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LSE LIFE Legal Walk

The area around LSE is, among other things, the legal hub of London. Its buildings are steeped in history, and very often feature in important works of literature, from Charles Dickens to Ian McEwan and Zadie Smith.

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First Stop **Gray's Inn**

As you leave LSE, you can walk through Lincoln's Inn Fields (little known fact – it's the biggest square in London!), cross Holborn and take the very unassuming Fulwood Place to reach Gray's Inn, one of London's four Inns of Court. All barristers in England and Wales have to belong to one of these Inns, and on our walk we'll see all of them. While the buildings of Gray's Inn are impressive, its nicest feature is probably its gardens (known as "the Walks") which are open to the public for a wonderfully scenic lunch break every day from 12 to 2:30 pm. B. R. Ambedkar is one of the most famous recent members of Gray's Inn, and don't forget he's also an LSE alumnus!



Second Stop **Lincoln's Inn**

Upon leaving Gray's Inn you can walk down Chancery Lane and, as soon as you get a chance, turn right and enter Lincoln's Inn. Its alumni include people who have shaped the 20th and 21st century, from Muhammad Ali Jinnah to Tony Blair. Its buildings might remind you of Hogwarts or Oxbridge, and walking through them is an absolute pleasure. The great hall is arguably the most impressive of them, and everyone who has a chance to dine there comes out suitably impressed!



Third Stop **The Law Society (and Maugham Library)**

A small passage at the bottom of New Square leads onto Carey Street, and from there you can return to Chancery Lane. Right on the corner you will find the building of the Law Society, the professional body that represents solicitors in England and Wales, with its small gilded lions. And if you're wondering what's the amazing building right in front of the Law Society's Hall, well, that's actually the Maugham Library and it belongs to King's College London – but enter its gates to see as much of the building's exterior as you can!



Fourth Stop **Temple Church**

Head down Chancery Lane and, upon reaching Fleet Street, keep going straight – there's a small "secret passage" underneath the Tudor building of Catalonia House that will take you to Temple Church, a church that was consecrated more than 800 years ago. Its design was inspired by the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem, and inside you can find 13th and 14th century effigies of the Knights Templar.



Fifth Stop **Temple Lane, Temple Gardens, and Middle Temple Hall**

Now you can walk down the beautiful Temple Lane, surrounded by the buildings from the last two Inns of Court, Middle Temple to the West and Inner Temple to the East. Make sure you go all the way down to the beautiful gardens, and on the way up take the opportunity to admire the beauty of Middle Temple Hall.



Sixth Stop **The Royal Courts of Justice**

Just before heading back to School take a moment to look at the Royal Courts of Justice, the 19th century building that houses the High Court and the Court of Appeal for England and Wales. By now you've probably already passed it a number of times on your way to campus, but its Victorian gothic exterior never ceases to amaze!