



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](#) 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](#).

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 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](#). Take a [virtual tour](#) 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](#). 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](#) by **10:00 on Monday 31 October 2023**

MOOTING

See details [online](#) 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](#) 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](#) to attend and run for a position and/or vote for your representatives and meet fellow Middle Templars ([remote attendance](#) 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](#).

PUPILLAGE SUPPORT

The Inn has some provision to assist members in their search for pupillage. Full details [online](#).

Also, check out [The 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](#) 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 [dress code](#), [dietary requirements](#) and [rules and customs](#). Recordings of some past events can be watched [online](#), but do not count as QS. View and book upcoming events [online](#).

SOCIETIES, FORUMS AND GROUPS

See details online for:

- [Circuit Societies](#)
- [Employed Bar](#)
- [International Societies](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Forum](#)
- [MTHS – Middle Temple Historical Society](#)
- [MTSA](#) – see above – Elections at 18:00 on Wednesday 11 of October 2023
- [MTYBA - Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association](#)
- [Revels](#) (comedy sketch and song group) – auditions held from 18:30 on Tuesday 26 September
- [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 Tuesday 31 October 2023**

WELLBEING

See details online for:

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

VOLUNTEERING (EXTERNAL)

See details [online](#) 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

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SECURITY

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