



LONDON SOCIETY
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CASSL
Student Guide



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for your guided journey***

TIPS, TRICKS AND FUN-FILLED TRIPS TO
ACCOMPANY YOU THROUGH YOUR ACA JOURNEY

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 CASSL at ICAEW

 The Chartered Accountants Students' Society London (CASSL)

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for events or feedback on how we can make CASSL even better.

If you would like to be involved in the CASSL committee we would love to hear from you too!

CASSL Chair introduction

Hello and welcome to the 134th year of CASSL.

MISSION STATEMENT

'We are dedicated to improving the technical ability, career progression and social, physical and mental wellbeing of the community of student chartered accountants in London.'

Our committee has seen some change this year with a new treasurer and two co-chairs, and many new members who donate a lot of spare time to make CASSL possible!

We have continued to focus on the mission statement, which was new to CASSL last year: our newest initiatives being the CASSL Beer Brains and Balti Evening in November, as well as the return of our 5-a-side football tournament, netball tournament and of course, the annual CASSL Ball.

Some of you may be new to London, and all of you will be new to CASSL. We have a variety of events throughout the year, that we hope will give you the opportunity to meet some new friends and settle in to the life of accountancy!

We appreciate that it's not all fun and games and, as students, exams consume a lot of your time, so we put on events to help with the pressure of exams - the most popular of which is our Case Study workshop, held in June and October for the very last hurdle!

All of our events, social or technical, are advertised on our **website** and **Facebook** page, and the CASSL team always looks forward to seeing new faces - so please feel free to come along.

We look forward to meeting you!

April and Gabriella

CASSL Co-Chairs, 2017-18



April



Gabriella

2017 CASSL ball review



The annual ball continues to be a success, selling out again! 450 students joined us for our 'Royal Affair' evening at the Hilton Hotel Bankside which had been done up beautifully. Everyone looked absolutely stunning, as you can tell from the photos on our **Facebook** page.

Guests were greeted by a sparkling reception and fanfare trumpeters, followed by a three course dinner fit for a king!

As well as a busy dance floor, with an impressive DJ – guests also had the chance to pose in front of a backdrop of Buckingham Palace at our popular photo booth.

We were pleased to receive positive feedback, our favourite comment being:



'the ball was a fantastic evening, the atmosphere was incredible due to there being over 400 students from across London ready for a good evening of dancing and enjoying time with their colleagues. It was money well spent and I look forward to going next year'



2017 CASSL boat party

125 ACA students of London once again welcomed in the summer and celebrated the end of exams cruising along the Thames, admiring the breathtaking views of London while sipping cocktails and enjoying beers.

As well as the complimentary drinks there was also a delicious BBQ accompanied by some fantastic tunes on the dance floor.

What better way is there to enjoy the freedom of finishing exams than cruising through the heart of London aboard the Mercia in the glorious sunshine?

Don't miss out on your chance to join us next July for our biggest and best ever boat party!



2018 CASSL ball details

Don't miss your chance to join us in April for another evening of sophistication at CASSL subsidised prices.

Taking place on Friday 20 April - the 2018 CASSL Ball! Be sure to book tickets before they sell out, the early bird catches the worm with our special rate Early Bird tickets!

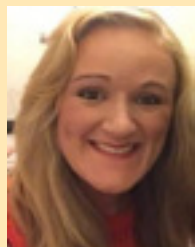
The night will include:

- sparkling wine reception
- three-course dinner with wine
- DJ and dancing until 01:00

Hope to see you there!



Committee profiles



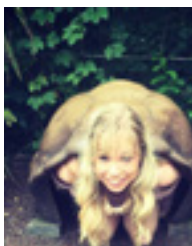
Gabriella Fryman, Co-Chair (Brebners)

DESERT ISLAND DISH (IN THE CULINARY, OR CELEBRITY CRUSH SENSE)

Coconut based cocktails with Patrick Dempsey!

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOURSELF

Once broke both my wrists at the same time, turns out putting hands out to break a fall doesn't always end well!



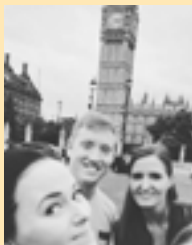
April Warrier, Co-Chair (RSM)

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOURSELF

I recently discovered that I can balance a spoon on my nose.

DESERT ISLAND DISH (IN THE CULINARY, OR CELEBRITY CRUSH SENSE)

Chris Pratt (preferably in Jurassic World), and some whipped cream on the top.



Howard King, Treasurer (ONE Advisory)

WHAT IS ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

To live and work in America, preferably in New York or New Orleans.

CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER

I met Sir Terry Wogan after the recording of Pointless in one of his last ever appearances on Children In Need.



Shayan Amin (KPMG)

DANCES MOST LIKE ...

Carlton from *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOURSELF

I was born in a car. My dad stopped on the side of the road and knocked on the nearest house. Out came his old school friend, a qualified nurse, who delivered me!

Kyriacos Koumi

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT MYSELF

Peter Andre once told me that I looked smooth.

DANCES MOST LIKE ...

Usher



Amit Aujla (Civil Service Fast Stream)

WHAT WOULD YOU EAT AS A FINAL MEAL?

Chicken, roast veg with cider.

DANCES MOST LIKE ...

Peter Dinklage.



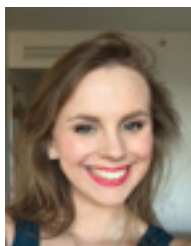
Sophie Judd (National Audit Office)

AS A CHILD, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde*.

DANCES MOST LIKE ...

Taylor Swift in the *Shake it Off* music video.



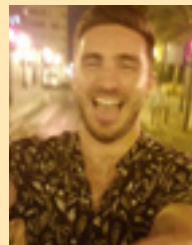
Will Jones (RSM)

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT MYSELF

I might be on a Colgate advert that plays on Youtube in Australia (but I don't live there, so I can't check).

CELEBRITY ENCOUNTER

I once met Reggie from Reggae, Reggae Sauce and complimented him on his bling, he was 'touched'.



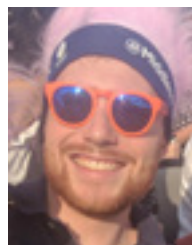
Oliver Peach (RSM)

INTERESTING FACT ABOUT YOURSELF

I was once part of a Guinness world record for most men just in their pants in one place in aid of prostate cancer research (sadly the record has since been surpassed).

DANCES MOST LIKE ...

Nicki Minaj.



Facts and figures

60-100

60-100 ACA PROSPECTS attendees

5

5 SPEAKERS,
twice a year

32

32 FIRMS represented
between 2015–2017



762

762 LIKES on Facebook

3

3 TOURNAMENTS a year

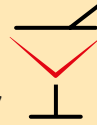
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10 TEAMS taking
part in 5-a-side
football and netball
tournaments



1,382

**1,382 ANNUAL
BALL ATTENDEES**
between 2015–2017



 **826**
826 MEMBERS on LinkedIn

>5,100

>5,100 MEMBERS

412

412 BOAT PARTY ATTENDEES
between 2015–2017



Upcoming events



21 September

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The autumn 5-a-side football tournament will take place at the Powerleague pitches in Shoreditch. With state of the art facilities and all weather floodlight pitches, attendees will enjoy a number of short games as well as challenges and prizes will be provided.

11 October

MIXED NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Taking place on the floodlight outdoor courts at Pimlico Academy, CASSL brings you another fun evening of short games. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up. The evening games will be followed by a chance to warm up with a couple of drinks and some pub grub at the local pub.

15 November

BEER, BRAINS AND BALTI SPEED QUIZZING

With a new form of quiz sweeping the nation, join us for the first pub quiz using your own laptop or smartphone. Laughs are guaranteed along with a variety of prizes. If you're a pub quiz whiz wanting to test your team's knowledge or just in it for a drink, all are welcome.

27 November
(and again in
May 2018)

ACA PROSPECTS: WHAT'S NEXT?

Not sure what's next once you complete your ACA? Whether you are still studying towards your exams, part qualified or recently qualified, join speakers from both practice and industry and a recruitment agency for an insightful evening of possibilities for the future.

7 December

CHRISTMAS DRINKS WITH YOUNGER MEMBERS LONDON

CASSL and YML (Younger Members London) are teaming up at this festive time of year to share some joy and a few mulled beverages. This is a great chance to meet others in an informal setting over a few drinks.



20 April

CASSL ANNUAL BALL

This is the highlight of the CASSL calendar so if you've never been to a CASSL event before make sure this is one you definitely attend. The CASSL Ball never disappoints!

See page 3 for the 2017 review.

31 May

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19 July

THAMES BBQ BOAT PARTY

Step aboard the party boat and cruise around central London, away from the hustle and bustle of city life. Sail through the heart of the city admiring the breath-taking skyline. Enjoy a couple of drinks on us and a selection of BBQ buffet food before partying away to the on-board DJ.

6 per year

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TOURNAMENTS

In conjunction with Power League and One Netball, CASSL bring you three 5-a-side football tournaments and three netball tournaments throughout the year. Anyone can be part of these friendly inter-firm tournaments and players are welcome to bring along guests to cheer on their team. Please note: CASSL reserves the right to change the dates and content of its events.

Moving to the big smoke and surviving the first year

TRANSPORT

Finding your way around London at times is by no means an easy task, especially when everywhere is new. However there is normally a bus, overground, tube or combination of those, that will get you to where you need to go. I would recommend downloading a couple of apps such as citymapper and the tube map or use the TFL website, which will help get you from A to B. You will soon quickly learn the essential routes and what times to avoid what tubes.

FOOD AND DRINKS

There are so many places in London to eat and drink, some more hidden than others and budgets to fit the size of all sorts of wallets and purses. The best tips on where to go are often spread by word of mouth, so it's best to ask your colleagues or friends and see if they can give you any tips, also take advantage of discounts by using a taste card.

THINGS TO DO

There is always a lot going on in London; events, festivals, historic landmarks or raving nights out, there is something for everyone. As well as all the other events in London, CASSL offer a wide range to ICAEW students and their friends, from social events to empowering seminars, regularly throughout the year. The best way to hear about what's going is to visit websites such as **timeout** or **designmynight.com**. There is such a variety that you'll be spoilt for choice.

EXAMS

Food renaissances and monkey butlers aside, exams will be an omnipresent part of your life over the coming year. Generic advice eg, good time management, will be forthcoming. Here are some brief practical tips that may help:

Certificate Level:

- Practise blocks of questions to time
- Complete the Question Bank twice and you shall pass.

Professional Level:

- Use past exam papers extensively to get a feel for expected content
- Use a ruler to underline headings
- Start a new page for each question (very basic but it will help).

Discounts and services

As an ACA student you're able to benefit from exclusive discounts from dozens of ICAEW corporate partners. For discount codes for travel insurance, days out and even retail outlets, it's worth taking a look at what we have to offer, a selection can be found below:

- **Automotive:** AA, RAC, Hertz, Sytner, Volvo
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- **Retail:** T.M.Lewin, Austin Reed
- **Travel:** Hertz, IHG

What's more, you can apply for an NUS extra card. Simply select ICAEW as your institution when applying.

For a list of all discounts and services as well as help while you are training visit **[icaew.com/acatrainingguide](https://www.icaew.com/acatrainingguide)**

ICAEW provides a wide range of fantastic resources and services to help students both in their studies and in the workplace. Here's a little taster of what's on offer.

WEBINARS

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VITAL AND ECONOMIA

Vital is ICAEW's magazine for ACA students. Posted to you each quarter (January, April, July and October), each issue is jam-packed with interesting articles and useful resources to help you with work, study and life. Download the latest copies from **[icaew.com/vital](https://www.icaew.com/vital)**

STUDENTS' EXCEL

The ICAEW IT Faculty is offering all ACA students the opportunity to join Students' Excel, an online training programme which is part of the Excel Community. The skills you learn will boost your confidence and save you time when using spreadsheets. To register for free, visit **[icaew.com/students-excel](https://www.icaew.com/students-excel)**

Networking do's and don'ts

Do

BE PROACTIVE

You can be the friendliest person in the world, but if you don't leave your office or home, you aren't going to meet anyone! If you are an accountant who deals mainly with banks, are there any lectures or open events where potential future clients might be? Do they have a young members' society and can you join? Are there any social events or balls that you could go to? Do you already know someone in the industry? Networking sounds a lot more scary than it is, but is more based on making a connection with someone than going to an event with the aim of winning clients.

MAINTAIN YOUR NETWORK

You've met someone at a client meeting, you connected with them, and they are now definitely part of your network. Now what? It's important to keep in contact with people you have met and nurture the relationship. One way of doing this could be to send an email or arrange a meeting every three to six months; it doesn't have to be as often as people typically think.

Don't

ONLY SPEAK TO PEOPLE YOU KNOW

It's very tempting at a networking event to only speak to your colleagues for the whole evening. But doesn't this defeat the whole point of networking? If you want to get the most out of an event, why not introduce yourself to new people or, even better, have someone else introduce you to other people?

GET TOO DRUNK

It is very easy to get carried away when the wine is flowing (and especially if it is free!). By all means enjoy yourself at the event and relax, but getting hammered at a networking event can give off a negative image. In a worst case scenario, just get a kebab go home! It's far better to leave early than become 'the story' that everyone is talking about the next morning.

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