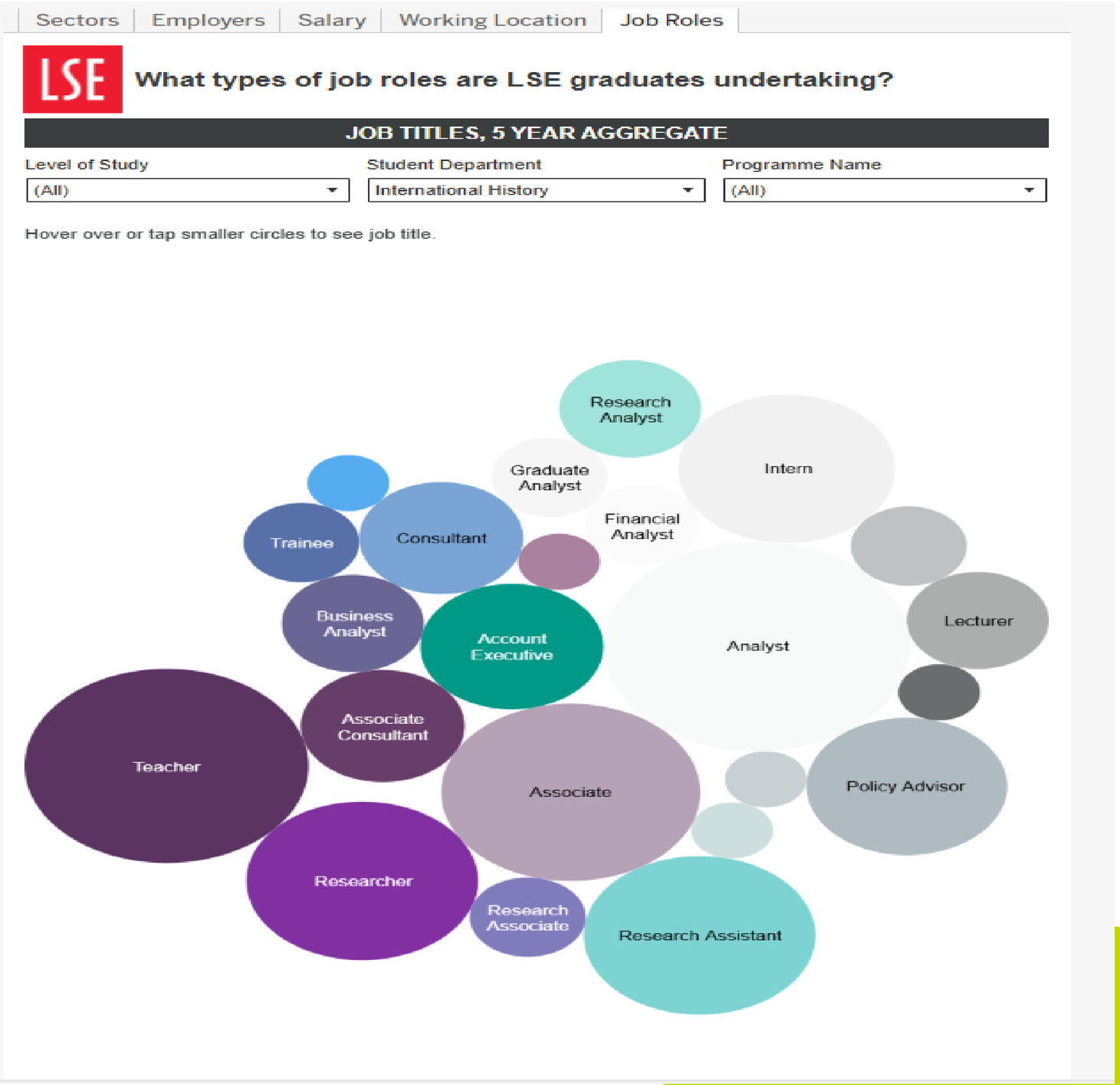
Employment sectors




Sectors
Employers
Salary
Working Location
Job Roles
What types of job roles are LSE graduates undertaking?
JOB TITLES, 5 YEAR AGGREGATE
Level of Study
(All)
Student Department
International History
Programme Name
(All)
Hover over or tap smaller circles to see job title.
Research Analyst
Graduate Analyst
Intern
Financial Analyst
Trainee
Consultant
Business Analyst
Account Executive
Analyst
Lecturer
Associate Consultant
Teacher
Associate
Policy Advisor
Researcher
Research Associate
Research Assistant

Job titles

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Unsure of what to do?
Consider a range of sectors

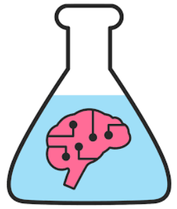
:vivideconomics

Johnson & Johnson

amazon

Unilever

Gavi
The Vaccine Alliance



Citymapper

Wallbrook

HM Government

pwc

Linklaters

CARBON TRUST

Goldman Sachs

McKinsey & Company

unicef

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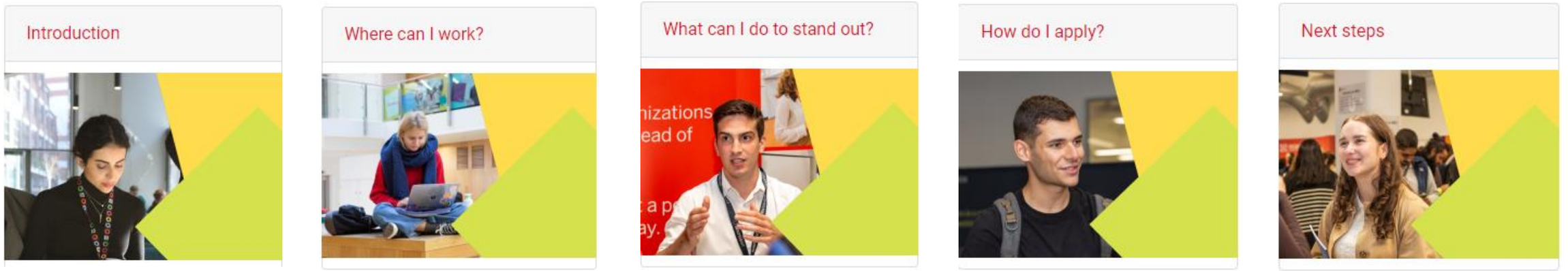
STEP into LSE Careers

An online careers course for Master's students
Supporting you to Think, Explore, and Plan for your career



Access the course via Moodle at
https://moodle.lse.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=9235

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LSE Careers Skills Framework

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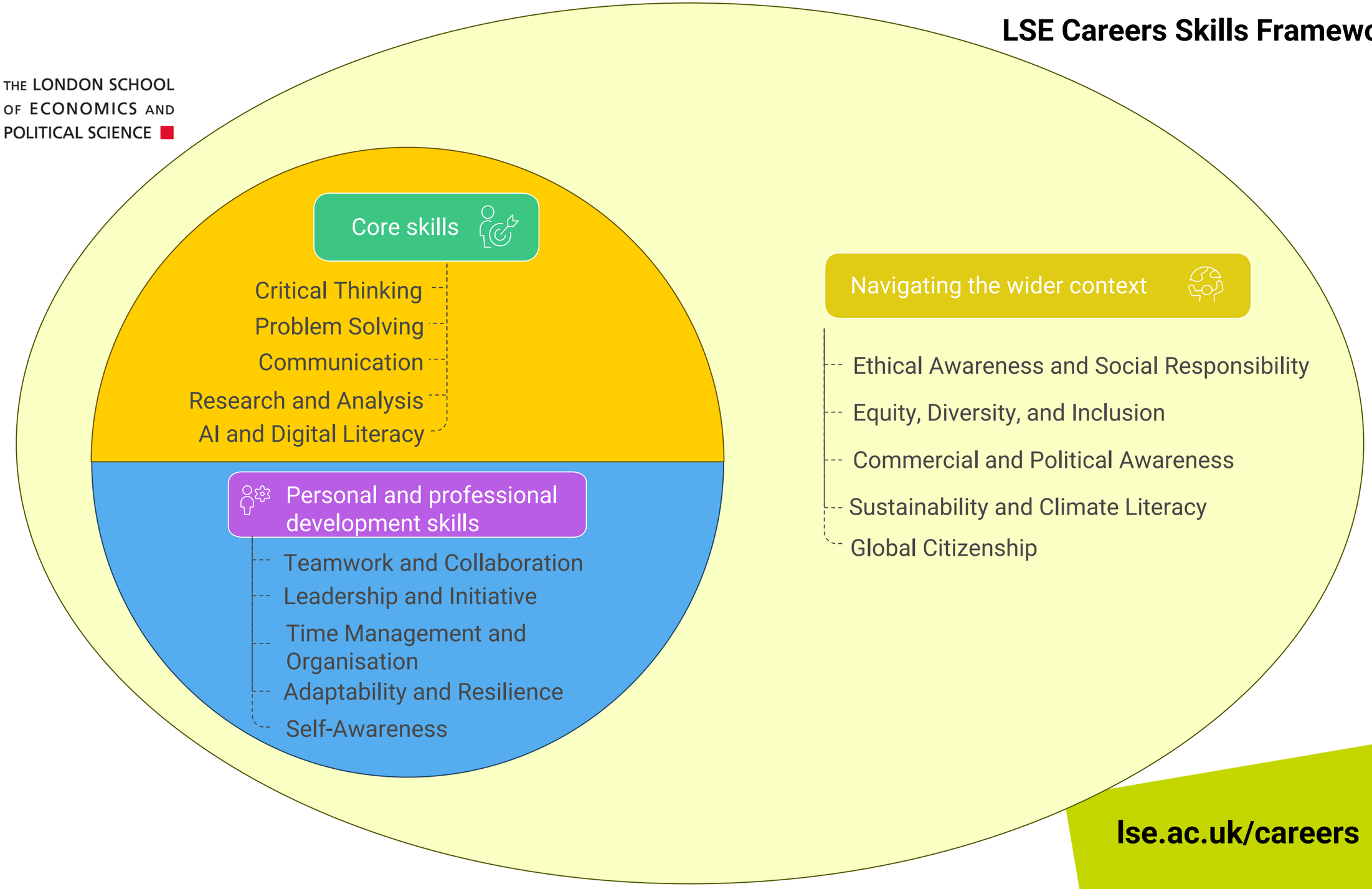

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Enhance your career prospects

Prepare to transition into work or further study by developing your personal and professional skills, alongside knowledge and behaviours so you can build and maintain fulfilling lives and future careers.

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Find an opportunity

Search...

Filters

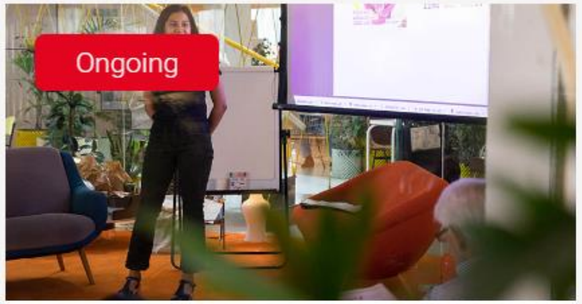
Skills and attributes

Who can take part

Spotlight opportunity

LSE Careers Events: attend skills seminars and workshops

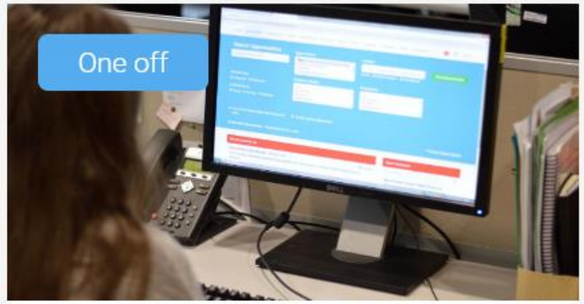
Read more..



Spotlight opportunity

Generate Accelerator Programme (GAP): apply for the programme

Read more..



Spotlight opportunity

Online tools and resources: find careers information

Read more..

Making job applications

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Talk to people: **Attend, connect & engage**

Build up knowledge **over time**

Quality over quantity

Integrate your academic learning into the application process

Take care of your **wellbeing**

Use the **careers service**!

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AI

- Use it as a tool to support you but not to replace your own judgement and creativity
- Carefully proofread for accuracy and honesty and critically evaluate the content and validate it with trusted sources
- Over reliance on AI tools can lead to a lack of authenticity and be picked up by employers

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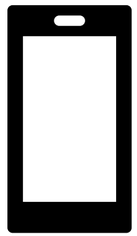

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Any questions?

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Core Skills

- **Critical Thinking:** Analyse information objectively, identify assumptions, evaluate arguments, and form reasoned judgments.
- **Problem Solving:** Define problems, generate and assess solutions, and implement effective strategies.
- **Communication:** Express ideas clearly and persuasively in writing, speech and presentation; adapt style to different audiences, and actively listen.
- **Research and Analysis:** Locate, evaluate, and synthesise information from diverse sources; interpret data and apply analytical methods to support arguments, solve problems, and make informed decisions
- **AI and Digital Literacy:** Understand the principles and applications of artificial intelligence; use AI tools responsibly and effectively for research, analysis, and communication.

Professional Skills

- **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Work effectively with others, contribute to shared goals, and manage conflict constructively.
- **Leadership and Initiative:** Take ownership, motivate others, negotiate, and lead projects with confidence and integrity.
- **Time Management and Organisation:** Prioritise tasks, manage time efficiently, and meet academic and professional deadlines.
- **Adaptability, Grit and Resilience:** Embrace change, learn from setbacks, and maintain a positive, forward-looking mindset.
- **Self-Awareness:** Understand your strengths, values, and motivations; demonstrate emotional intelligence and reflective thinking.

Awareness of the wider context

- **Ethical Awareness and Social Responsibility:** Understand ethical principles, act with integrity, and consider the impact of decisions.
- **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion:** Recognise, respect, and value differences; promote inclusive practices and challenge bias.
- **Commercial and Political Awareness:** Understand how businesses, markets, and political systems operate; stay informed about current affairs and global trends.
- **Sustainability and Climate Literacy:** Understand sustainability and the role of individuals and organisations in addressing climate challenges.
- **Global Citizenship:** Engage with diverse cultures and perspectives; contribute to local and global communities and debates with empathy and responsibility.