

# WELCOME TO LSE ECONOMICS OPEN DAYS





# Applying to the LSE BSc Economics

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## What are we looking for in an applicant?

- **Academic ability:** we offer A\* in Mathematics, AA, or equivalent
- We make contextual offers
- Our students often have four A-levels
- 95% of our students have studied A-level Economics or equivalent formally (but it is not a pre-requisite!)
- **Further Mathematics** is a plus, either A2 or AS
- Evidence you enjoy Mathematics is valuable!
- We look 'holistically' at GCSE and AS – not an automatic count of A\*s
- **A very good and original personal statement** counts a great deal for us! ■

## What makes a good personal statement?

- Start with something **authentic** which motivates your interest in, and knowledge of, economics: **detail is best**
- **Signal your interest** in taking an advanced, challenging and quantitative degree
- **Discuss your reading through ideas**, not a list of titles and authors
- Do not try to fake knowledge or reading!
- Make it something only you could have written
- Make it **at least 80% academic**; do not focus on extracurricular activities
- Relate any work experience to your study and interests.



We look forward  
to meeting you!

