

**Student Introductory Information**

**Academic Year: 2023-24**

# 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](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/advocacy-training-for-students) by **10:00 on Friday 20 October 2023**

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. Apply [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/students-for-Training-Courses).

# 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](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/call-to-the-bar).

# Emergency Assistance Fund for Students and Pupils

This fund is for eligible members with cases of serious unexpected hardship. Full details [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/emergency-assistance-fund-students-and-pupils).

# Essay Prizes

Every summer the Inn runs two essay competitions with prizes of £500 and £1,000. Full details [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-and-training/scholarships-and-prizes/essay-prizes).

# 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 09:00 to 20:00, Monday to Friday. Tasker’s Bar is open for breakfast, lunch, coffee and drinks.

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.

# Library

Opening hours and full details of library services are available [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/library). Take a [virtual tour](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/library/library-information) or contact the team to enquire about a tour in person.

# Lunch in Hall

12.00 – 14.00 on weekdays, term time only, excluding Bank Holidays. Please note the [dress code](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/venue-hire/lunch-in-hall/lunch-in-hall-policy). Photography during lunch is not permitted.

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# Marshalling

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](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/marshalling) by **10:00 on Monday 31 October 2023**

# Mooting

See details [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/mooting) for:

* Rosamund Smith Mooting Competition – open to students currently on the Bar Course or GDL. **Each finalist will win a wig and gown.** Find a partner and enter your team by **10:00 on Thursday 16 November 2023**. Or volunteer to be a timekeeper.
* Mooting with Pepperdine University – in the Royal Courts of Justice. Apply to take part by **17:00 on Thursday 12 October.**

# MTSA – Students’ Association

# & Local Bar Course Reps

The [MTSA](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/middle-temple-students-association) is a student committee formed fundamentally to represent the interests of all student members on the standing committees of the Inn. Elections for the 2023-24 committee are at **18:00** on **Wednesday 11 of October 2023**. [Book online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=41748) to attend and run for a position and/or vote for your representatives and meet fellow Middle Templars ([remote attendance](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=41754) is also possible).

Student reps from each Bar Course provider outside of London assist the Inn with the organisation/running of QS on circuit and help communicate information to their fellow Middle Temple students. Details on how to become a rep [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/middle-temple-students-association/local-bar-course-reps).

# Pupillage Support

The Inn has some provision to assist members in their search for pupillage. Full details [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/pupillage-support).

Also, check out [The Pupillage Podcast](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-initiatives/event-recordings/pupillage-podcast), hosted by Middle Temple members Beatrice Collier and Georgina Wolfe (both of 5 Essex Court) and the website [Pupillage and how to get it](https://pupillageandhowtogetit.com/) 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](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/qualifying-sessions).

See also information on [dress code](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/middle-temple-dress-code-tie-policy), [dietary requirements](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/dietary-requirements) and [rules and customs](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/rules-and-customs). Recordings of some past events can be watched [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/event-recordings), but do not count as QS. View and book upcoming events [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/events).

# Societies, Forums and groups

See details online for:

* [Circuit Societies](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/circuit-societies)
* [Employed Bar](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/employed-bar/employed-bar-forum)
* [International Societies](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/international-societies)
* [LGBTQ+ Forum](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/lgbtq-forum)
* [MTHS – Middle Temple Historical Society](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/middle-temple-historical-society)
* [MTSA](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/middle-temple-students-association) – see above – Elections at 18:00 on Wednesday 11 of October 2023
* [MTYBA - Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/middle-temple-young-barristers-association)
* [Revels](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/revels) (comedy sketch and song group) – auditions held from 18:30 on Tuesday 26 September
* [The Inns of Court Alliance for Women](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/inn-societies-and-groups/inns-court-alliance-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](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/link-scheme) by **10:00 on Tuesday 31 October 2023**

# Wellbeing

See details online for:

* [Counselling](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/wellbeing-initiatives/counselling)
* [Disabled Access & Support](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/disabled-access-support)
* [Multi-faith room](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/library/library-services/rutledge-suite-advocacy-rooms) – Rutledge Suite, Room 1 (3rd floor Ashley Building)
* [Pre-Pupillage Wellbeing Assistance Programme](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/wellbeing/pre-pupillage-wellbeing-assistance-programme)
* [Temple Church](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/about-us/temple-church)
* [Wellbeing at the Bar](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/members/wellbeing-bar)

# Volunteering (external)

See details [online](https://www.middletemple.org.uk/education-training/student-information-services/students-and-wider-community) for volunteering opportunities in the wider community:

* Citizen’s Advice
* FRU (Free Representation Unit)
* Support Through Court

### **Legal Term Dates 2023-24**

**Michaelmas Term** Monday 2 October to Thursday 21 December 2023

**Hilary Term** Thursday 11 January to Wednesday 27 March 2024

**Easter Term** Tuesday 9 April to Friday 24 May 2024

**Trinity Term** Tuesday 4 June to Wednesday 31 July 2024

### **Contact**

Education Department 020 7427 4800 (option 1)

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General Queries, Ticket Booking & Cancellations enquiries@middletemple.org.uk

Library 020 7427 4830

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Security

**Middle Temple Security**

**24 hour assistance**

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