



## **STUDENT INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION**

### **ACADEMIC YEAR: 2025-26**

#### **ADVOCACY TRAINING**

The Inn offers four highly-subsidised residential weekend advocacy courses each year. Due to the high demand for these courses, places are allocated by ballot. Apply [online](#) by **10:00 on October 17th 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 [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. The bar is open for breakfast, lunch, coffee and drinks.

## 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. Attend the Open Evening on 2 October 2025 – book [online](#).

## 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.

## 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 31 October 2025**.

## 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. Applications open on 15 September 2025. Find a partner and enter your team by **10am on 10 November 2025**. Or alternatively, volunteer to be a timekeeper.
- Mooting with Pepperdine University – in the Royal Courts of Justice. Apply to take part by **17:00 on Thursday 9 October 2025**.
- The Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Apply to join the Middle Temple team – check the website for details.

## 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 2025-26 committee are at **18:00 on Tuesday 7 of October 2025**. [Book online](#) to attend and run for a position and/or vote for your representatives and meet fellow Middle Templars.

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, a barrister.

## QUALIFYING SESSIONS

Students are required to obtain a prescribed number of Qualifying Sessions (QS) points under specific themes in order to be Called to the Bar. Full details of the requirements, types of events 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](#)
- [Disability Forum](#)
- [Employed Bar](#)
- [International Societies](#)
- [LGBTQ+ Forum](#)
- [MTHS – Middle Temple Historical Society](#)
- [MTSA](#) – see above – Elections at 18:00 on Tuesday 7 of October 2025
- [MTYBA - Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association](#)
- [Revels](#) (comedy sketch and song group) – **auditions will be held early in the Michaelmas term** – check the website for details
- [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 Thursday 31 October 2025**

## WELLBEING

See details online for:

- [Counselling](#)
- [Disabled Access & Support](#)
- [Multi-faith room](#) – Rutledge Suite, Room 1 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2025-26

**Michaelmas:** Wednesday 1 October to Friday 19 December 2025

**Hilary:** Monday 12 January to Wednesday 1 April 2026

**Easter:** Tuesday 14 April to Friday 22 May 2026

**Trinity:** Tuesday 2 June to Friday 31 July 2026

## CONTACT

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LIBRARY

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SECURITY

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