



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

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
- 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!

