



THE LONDON SCHOOL  
OF ECONOMICS AND  
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■



# LSE CHOICE

**Come and study at the world's  
leading Social Science Institution**

**Summer School:** Monday 24 – Friday 28 August 2020

**16 Saturday Masterclasses:** 19 September 2020 – 6 March 2021

Economics • Government and Politics • History • Maths • Sociology

**Deadline for submitting applications:** 8 March 2020

**Deadline for teacher reference submission:** 22 March 2020

## About LSE

The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) is the world's leading social science university, based in the heart of London. LSE has been running projects to encourage students to go to university since 1988. LSE CHOICE aims to identify talented young people from London state schools and colleges, and give them the tools they need to apply to LSE and other highly selective universities.

LSE CHOICE is for students in Year 12 with attendance continuing throughout Year 13.

## About CHOICE

### Summer School

The programme begins with a week-long Summer School at the end of August 2020. You will enjoy an intensive week focusing on your main CHOICE subject, consisting of:

- workshops, classes and lectures
- a relevant external visit
- advice and guidance to help with university selection.

Throughout the week you will have the opportunity to meet like minded students and make new friends.

### Information, advice and guidance sessions

There will be advice and guidance sessions throughout the Summer School on topics such as student finance and budgeting, personal statements, completing your UCAS form and how to make the most of University life.

### Saturday Masterclasses

Starting in September 2020 there will be 16 Saturday masterclasses taking place over Year 13. Each two hour session will focus on your CHOICE subject.

## CHOICE attendance bursary

You will receive a bursary for all Saturday Masterclass to cover your travel and attendance.

## Subjects

### Economics

Topics may include fiscal policy, market structures, efficiency and distribution. There will also be the chance to look at wider issues, such as income and poverty, and economic policy in developing countries.

### Government and Politics

By choosing this subject, you will develop further understanding of contemporary political theory. Topics may include; states, nations and empires; foreign policy analysis; democracy and democratisation.

### History

Choosing this subject will enable you to engage in a broad level of study that may include topics such as: causation (why things happen); power; literature and history; film and history and art history.

### Maths

Topics include roots, co-efficients and algebra. You may also learn techniques for STEP papers. The mathematics stream focuses on developing your technical aptitude and analytical skills.

### Sociology

Topics may include class, gender and ethnicity; poverty; deviance. During your studies you will have the opportunity to develop key analytical and problem solving skills, and apply sociological theories to issues such as climate change.



# Application Process

## We are looking for students who:

- Are currently in Year 12
- Attend a state school or college in London (preference is given to schools performing below the national average and/or has a high proportion of students eligible for free school meals)
- Have an interest in the social sciences
- Are enthusiastic and able to commit to the programme
- Have an excellent GCSE profile of A\*-B/ 5-9 grades at GCSE and predicted A\*- B for A-Level.

Please note, you do not need to be studying the subject at A Level, though we do require Maths at A Level for the Maths and Economics streams.

## Many of our programmes are oversubscribed. We will prioritise students using the following criteria:

### Family Background

- Eligible for free school meals in year 11 and/or pupil premium now or in the last six years
- No parental experience of higher education (neither parent has a degree qualification)
- Parents/carers working in low socio-economic Classification jobs and/or on receipt of means-tested benefits
- Undertakes caring responsibilities for a family member (a 'young carer')

## Neighbourhood

We use the following three postcode measures to assess areas of disadvantage as determined by home postcode:

- Living in an area of low progression to higher education (as defined by POLAR4 Quintile 1 or 2)
- From Acorn groups LMOPQ
- From Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) or Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) quintiles 1 or 2.

## Specific groups underrepresented in Higher Education

- Students with a disability
- From an ethnic background currently underrepresented at highly selective Universities like the LSE; especially Black African, Black Caribbean, Bangladeshi, Pakistani.
- From a white working class background
- From a gypsy, roma or traveller community
- Young people who are care experienced or estranged from their family
- Forced migrants (accompanied or unaccompanied) including refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC), persons granted humanitarian protection and limited / discretionary leave to remain and stateless persons
- Children of military families

We review all applications in a holistic manner and whilst we prioritise students who meet the above criteria we will consider all the information contained in an application.

**If selected for LSE CHOICE you will be expected to attend the week long summer school and all 16 Saturday Masterclasses.**

## Key Dates – 2020/21

**Summer School**  
24 – 28 August 2020

**Saturday Masterclasses 2020**

19, 26 September  
3, 10, 31 October  
7, 14, 21, 28 November  
5 December

**Saturday Masterclasses 2021**

16, 23, 30 January  
6, 27 February  
6 March

## Application process:

If you would like to apply, speak to your teacher or visit [lse.ac.uk/lseChoice](https://lse.ac.uk/lseChoice). You will need to complete an application including a personal statement.

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You will find information about LSE CHOICE on  
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“ I have changed a lot as a person over the past year and have become a lot more ambitious and motivated to do well at school which is one of the reasons I applied to CHOICE in the first place. The people I’ve met at LSE are exactly like me and I’m so excited to stay in touch with everyone, it’s been an amazing experience! ”

“ I enjoyed learning about topics that were not in my curriculum, this gave me an insight into university level studies. I also liked having discussions in my politics group, it was really fun. ”