



SCION MASTERY

“If you are the
smartest person
in the room, you
are in the wrong
room”

Simon Kuper, *Financial Times*

Welcome to Scion Mastery

London epitomises the opportunities available in the modern world. Cosmopolitan, diverse and vibrant, the city is enjoying a golden age in the thriving, fast moving sectors of finance, technology, politics, education and the arts.

For the younger generation joining this world, the choices are exciting and complex. They are blessed with an aptitude and intuition for technology, which has made the world more flexible than could have been imagined a few decades ago. However, it is also far more unpredictable and changeable, meaning even such certainties like an Oxbridge degree are no longer guarantees of success.

Scion Mastery is driven by the belief that the potential for success lies within us all. Every person learns in a different way and should have the time and advice to discover the best approach to learning and to life. With over 20 years experience, Scion Mastery has developed a unique approach to ensure students fulfill their potential, creating inventive and elegant solutions tailored to the needs of each individual. Working together with parents, students and schools, Scion Mastery creates a pyramid, at the apex of which lies success.

Inga Neaves

Founder and Director, Scion Mastery.



About Scion Mastery

Initially known as Angloslav Education, our team has helped nurture the next generation for over two decades.

In June 2018 the Parliamentary Review panel invited Angloslav International to act as a representative for 2018/2019 and to share our best practice as a learning tool for individuals within the public and private education sector. Development of this project drew our attention to the whole period of our operation since our establishment in 1993 as a guardianship agency for international students.

The company is now named Scion Mastery to better reflect our approach. A scion is an inheritor, not of wealth, but of learning – each of our international students embraces their responsibility to achieve the best possible education and harness their innate ability.

We work with families from Russia, Europe, the Middle East and North and South America, giving both parents and students the peace of mind that their educational and personal development needs are being met. With a skilled and dedicated team, Scion Mastery offers professional and diligent support in negotiating the intricacies of the British school and university system, and in making sure students reach their full potential.

We have helped hundreds of students and parents achieve their academic and professional goals since our inception and maintain a close relationship with our clients, both past and present.



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Our Philosophy

Scion Mastery creates an approach tailored to the individual. Using creative, fun and unusual solutions, we challenge traditional, didactic routes to success. We design an individual career trajectory according to a child's current achievements, inspiration and family traditions. We seek the impetus, unique to each young person, that will allow them enjoy the process of achieving their goals and desires.

Academic coaching, career planning, guardianship, personal development and leadership training, all combine to allow parents and students to be secure in the knowledge that Scion Mastery will create a nurturing environment.

With a comprehensive knowledge of the British education system of prestigious private schools and leading universities, our highly qualified staff work with students not only at school, graduate and post-graduate level, but also into their subsequent professional careers to maintain the practical and emotional skills required in a rapidly changing world.



A Noble Shoot Grafted for Life





Our Services

Guardianship

Educating your child abroad gives them access to some of the world's most prestigious educational institutions. It is also a serious responsibility. Scion Mastery understands its crucial role in safeguarding the wellbeing of our students. It is vital that parents feel comfortable in their decision and confident that their children will receive the support they require while at school.

It is a legal requirement that any overseas pupil studying in the United Kingdom has a guardian registered in the country. Scion Mastery assumes this role but expands it in order to ensure all of your child's needs are taken care of throughout term time and during school holidays.

Scion Mastery guardianship services cover assistance with school and college applications, transfer to and from airports, regular correspondence with school, parents and students, 24-hour emergency telephone assistance, and visits from our qualified academic coaches.

As your child's education proceeds, Scion Mastery can offer a variety of additional services, from confidence and performance coaching to assistance with personal statements and job applications, life coaching and motivational training, and preparation for entry into university.

A very little key will open
a very heavy door



Our Services



Selective School Placement

The majority of fee-paying independent schools and non fee-paying grammar schools in Britain have a competitive admissions process. In secondary education, this process commonly has three stages known as 11+ (Year 7), 13+ (Year 9) and 16+ (Sixth Form) Entry. Applications for places should be made one to three years prior to entry, with tests run a year before. However, as a general rule, it is recommended to apply as early as possible, and each school will have their own enrolment system meaning dates may vary. For instance, Eton College requires children to be registered before they are 10 years and 6 months old.

11+

For candidates wishing to enter the first year of secondary education (Year 7) applications should be made a year prior to entry (Year 6). Enrolment examinations (January, Year 6) will be required in Maths, English and Verbal Reasoning.

13+

GCSE courses are high pressure and academically rigorous, and grades achieved remain a life-long indicator of your child's ability and performance in their chosen subjects. Therefore, it is best for them to enter school in Year 9, so they can fully adjust to their new environment, choose their subjects and prepare for exams at the end of Year 11. Applications for Year 9 Entry are made in the beginning of Year 8.

16+

For students hoping to join a school to sit A-Level exams, entry to Sixth Form (Year 12) will depend heavily on GCSE results. If they are an international student, the respective equivalent to GCSEs will be required. Applications to Sixth Form are made at the beginning of Year 11.

While it is possible to enter schools at any time, Scion Mastery would advocate joining at the stages indicated. This allows your child time to acclimatise to their new environment, hone their language skills, if required, and adjust to the GCSE or A-Level course. There is some flexibility in the admission process for international students. For instance, starting Year 9 at age 14, would allow more time to learn the language before beginning the GCSE course.

Scion Mastery can advise on every step of an admissions process that can initially appear daunting. After passing our academic assessment and interview with our advisors while in your home country Scion Mastery will offer you five to ten schools that we feel will suit your ambitions and abilities. We suggest choosing three or four schools from this list and can advise on your choices. We will work with those schools and determine the chances of your child being offered a place. We will organise school visits, entry tests and interviews.

Once you have selected the school that best suits your child, Scion Mastery can help prepare for entrance exams and interviews. These usually occur from November to January before Year 9 and cover verbal and non-verbal reasoning, maths and English, followed by interviews for those applicants who pass. Many establishments, such as Eton College and Westminster School, also use their own individually designed aptitude tests. For A-Level and International Baccalaureate (IB) entry subject-specific entry tests may be set in order to evaluate the ability of a student to cope with the rigour of an A-Level programme. Depending on the test results and student's career choices, schools may advise on changing areas of study.



A Noble Shoot



A miniature green tree with a thick, gnarled trunk and a dense, rounded canopy of small green leaves is growing out of the left page of an open, thick book. The book's pages are aged and yellowed, and its spine is visible at the bottom. To the right of the open book is a stack of several other books, their spines and edges visible. The entire scene is set on a dark wooden surface, and the background is a warm, out-of-focus orange-brown color.

Grafted for Life

Our Services

ISEB Test Centre:

The Independent Schools Examination Board is responsible for producing the common entrance exam for admittance to independent schools in the United Kingdom.

The exams are set by highly qualified and experienced teachers from the leading schools in the country, and viewed as the standard for assessment at 11+ and 13+.

Scion Mastery is an approved test centre for ISEB examinations, allowing students from all over the world to sit pre-common entrance and common entrance tests in a secure environment in central London.

Personal Statement

Beside grades, the personal statement is the most important point of reference for schools and university admissions departments. This short piece of writing should embrace not only your reason for wanting to study a particular course, but also relevant skills and experience gained either at school or through extra-curricular activities. The information from a personal statement can go on to be used as the basis for your CV or application letters in your subsequent professional career.

Scion Mastery has created a bespoke personal statement writing technique deploying life scripts to help students to create their own personal academic story.

Critically review your personal statement through discussions with our teaching staff and your peers. Write your statement highlighting your individual qualities, effectively express your interest in your area of study, and learn to avoid common mistakes made in personal statements.



Our Services

Interviews preparation

Interviews can be an integral part of the admissions process at both schools and universities. This means that interviews can first take place at age seven and occur throughout your academic life and into your professional career, making it crucial to be comfortable with that environment.

Interview formats can differ between schools and universities, but in both cases those who conduct interviews often also teach the courses, so making a good impression is vital. School interviews are usually conducted by the head of house, while a university interview is undertaken by either the head of faculty or by the subject tutors at a student's chosen institution.

While entry to Oxford and Cambridge always requires an interview, an increasing number of other institutions are now using this practice to assess the suitability of students.

Interviews can be structured around a range of exercises and questions to test a student's ability, instinctive thinking and personality. Students may be asked to analyse an unseen text or piece of data. They may also be asked to answer detailed questions about their personal statement.



Whether you are an introvert or extrovert, we can help develop your confidence and improve your skills at interview. We organise mock interviews run by our tutors, all of whom attended the UK's best universities including Oxford, Cambridge, UCL and Imperial College.

Our Services

University Selective Entry Training (UNISET)

Although academic grades remain essential for admission to degree courses, universities are also increasingly considering the personality and extra-curricular activities of students, together with what they will contribute to university life.

A crucial element for successful university admission is an excellent personal statement and a confident interview, allowing students to convey their passion, intelligence and individuality. Scion Mastery exclusively organises the University Selective Entry Training (UNISET) residential weekend each September. Using stimulating and thought-provoking exercises to improve these skills in advance of university application deadlines, Scion Mastery also offers advice on how to navigate the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

The weekend focuses on three aspects of the admissions process:

- ❖ **Choosing your University and your Course**
- ❖ **Writing a Personal Statement**
- ❖ **Interview and Communication Skills**



We use interactive workshops to explore your choice of academic field, current experience and areas for further research. We set ambitious, yet achievable targets for your remaining school year, your mock and final exams.

UNISET has a marked effect on results, with those who attended in Year 11 and Year 12 achieving significantly improved grades. Attending UNISET at this early stage in their academic career drives students to analyse what they want from university and their future professional career. UNISET compels students to see clearly the impact of their grades on both university entry and on their future job prospects.

Our Services

Preparation for University Entrance

Scion Mastery can advise on which undergraduate and postgraduate course might be suitable for your experience and ability. It is important to be aware of the range and variety of degree courses, and how your choice can influence your subsequent career path. Be it a BA, BSc or Masters, Scion Mastery can guide you through the process of applying for university through the UCAS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) system, with additional advice on Oxbridge applications, composing personal statements and conducting mock interviews in preparation for university entrance.

Scion Mastery will ensure that all aspects of your university choices are considered, with professional advice and feedback at each stage in the process.

Bachelor's & Master's Degree Mentoring

Scion Mastery can act as an academic career coach throughout your university career, be it undergraduate or post-graduate. We can assist with getting the correct student visas and work permits, help you to set goals and avoid common mistakes, find private tutors to help monitor your progress, give academic and study skills coaching, and advice on techniques to use in examinations and academic writing.

Scion Mastery will also advise on the wider aspects of university life from how to approach lectures, careers fairs and which societies to join to financial management, building a network of contacts for your future career and preparing job applications, CVs and cover letters.

Work Placement & Career Guidance Offering

Your relationship with Scion Mastery can continue beyond your educational life, as we guide you through the process of starting your career. Scion Mastery can help with career planning, job seeking, applications for employment or internships, creating a compelling CV and LinkedIn profile, career coaching and advice, preparation for interviews, and coaching in confidence and presentation.

Courses

Scion Mastery offers an array of language and professional development courses for either students or professional clients, tailoring full-time or part-time courses to meet the requirements of groups or individuals. Bespoke courses can be created to cover everything from improving conversational English to language for law or business, encompassing life-skills, personal development, self-awareness strategy and creativity.

Scion Mastery also runs residential courses, designed to coincide with the Easter and Summer school holidays. Packed with activities, these hugely popular courses are held on university campuses and afford a taste of student life.



Coaching Services & Further Career Development

Academic Coaching and holistic Tuition

Scion Mastery draws a distinction between tuition and academic coaching. An individual tutor can be a crucial aid in completing a single educational goal, such as a specific examination. Our academic coaching can apply a range of techniques to ensure children become as effective as possible at learning throughout their school career.

Our tutors are selected to meet the individual needs of students and establish a close relationship throughout the academic year, working over Skype outside of term time. Tutors take work undertaken at school as a foundation upon which to build using coaching techniques from the business and corporate worlds.

Scion Mastery academic coaching develops long-term habits that are not necessarily taught at school, allowing students to manage even the most complex of challenges. We give them the ability to identify the steps needed to complete a project, establish the order in which to tackle them, how much time might be required, and how to ensure the consistency and quality of this work. A tutor will help a student complete their homework – an academic coach gives the skills to work effectively alone: a benefit to them throughout their life.

Life Coaching

Designed to allow you to develop the skills to lead a successful life on your own terms, life coaching improves the quality of your personal and business relationships. Life coaching can help you make better decisions and ensure better results, making you the author of your own destiny and able to fulfil your potential.

Career Coaching

Offering a bespoke service designed to support your professional development, a career coach will help you establish your own goals and the strategy by which to achieve them. Career coaches can address everything from changing careers, coping with a stressful work environment and starting your own business to returning to further education, accelerating your career progression and identifying objectives for achieving promotion. Scion Mastery career coaches use some of the most accessible modern psychological and coaching techniques (for example, Transactional Analysis, Neuro Linguistic Programming, SMART Goal Setting and Human Givens Technique), together with mindfulness, meditation and hypnotherapy, to create a solid foundation for our clients to deal confidently with life and work challenges.

Coaching Services & Further Career Development

Coaching for Parents

In an age of buzzwords such as 'helicopter parenting' or 'tiger mothering', this series of eight training sessions seeks to give parents support in raising their children. This engaging, informative and practical course is designed to inspire a positive outlook to deal with any situation and build a healthy prosperous relationship with your children. The course draws on leading names in this field such as Virginia Satir, Adele Faber, Elaine Mazlish, Tony Wolf, Suzanne Franks, Mia Kelmer Pringle, Salvador Minuchin, Napoleon Hill and Esther Perel.

Character Development

Scion Mastery is the only company in this field to offer students courses in character development as part of our guardianship services. We place students in mock situations they might encounter in the real world, in order to give them the opportunity to develop skills such as how to stay focussed, how to identify their values, learning the importance of working hard and team work, and, crucially, confidence and discipline. The course also gives students vital real world skills such as financial management and mortgage awareness, preparing them for life beyond education.

Professional vs. Educational career - differences and nuance

It is easy to make a division between learning at school or university and learning at work – Scion Mastery believes in the importance of life-long learning in any environment. An educational career to post-graduate degree level requires strategic planning to build a solid foundation for your subsequent professional life.

A professional career can be developed continually by broadening your knowledge within your field and expanding your personal skills. A career for life is also no longer common and a working life can now encompass a number of different arenas. It might take a decade to reach the peak of that field and may require a return to school or university to attain further qualifications, underlining that an academic and professional career are indistinguishable.



Client Comments

“ I've trusted Scion Mastery with both of my kids for their career guidance and Inga has been super motivational. Both of my children are on an amazing path, as I write this my son is on a plane to Yale to do the research and my daughter is attending a Medical Summer course in Cambridge (a big part of it was Inga's assessment, psychology and motivation). With Scion Mastery's help we also sourced top tutors when we needed them. ”

Aleksandra

“ Scion Mastery has been there to support me throughout my whole UK education experience, from pre-GCSE straight through to graduating university. They have always been willing to give help and advice on a wide range of subjects. ”

Andrej

“ Thank you so much for the amazing training! This was one of the best and most useful weekends in my life! I hope to come back again! ”

Albina

“ I am amazed by the training weekend this year! I liked everything about it – in fact, the weekend exceeded my expectations! Thank you for the programme! ”

Anastasia

“ I would like to express my gratitude to Inga and the entire Scion Mastery team. Thank you for the unique approach to each child, because each of them is different and sometimes can be emotional. Inga can help to find the right focus and direction as it was with my daughter Ksenia.

Ksenia had many difficulties, worries and misconceptions regarding the requirements of the new education system. Inga helped her to overcome all the problems and in the end achieve high results. I am very grateful for your work with Ksenia as I entrusted you the most valuable thing I have. Under your supervision children change for better. All three years you were always guiding us as a friend, mother and mentor.

Thank you very much for my child. Also, I would like to say thank you to Denys, who supported me during the difficult moments when Ksenia had concussion and she was in the hospital. I wish you all to have a good health, positive mood and great victories. ”

Tatiana





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