



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE
MIDDLE TEMPLE

STUDENT INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

ACADEMIC YEAR: 2026-27

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 16th 2026**.

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 Library Induction Evening for New Members on 23 September 2026 – 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 30 October 2026**.

MOCK PUPILLAGE INTERVIEWS

The Inn offers those with imminent Pupillage Interviews the opportunity to practice their interview technique in front of barristers. 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.

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 14 September 2026. Find a partner and enter your team by **10:00 on 9 November 2026**. Or alternatively, volunteer to be a timekeeper.
- Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot. Apply by **17:00 on Tuesday 29 September 2026**.
- Mooting with Pepperdine University – in the Royal Courts of Justice. Apply to take part by **17:00 on Wednesday 7 October 2026**.

MTSA – STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

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 2026-27 committee are at **18:00 on Tuesday 6 of October 2026**. [Book online](#) to attend and run for a position and/or vote for your representatives and meet fellow Middle Templars.

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](#) – welcome event on 14 October 2026 - [book online](#).
- [MTHS – Middle Temple Historical Society](#)
- [MTSA](#) – see above – Elections at 18:00 on Tuesday 6 of October 2026
- [MTYBA - Middle Temple Young Barristers' Association](#)
- [Revels](#) (comedy sketch and song group) – auditions will be held at 18:30 on 24 September 2026
- [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 Friday 30 October 2026**

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 2026-27

Michaelmas: Thursday 1 October to Monday 21 December 2026

Hilary: Monday 11 January to Wednesday 24 March 2027

Easter: Tuesday 6 April to Friday 28 May 2027

Trinity: Tuesday 8 June to Friday 30 July 2027

CONTACT

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