

# STUDENT INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION ACADEMIC YEAR: 2024-25

#### **ADVOCACY TRAINING**

The Inn offers four highly-subsidised residential weekend courses each year. Due to the high demand for these courses, places are allocated by ballot. Apply online by **09:00 on Monday 13 January 2025.** 

There are also a few opportunities during the year for students to gain a Qualifying Session free of charge by assisting on one of our Post-Call advocacy courses which provides useful exposure to advocacy training. Details <u>online</u>.

#### CALL TO THE BAR

In order to be Called you must submit an application (deadline 4-5 months before each Call date) and complete all the requirements. Full details and upcoming Call dates online.

#### **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND FOR STUDENTS AND PUPILS**

This fund is for eligible members with cases of serious unexpected hardship. Full details online.

#### **ESSAY PRIZES**

Every summer the Inn runs two essay competitions with prizes of £500 and £1,000. Full details online.

### GARDEN ROOM, MIDDLE TEMPLE LANE

A space to work and meet, along with indoor and outdoor areas to relax and enjoy the garden views. Open 08:00 to 20:00, Monday to Friday. The bar is open for breakfast, lunch, coffee and drinks.

#### **LIBRARY**

Opening hours and full details of library services are available <u>online</u>. Take a <u>virtual</u> <u>tour</u> or contact the team to enquire about a tour in person.

#### LUNCH IN HALL

12.00 – 14.00 Tuesday to Friday in term time only, excluding Bank Holidays. Please note the dress code. Photography during lunch is not permitted.

A discount of 25% off food and non-alcoholic beverages is available to any student member of the four Inns of Court, on provision of valid student ID. Guests are also welcome but will pay full price.

#### **M**ARSHALLING

This scheme aims to give a student the opportunity to marshal with a judge (shadow them in court), usually for between 3 and 5 days. Apply online by 10:00 on Monday 20 January 2025.

# MTSA - STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The <u>MTSA</u> is a student committee formed fundamentally to represent the interests of all student members on the standing committees of the Inn. Details of the 2024-25 committee can be found online, along with their <u>Linktree</u> including links to their social media and WhatsApp groups.

## PUPILLAGE SUPPORT

The Inn has some provision to assist members in their search for pupillage. Full details online.

Also, check out <u>The Pupillage Podcast</u>, hosted by Middle Temple members Beatrice Collier and Georgina Wolfe (both of 5 Essex Court) and the website <u>Pupillage and how to get it</u> edited by Simon Myerson KC (a bencher of Middle Temple) and Beheshteh Engineer.

# QUALIFYING SESSIONS

Students are required to attend a prescribed number of Qualifying Sessions (QS) under specific themes in order to be Called to the Bar. Full details of the requirements, types of QS and other information online.

See also information on <u>dress code</u>, <u>dietary requirements</u> and <u>rules and customs</u>. Recordings of some past events can be watched <u>online</u>, but do not count as QS. View and book upcoming events <u>online</u>.

## SOCIETIES, FORUMS AND GROUPS

#### See details online for:

- Circuit Societies
- Disability Forum
- Employed Bar
- International Societies
- LGBTQ+ Forum
- MTHS Middle Temple Historical Society
- MTSA see above Elections at 18:00 on Tuesday 8 of October 2024
- o MTYBA Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association
- Revels (comedy sketch and song group) auditions held on Tuesday 26 September and 30 September.
- o The Inns of Court Alliance for Women

## LINK SCHEME

This scheme aims to provide student members with a 'sponsor' - a practising barrister – who will act as a mentor and contact at the Bar, taking a personal interest in the student and providing advice where appropriate. Apply online by 10:00 on Monday 20 January 2025.

#### WELLBEING

#### See details online for:

- Counselling
- o Disabled Access & Support
- o Multi-faith room Rutledge Suite, Room 1 (3rd floor Ashley Building)
- o Pre-Pupillage Wellbeing Assistance Programme
- Temple Church
- Wellbeing at the Bar

# **VOLUNTEERING (EXTERNAL)**

See details online for volunteering opportunities in the wider community:

- o Citizen's Advice
- o FRU (Free Representation Unit)
- Support Through Court

## **LEGAL TERM DATES 2024-25**

Michaelmas Term Tuesday 1 October to Friday 20 December 2024

Hilary Term Monday 13 January to Wednesday 16 April 2025

Easter Term Tuesday 29 April to Friday 23 May 2025

**Trinity Term** Tuesday 3 June to Thursday 31 July 2025

#### **CONTACT**

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