

The situation at the LSE has changed dramatically in the last 24 hours.

- Three members of the LSE Academic Board have received letters announcing that they face suspension because of their support for student action in removing "anti-student" gates. One lecturer is specifically charged with "publicly applauding the speech" of a student advocating removal of the gates.

- Mr. Short, Minister for Education, has vehemently denounced what he calls "the thugs of the academic world." It was uncertain as of this writing whether he was referring to LSE students or to the LSE Court of Governors and those senior staff who have erected iron gates, had people arrested, forcibly closed the school, and used police to keep students out.

- LSE students have reacted to these developments by reaffirming that there must be no gates, no victimisations, and no police state at the LSE. If we are guilty of "violence", it is violence only against iron gates which should never have been erected in the first place. Can the LSE authorities say the same, with over 30 students arrested, 3 lecturers about to be sacked, further victimisations and conspiracy charges in the pipeline, and hundreds of police keeping LSE forcibly closed?

- In addition, LSE students have decided to march to LSE tonight (leaving from ULU at 6.30) to show the authorities that we cannot be intimidated because we are in the right.

- Finally, students at other universities and colleges continue to express their support for LSE students. Sympathy occupations are going on at Cambridge, Essex, and Liverpool. In addition, further messages of support have come in from other colleges, including S.O.A.S. and Chelsea.

STUDENTS AT THE LSE HAVE BEGUN TO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOCIETY WE LIVE IN AND THE SCHOOL WE STUDY IN. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE ANSWERED WITH ARRESTS, CONSPIRACY CHARGES, POLICE, SUSPENSIONS, VICTIMISATIONS, AND A CLOSED UNIVERSITY. WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?

MARCH FROM ULU ON LSE, TODAY, at 6:30 (ASSEMBLE AT ULU)

SUPPORT LSE!!!

STOP PRESS: Conspiracy charges and injunctions have just been filed against 13 ISM students, many of whom have not been shown to have had any connection with taking down gates.

WE MUST FIGHT REPRESSION AT LSE (6:30 at ULU, MARCH ON LSE)