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## New in London

I found the quote “For when a man is tired of London he is tired of life , for there is in London everything life can afford”. London is beautiful and I sometimes cannot believe I actually live here!



## Finding jobs even in the AT...










As a university student, the pressure to find a job weighs heavily on my mind. The competition is fierce, and the fear of unemployment after graduation looms large. Balancing academics, internships, and job applications is overwhelming, leaving me stressed and anxious about my future prospects.



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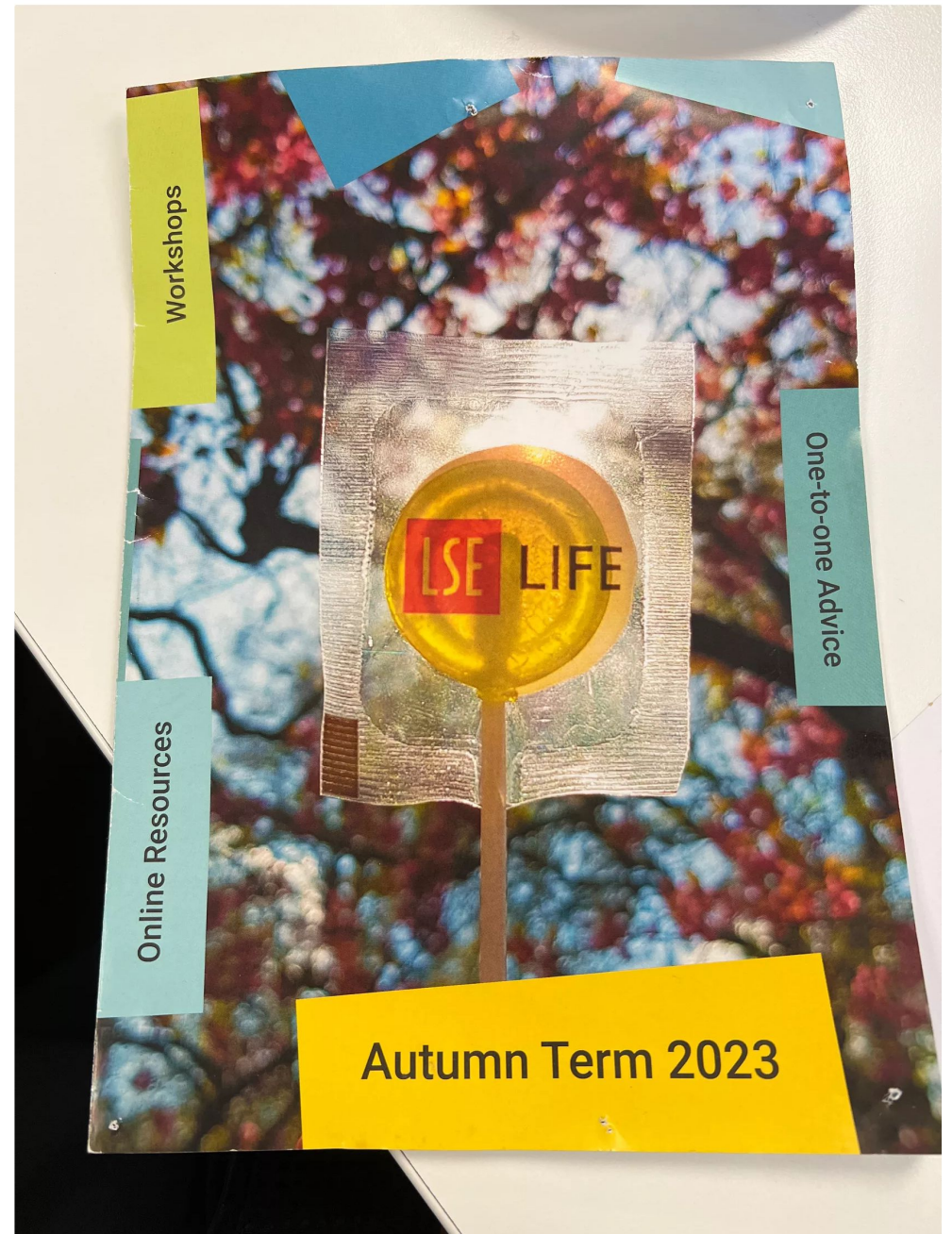
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## Transition to a new education system

My transition has been to the new education system for my masters at LSE and the different modes of teaching . I am grateful for the support at LSE Life for students.



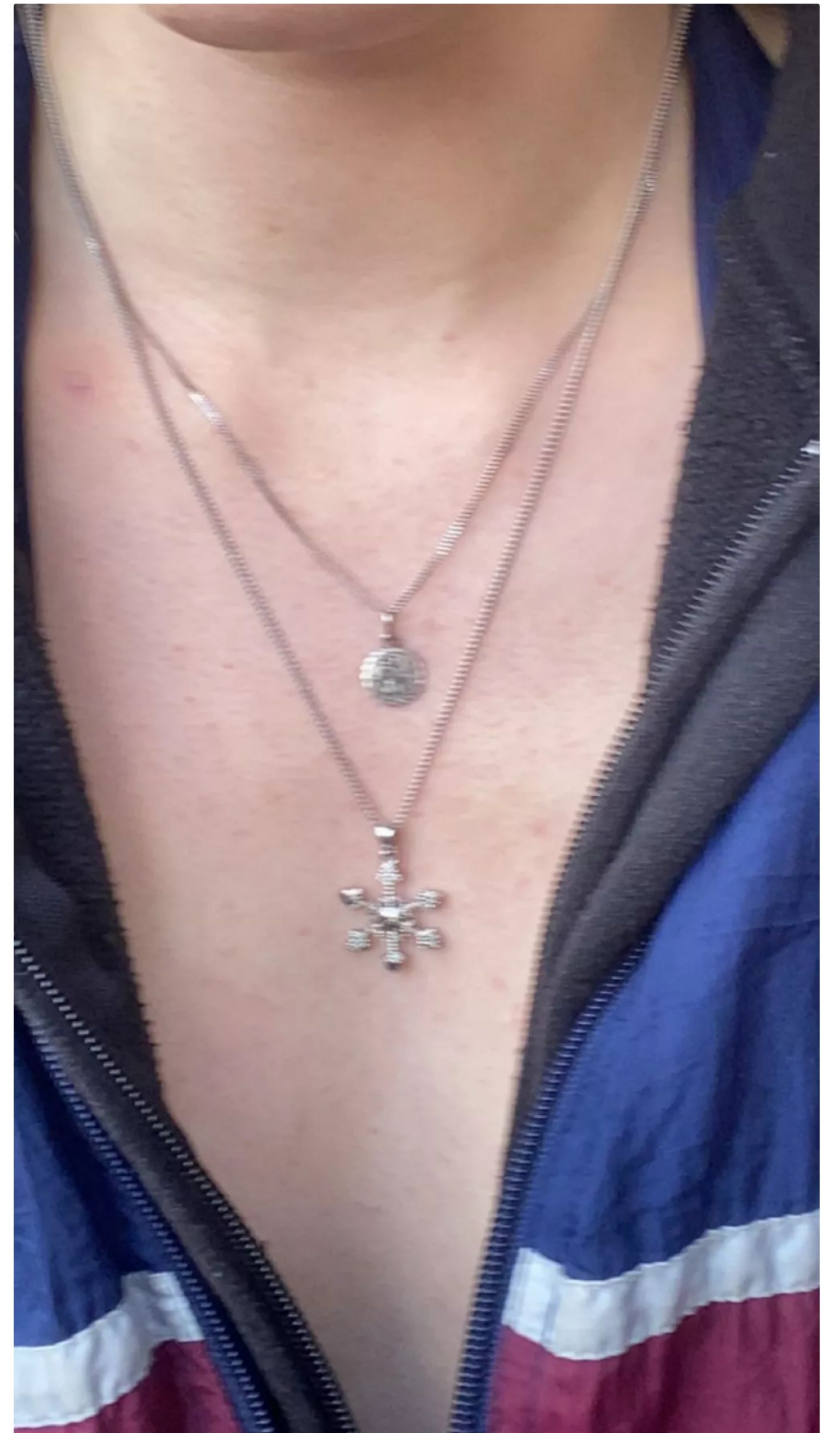
## Primrose Hill and Pret

As someone who has only always had and was always obsessed with “doodh patti chai” getting a pret subscription was a huge transition for me. Although it is seemingly insignificant this singular coffee represents a lot about me personally at this point in time! I’m learning about a new culture, new traditions and embracing them happily. While I’ll still have a cup of chai every day the consumption of both together on a daily basis represents a new phase in my life where I stick to some cultural roots but embrace new traditions with open arms. The boots in this picture and the headphones have been essential to my settling into London. The park is Primrose Hill where I spend ALOT of my time. It’s where I go to relax after a long day and watch the sunset. I usually have a solo picnic whenever I go there. It marks my new found Independence and for me is more to do with the ability to take a deep breath and have some peaceful alone time in this fast paced city



## Necklaces

My parents often get me jewellery of some sort for Christmas/ birthdays, so I brought them with me to uni! It's a nice reminder of home and my family, during my transition from living at home to living independently.



## Gajar ka Halwa

All my desi co-panelists would know the delicacy that is gajar ka halwa but for all my other colleagues who might not know, it's one most loved and toughest-to-make Indian desserts. Making it is a process.

When I came here , I could barely cook because the most I'd done at home was boil water and here I tried and aced making one of the toughest desserts there is. It wasn't perfect but it was good.

I use this example because my transition and growth has been somewhat similar the past year.

When the term started , I could barely keep up because the system here was completely different to what I'm used to. LSE and what it has to offer in general is completely different to what I had for my undergrad in my home country. My academic journey has been similar to my journey as a cook , it's been tough and extremely demanding, I've often added wrong ingredients/made mistakes but been able to produce decent results. Though I'm not completely there yet but I know that I am getting there. My halwa may not be perfect yet but I know someday it will be and so will my other endeavours.



## UCAS (trauma 🥲)

I remember checking UCAS everyday knowing I had no updates from LSE. It has really been a journey- and an incredible one at that. I remember checking obsessively in March, fearing that I wouldn't hear back in time and then obsessively checking in August (just in case UCAS glitched and it confirmed my place). As much as it was traumatic, I reminisce of the days where I was at Sixth Form. :)

The screenshot shows a mobile app interface with a red header bar. The status bar at the top displays the time 18:06, signal strength, Wi-Fi, and battery at 81%. The URL services.ucas.com is visible in the header. The main content area is white with rounded corners and a black border. It features a large green checkmark icon in a circle. Below the icon, the text reads 'Application status' and 'Place Confirmed'. A congratulatory message follows: 'Congratulations! Your place at London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London for Politics and Philosophy has been confirmed.' Underneath is a 'Latest updates' section with a timestamp of '12 August 2023, 19:00' and another congratulatory message: 'Congratulations, your place at London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London for Politics and Philosophy has been confirmed. The university or college should now send you more information.' There are two links: 'View all updates >' and 'Important information'. Under 'Important information', there are two more links: 'View all details >' and 'View all correspondence >'. At the bottom, there is a yellow and red banner for 'ON TOP BRANDS' with the UCAS logo.


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## My small notebook

I carry this notebook with me at all times. There is something about writing by hand that helps me remember stuff I have and want to do better. I make to do lists, take notes in lectures (outside courses) and conversations. LSE has so many opportunities and ways to enhance your education journey that having your courses' assignments clear is not enough! Whenever I read emails from lse with interesting opportunities, I make a note there. I also enjoy writing my thoughts and feelings.



My artefact is my universal charger to which I have become reliant to in my everyday life here in the UK. Everytime I use it I am always reminded how something so small, unassuming, and inexpensive item canact as a lifeline gor my life here in a foreign country and act as an anchor to all my activities here. This allowed me to have a greater appreciation about all the small things in life that I previously took for granted.



## back to basics

Back in high school when the use of electronics was banned, all I had to write with were my pencil and paper, which I disliked because it'll tire my arm out. However, since I've started typing, I realised that my thoughts are cluttered, and that writing them out helps me visualise and process those thoughts.



## My year abroad

My first ever question to my academic mentor in first year September 2020 was: "How do I get onto the LSE - UC-Berkeley exchange?" I had set myself the target, before I even applied or got accepted at the LSE, that if and when I did, I would get onto this programme. Later that year, I got my LSE offer, 2 years later I successfully qualified to the final 10 being sent to Berkeley, and 1 year later I have now returned from my exchange. This period was all about transition, both academically, culturally and personally (even medically/physically actually!). Returning back to the LSE, with my entire cohort having graduated, has also been all about transitioning, and has been a little more difficult than I expected. Suffice to say, that year abroad was just the break I needed (albeit with some ups and downs), and a period of discovery and self-reflection. But readjusting back to LSE, which feels both familiar and alien at the same time, is a bit of a work in progress!



## It is always the sea

This place, my first stop beyond London, holds great significance for me. It reminds me of the journey I've taken to get here. I sought a moment to reflect on myself, my career, to better understand what I've achieved and what I wish to do next. The sea calms me, yet simultaneously inspires me to approach things differently. I miss my home, my family; sometimes I wonder, what am I doing here? At times I wish to stay, at others, to leave. The open air, the vast sea, they help me realign with my center.



# Finding my flat during summer

The screenshot shows a Padlet board with a pink and purple color scheme. On the left, a table of contents lists seven main sections. On the right, a checklist for renting in England is displayed, with the title 'How to rent' in a large pink arrow. At the bottom, there is an illustration of houses and buildings.

1. Before you start	Key questions
	Ways to rent a property
2. Looking for your new home	Things to check
	Licensing requirements
3. When you've found a place	Check the paperwork
	Things the landlord must provide you with
	Check if the property is suitable for your needs if you are disabled
4. Living in your rented home	Things the tenant must do
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5. At the end of the fixed period	If you want to stay
	If you or the landlord want to end the tenancy
6. If things go wrong	Protection from eviction
7. Further sources of information	

## How to rent

### Checklist for renting in England

March 2023

How to rent – March 2023 2

## Identity

As I am navigating my way through moving abroad to a new country, associating my identity with that of being a student at LSE, and getting the opportunity to be a part of this amazing community, definitely makes me feel like I belong here!



## Embracing new forms of studying in a digital uni

The university has a extremely digital mindset , with most people taking notes on ipads/surface pros etcetera. This was a shock to me as I mainly write notes on paper. I've learnt to use things I feel most comfortable with like these sticky notes.





## Finding my own way

Before coming to university, everyday I relied on my parents to give me a lift to school, even blaming them when I was late! The support my parents offered me was always a strong source of reassurance growing up, and consequently I have missed their input since moving to London. However, I have found great independence, confidence and tranquility in my new found form of transport: Santander Cycles (or more commonly 'Boris Bikes' despite them not being his idea, but that's another matter). Of course, if you asked me about them when I'm struggling to find a free dock near uni 2 minutes before my seminar starts I may have a different opinion! Overall though, being able to cycle from my flat in Vauxhauil to Holborn, passing the Houses of Parliament on my left in the morning, and witnessing the sun set over St.Paul's in the evening has given me an appreciation of the city I now live in. It is an appreciation I believe I could not get from travelling on the tube, or the bus because when I am on my bike, even when honked at by angry taxi drivers, I feel truly part of the life of London. I thank my friend Alfie who introduced them to me because they have made the transition from home to university easier.



## Mini Reminder 🇱🇧

I got this bracelet as a souvenir before leaving home. When it was handed to me, I was told this a reminder to always keep the compass oriented towards where I belong. I look at this bracelet everytime I'm homesick. It has the name of my brothers (the best thing in my life) and the emblem of my nation (the Cedar of Lebanon 🇱🇧). I genuinely do miss home, a lot.



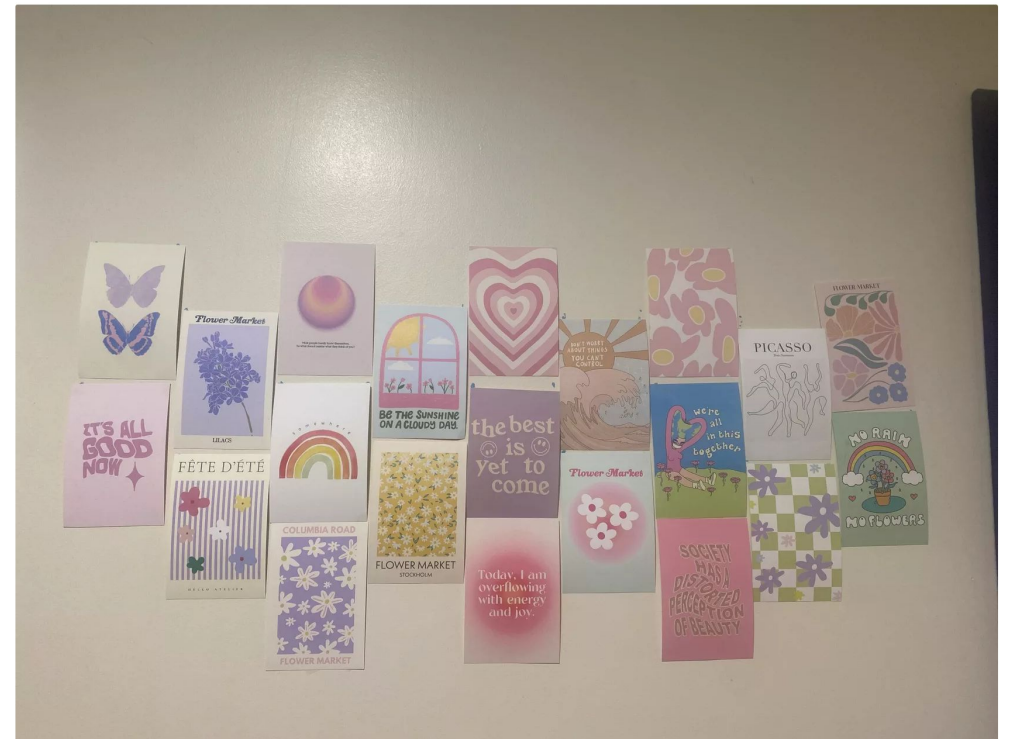
## Places for group study and relax

Till my undergraduate days, I have only seen places to study silently. It was difficult to find a place to sit together around a table and work together on a project or presentation. LSE has a balance for this offering a range of places to group study and group bookings which enable us not roaming around wasting our time to settle comfortably. Another major transition was about allowing food and drinks in most of the places. It is ok to carry in most of the places which is really a blessing as we don't want to finish it in a hurry or take a sip of coffee in between studying or in classes. I believe making us more comfortable helps to increase our productivity and efficiency. So, being relaxed in all the above ways, LSE allows us to be in our comfort and bring our best self out.



## Confidence and manifestation

I was nervous about restarting everything from scratch during my study abroad at Lse: integrating into a new school again, making new friends, witnessing more culture shocks and many more. When I found out about how what you keep around you impacts the person you are, I decided to buy these tiny cards representing something I wish to have during my time here



# Hearing from Professionals

Hearing from the best of the best about things I've always wanted to learn about. Here I attended a sustainable finance seminar which I've always been interested in and that I now get to listen to from the top of the profession.



## Stay engaged (civically and politically)

Before coming to LSE, I've always carried with myself a sense of powerlessness and political apathy. I was never an active participant in the public sphere nor a frequent contributor to the civic community. My LSE experience so far has allowed me to meet with brilliant change-makers and act responsibly in collective efforts to promote social justice, cultural recognition, and distributive fairness. This ribbon I have on my backpack is a gift from a friend who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. It reminds me of who I stand for, what I should do, and how I also plays a role in humanity's everlasting project to make the world a better place for all.



## Finding myself among the others

Before moving to London a few years ago for by BA, I had always lived in my small town in Italy by the sea. It was my safe place: I had my routine, I was seeing the same people and doing the same things everyday. It definitely started to felt tight at some point, but it was my safe space. It gave me the illusion of being centred, of perfectly knowing myself, my plans, my path. Once here, the different people I have met, the opportunities that I have been given, the diverse vastness of things to do and to see everyday, somehow shook everything I believe I knew about me and my life. One thing that after almost four years I have finally acknowledged it's not to compare myself to the others, never. Engage in networking, listening and learning from the others, but never compare yourself to someone who's living another life. Similarly, London has a lot to offer in terms of study and career options, so much that it is easy to lose your way in this sense too. My experience taught me that it is important to always be open, try unexpected things, challenge yourself doing unplanned stuff that could unexpectedly make you rethink your future plans. However, try not to overwhelm yourself, don't rush, never. Focus on what challenges and stimulates you, what inspires you, makes you feel good or empowered. Lastly, London is a city that allows you to meet so many people on a night out, but of them, those who are actually going to stay in touch with you the day after is just a few what best. I realized that the problem wasn't me, that trying is important but forcing is wrong. Understand who are those that actually matter in your life, keep them close, show them your love. Be in conversation with your inner self every day, discover it, push your boundaries and say no or stop when needed. Take care of yourself and try to never lose you, because otherwise everything around you will stop making sense.



## An incredible change of pace!

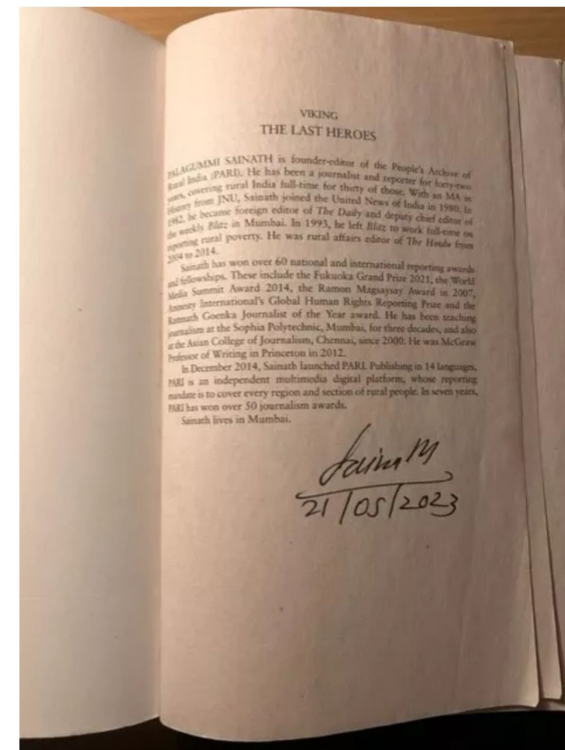
The transition from my undergraduate studies to my Masters programme at LSE has constituted an incredible change of pace, as has moving to a big city like London. One of the greatest challenges I have faced so far is simply getting used to life 'on the go' here, when there are always classes to get to, readings to complete, events to attend, and so very much happening everyday. I absolutely love this experience and my time at LSE thus far, but it has certainly been an immense transition!





## Evolving Nature of Ideas

I had the great fortune of having a conversation with the incredible scholar and author P Sainath after graduating from my undergraduate education. I had an enlightening conversation about the nature of ideas in the context of intersectional identities in academia and its impact on society. The discussions planted ideas in my mind which have flourished further as I am trying to carve out a place for myself at LSE and learning from the ideas and experiences of the variety of people at LSE.



## Change of university in undergrad to masters



## Cultural Nourishment

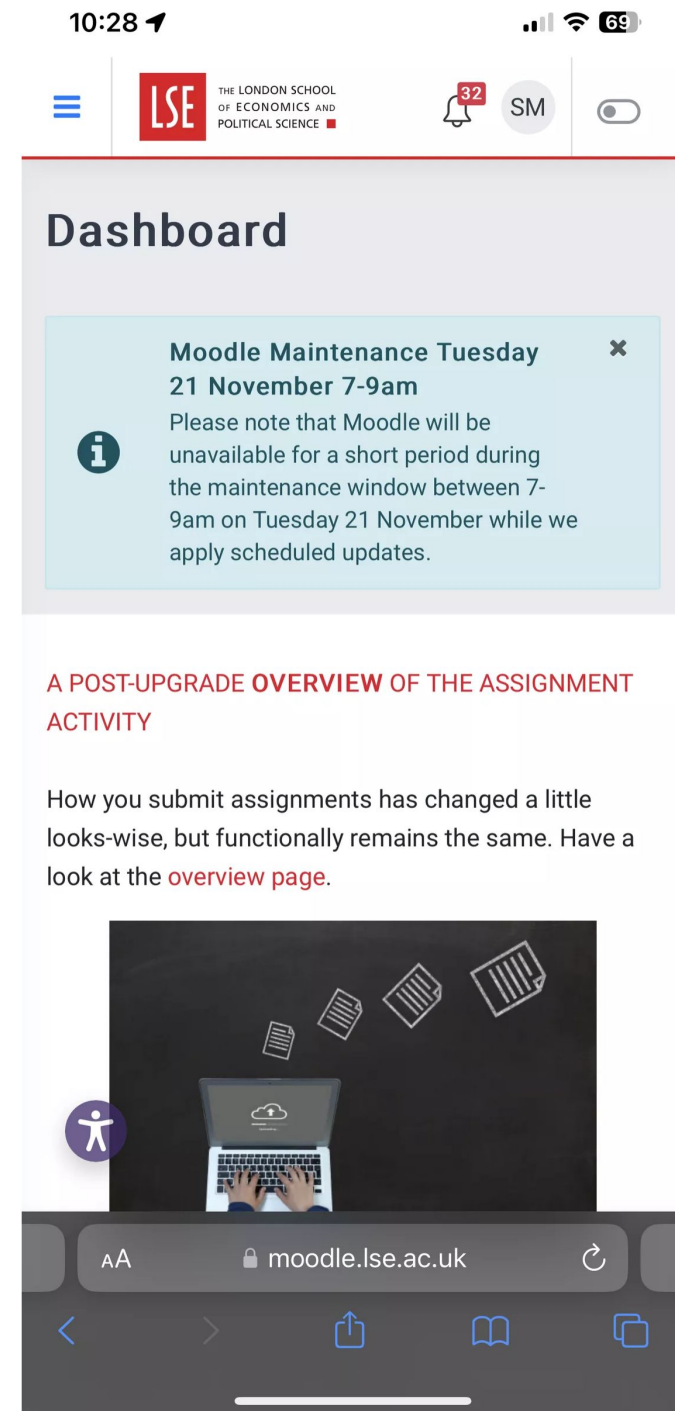
Ever since I have been accepted into LSE, I have been drawn towards knowing more about different corners of the world, varied cultures, languages, customs, and stories. Access to plurality, multiplicity, diversity, internationalism and multiculturalism was one of the primary motivations behind my application.

And so, I hung a large world map in my room on the very first day of arriving here.

As soon as I meet a new person or hear about someone's background, I like to look up and spot their place of belonging on the map. It has been instrumental in enhancing my awareness, making me culturally rooted and more importantly, maintaining my motivation to learn by adding that spark. I have found a warm hearted global community at LSE. The people have inspired me so much! We all sing plural harmonies but in unison, under one roof, speaking one language.

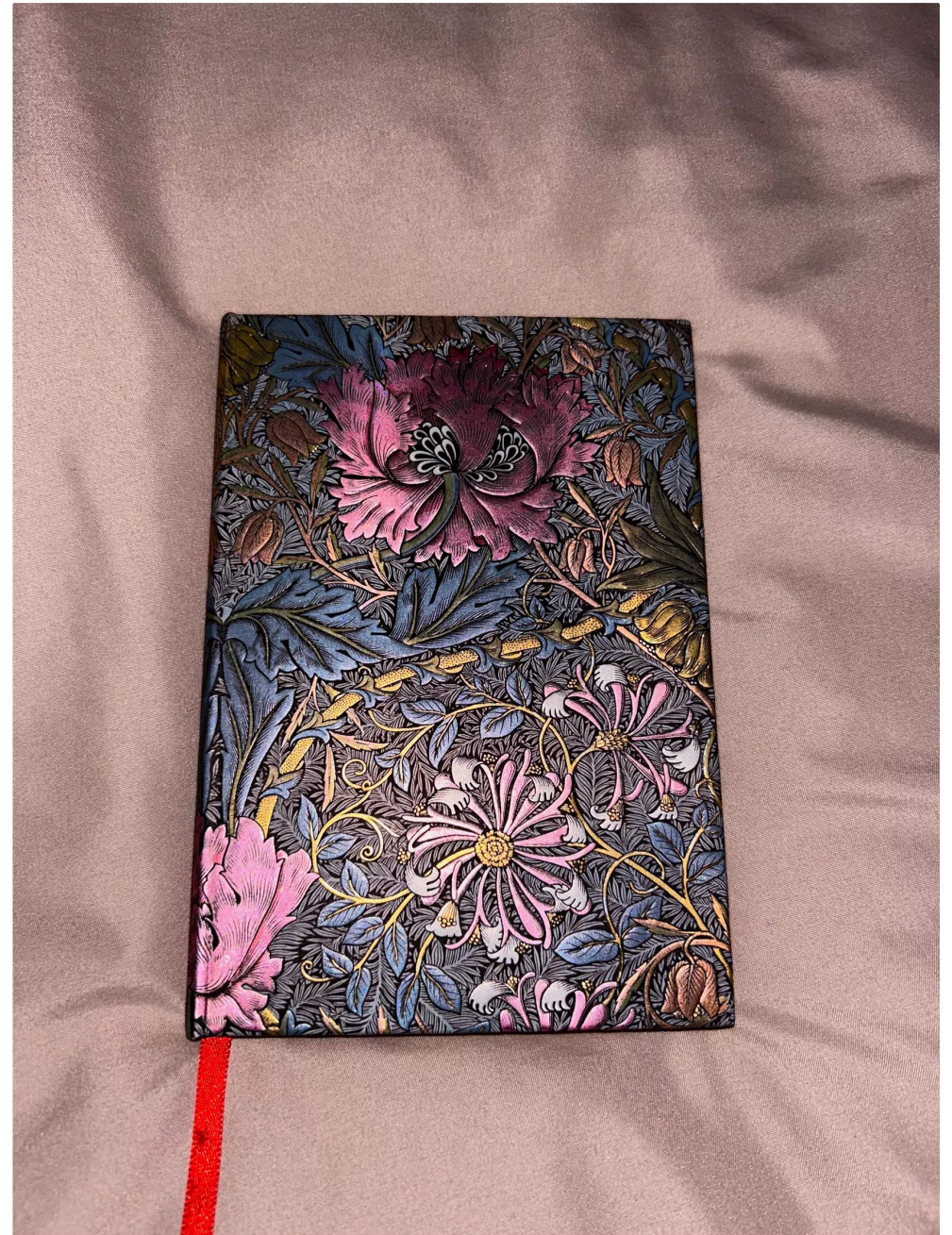


From paper notes and books to Moodle. What a transition this has been. Have always used my phone for social media but never to read my notes or books. The change that is imminent and absolutely necessary!



## My Journal

My journal represents the introspection and new discovery that has come from moving through Higher Education, as I have used it to write out my thoughts, observations and even collect small mementos. For me, it goes hand in hand with coping with change and the realisations that have come with new experiences throughout my education.



## laptop stand

The reason for choosing this laptop stand is that it has been with me since I came to LSE. I use it every time I use my laptop, and it significantly reduces the strain on my neck. Life at LSE involves a lot of computer-based learning and work, and this stand has become an essential companion for me.



## Commuting and having time to think

Riding the tube for these past months has been both a metaphor and a key space for me to engage in this new label of being an international student.

First, and most obvious, because the public transport has allowed me to go to class, explore the city, meet with new friends.

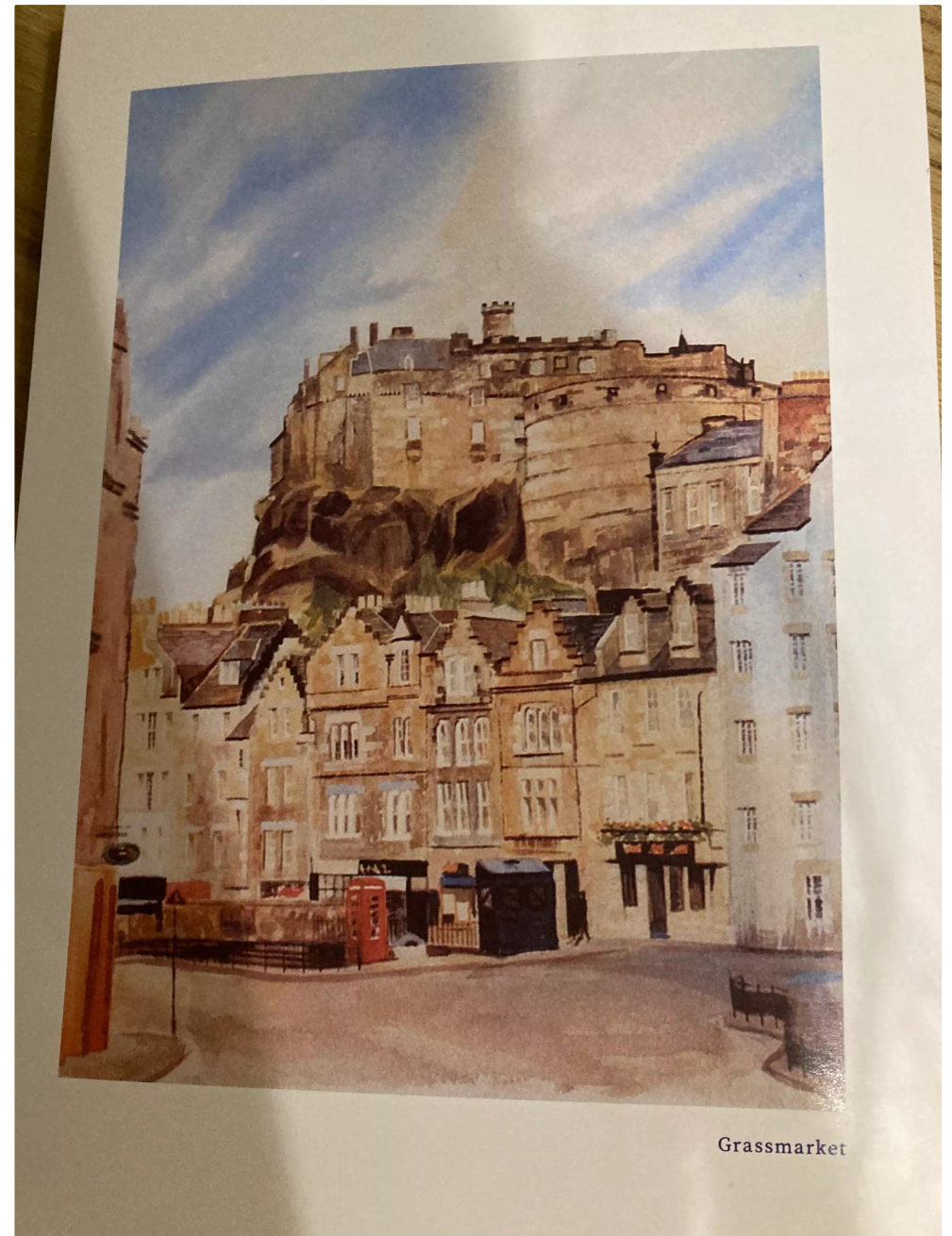
Second, because it is the place where I started to reflect on what has changed in me after becoming a student again. That is, I actually have time to think in my commute. Back home, where the public transport system is much more precarious, I would spend all my commuting mornings and evenings typing texts, answering emails and calls. Just working.

Thirdly, those things that the tube allows me to do or that happen in it—exploring, networking thinking—are pretty much a summary of how I wished this year in LSE to be.



## Graduation card

A graduation card from my best friend as we prepared to move away from the place that had been our home for four years (Edinburgh), with both of us coming to London this year. We have so many lovely memories from our time in undergrad and are making many more here!

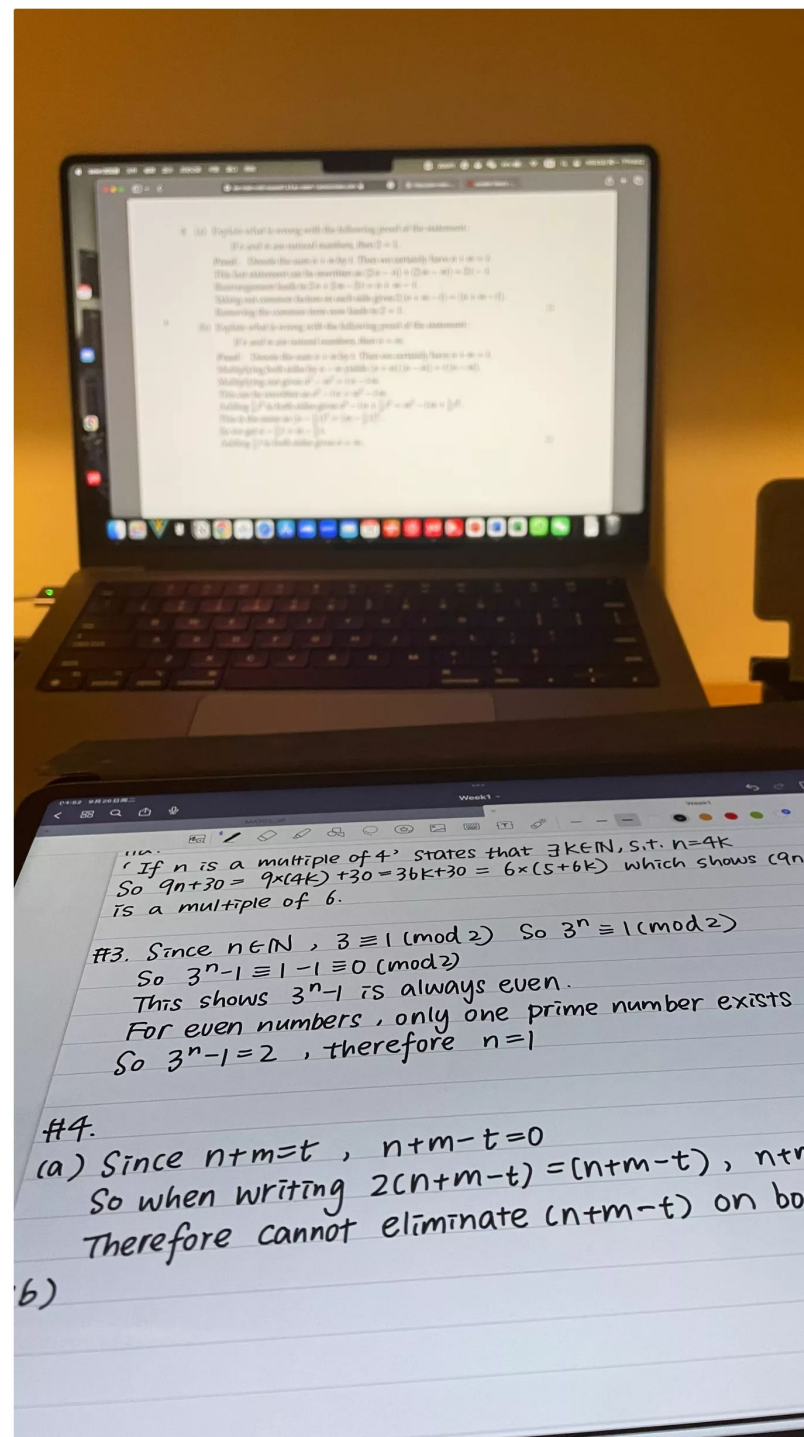


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## Time Management

The thing that is different in university is that now we need to be aware of our tasks to do. Back in high school, our teachers usually reminded us about our tasks but it became our responsibility to take care of ourselves in university. Beyond study, we need to independently live in accommodation in a different city or even country. Everyone in university has their path, so although it takes time for me to adjust myself to university life and find the 'right path', it is okay.



## Starting from zero

From a childhood bedroom to an empty slate. That's how I feel uni has been until now. We have the chance to reinvent ourselves but risk also forgetting who we actually are and losing our actual selves because we want to get the ultimate experience. For me, starting from zero is scary. A reputation I have built starts from a clean slate and I'm not sure I have it in me to build it again because life is so much tougher to navigate with unexpected breakups, grocery shopping and cooking to do, and feeling like the world is against you sometimes.



## Finding new outlets

Moving to a new city has been a big adjustment. A large part of the move for me has been finding new activities to do to ensure I stay mentally and physically well. This will help me to manage any stress that arises from my studies.



## Wider education transition

Third time I applied, three times accepted, three years preparing, each time closer but distant, and finally just started my childhood aspiration.



My father wore my student ID before I did.  
Transition to higher education ok but transition to  
LSE!!!???? This is what I worked so so hard for....



Since the start of university I have made many connections with people from around the world — during classes, society events, or career opportunities! I think that this is what makes LSE special. Collaborating with so many diverse people makes my ideas far better as we all bring unique perspectives. As my schedule increases with activities (educational or career-orientated as a result) it brings me more opportunities to connect with people (which is better done face to face!) and make friends as well as build a supportive network.

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## Dealing with uncertainty

As the MSc is only a year long, I found myself being stuck thinking about the uncertainties of next year already in the first month. I felt like I was already transitioning out of education, before even having settled into it. With so many different routes to take in life, I have been feeling overwhelmed with having to figure out what route to follow, and what values and purposes I want to consider and be mindful of, when making that decision - how is anyone in their mid-20s meant to know what they want in life??

When I am overwhelmed by uncertainty, I get distracted very easily and procrastinate extensively, which makes me a worse student. Being preoccupied with the future is nothing new for me, but because of the length of the programme, it is something I really have had to work on these past months, so that time does not slip away from me. I love my degree and the people I study with, so I try to be better at living in the moment and enjoying studying, before I leave education for a while. For me, it helps when I establish and commit to routines that grounds me in the present and which are something outside myself: sport, volunteering, crafts, reading, long walks, reflection-time, etc. I find that doing all these things outside of my degree makes me a much better student, so I am learning to prioritise sticking to my routines and habits even when I get busy. It is very much a work in progress though...

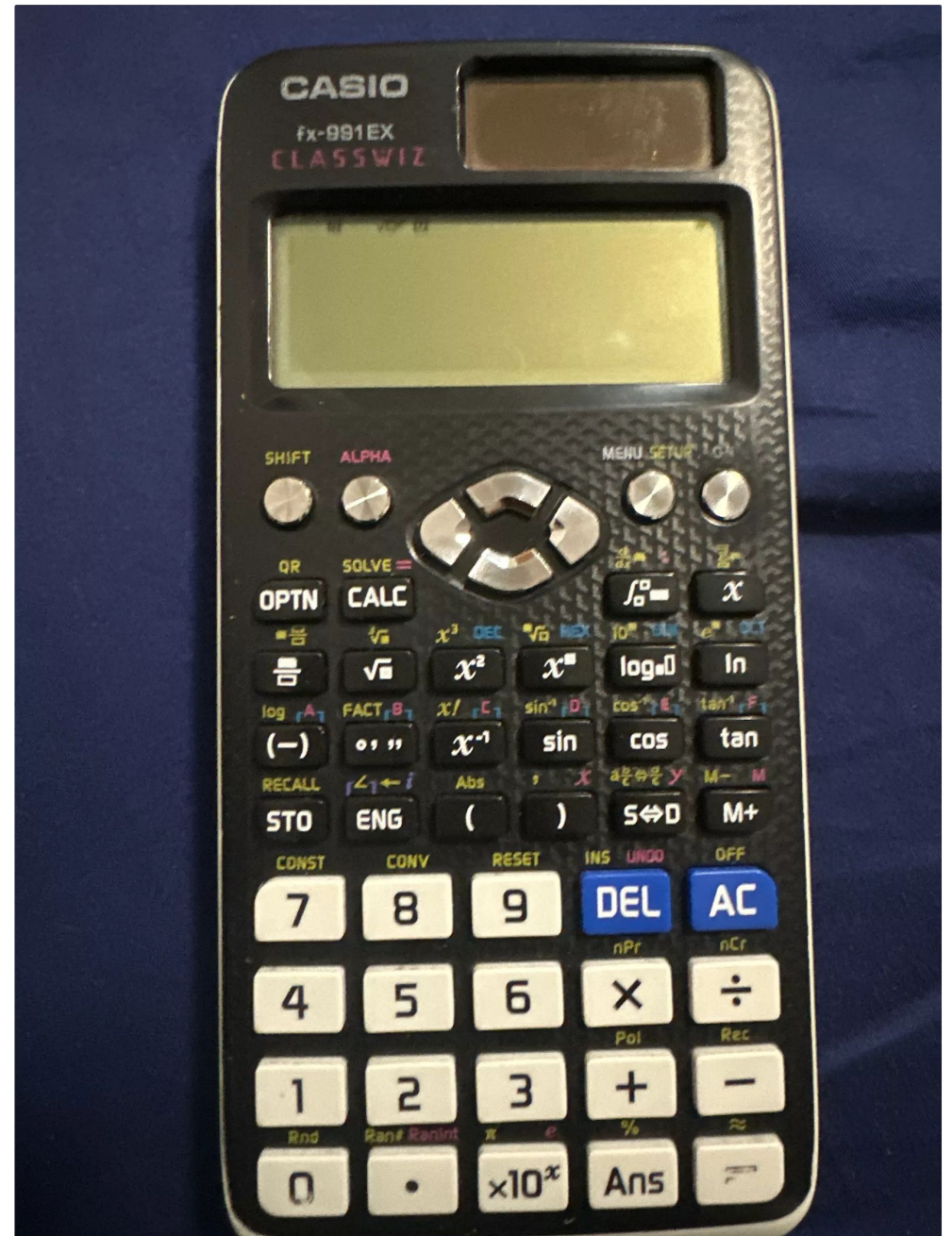


Hi, I am a first-year undergraduate pursuing BSc in Actuarial Science. My whole life revolves around mathematics and statistics, probably the reason why I posted a calculator above !

This calculator has been with me since, the past two years now and I have given all my ALevel examinations using this calculator, only. It probably tends to be the only educational thing, I carried back from Pakistan.

Life has transitioned 180 degrees, since I came to London. The experience academically and socially hasn't been very easy, it's been an enormous change and I feel it still will take a very long time to adjust with everything. At times, when homesickness hits me, I ponder whether coming to London was the right decision even.

But this calculator sends back all the flashbacks, the days and nights I spent working for my ALevel examinations just to meet the conditions of the offer at LSE. That's exactly where I realise, LSE was my dream since the past five years and I'd not give up so easily. I'll do everything to make this experience, the best of the best.







## Teaching mode

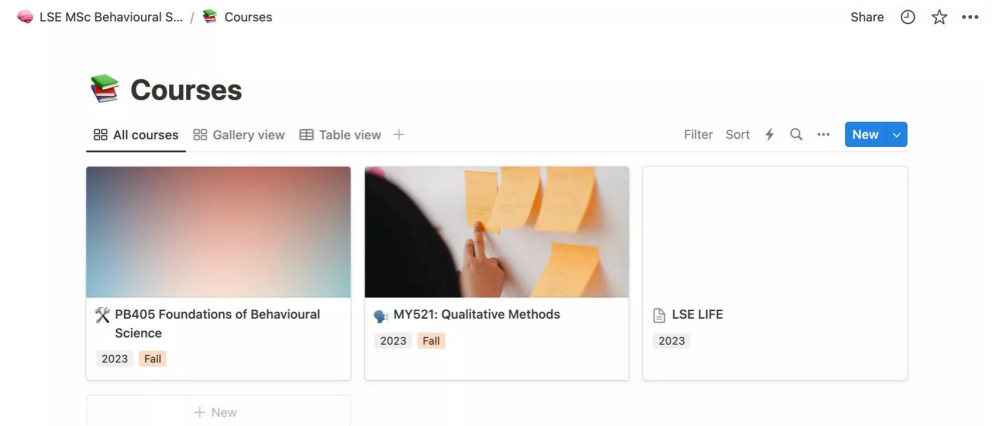
Before coming to LSE, many of my friends did not have a "seminar" type of courses, but only a teaching mode similar to a "lecture" taught by teachers, and even no time was reserved for interaction in class, such as questioning and answering -- asking questions is something that you need to get up the courage to go to the teacher's office. And sometimes asking too simple a question may be laughed at by others. But at LSE, many see student-led, interactive seminars as a more important mode of teaching and learning (e.g., attendance is recorded!), but this is unfamiliar and challenging for my friends. First of all, they don't know how to conduct a seminar to make it effective. In addition, as "foreigners", they are afraid of the unfamiliarity of this teaching mode, and they are afraid that their relatively poor English accent will delay the progress of the class and thus rarely speak.

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## Organisation

Working part-time whilst doing my MSc has required me to be more organised in terms of splitting my time, organising my notes and ensuring I'm on top of everything and with lots of advances in technology there are far more digital tools available to help with organisation and productivity, so spending time finding the right one for me has been incredibly valuable.



## Integration

I've been learning how to integrate my experiences, values, and viewpoints into what I study and the work I do. From writing essays, to sharing my views in class, I've begun to bring my perspectives formed from my past experiences, and use it when I argue a point or discuss a topic. This also applies vice versa, where I have brought what I've learnt into personal and philosophical discussions I have with my family and friends.



## Scheduling

Since coming to LSE, my reliance on Google calendar has increased. There are so many sessions across campus, in addition to the regular scheduled classes and it is impossible to keep track of everything and ensure I'm where I'm supposed to be, without it! I never used calendar before and now I can't function without it.

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## Work-life balance

With the intensity and pressure of work at LSE always seeming to increase, it can be easy to forget that there are other parts to life that are just as important. Whether that be cooking a nice meal, playing sports, going to the pub with friends, or even just remembering to keep yourself well-fed and hydrated, these all serve as valuable ways to protect your mental health and not allow yourself to be overwhelmed. There is so much more to LSE than just readings and assessments, and so its really important to take advantage of the whole of university life rather than being absorbed in your studies, even if its just a moment to have a snack and a drink.



## Life-long learning

Coming to LSE is a key piece in my commitment to best possible continuous education. Life-long learning is all of personally rewarding, empowering for you to help and contribute to others and your community, and keeps you mentally fit and informed. I first studied economics at high school and have aimed to attend LSE for several decades for its social science roots and current context. Attending an LSE online short course a year or so back sealed my interest to apply to attend a taught MSc and to make the journey from Australia. I recently sent this photo to my family and friends who are thrilled I am here. I have found LSE to be as it represents and am keen to contribute through the Panel, as student and as a future Alum.



## Self-sufficiency

I have never, ever used public transport- but this changed after coming to London. I am now using the Tube every day since the last 2 months. I am now understanding things like pre-planning my journey, discovering different lines and stations, navigating through their planned closures and strikes- and so on! I have now turned into a tube nerd and I hop on occasional tube adventures whenever I need some break from studying.

The tube is also a metaphor for me settling down independently, in a new country- it's complicated at a glance, but once you get used to it, it's as easy as hopping on a Central Line train to Ealing Broadway and getting off at Holborn at 8.50 AM for my 9 AM class!





## Time management

Since starting university there has been a change in how I spend my time. I went from having short journeys to sixth form, having shorter days in school, having less readings, and shorter assignments to a long commute, longer hours on campus, harder readings and longer assignments. I have started getting used to this I have altered my learning style to manage my time better whilst still focusing on university.

