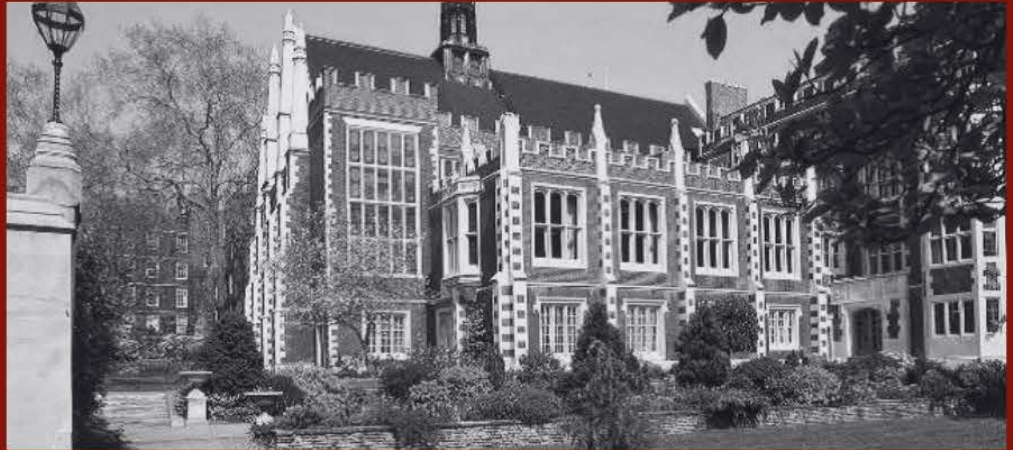




MTSA

THE MIDDLE TEMPLE STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION



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Candidates for election

2025 - 2026

president



A N KHUSHI

My name is A N Khushi, and I'm running for President of the MTSA because I believe every student deserves to be seen, heard, and supported.

MTSA isn't just a committee, it's the voice and heartbeat of our community. I've seen how easily student perspectives can be overlooked, and I want to change that.

My focus : Representation that leads to real impact, Community that helps build meaningful relationships and events, and Transparency that keeps everyone informed and included.

With your trust, I'll lead with integrity, empathy, and purpose, not just as President, but as your peer and your advocate.



ESHRAT NIKROOYE-ASLI

My name is Eshrat Nikrooye-Asli. I'm running for President on the platform of Opportunity, Inclusion, and Involvement.

- Opportunity: I intend to establish the MT Student Law Journal to give students access to legal publication experience.
- Inclusion: I will expand MT Focus Groups, with the goal of "handing over the mic" to students of various backgrounds, so that they may advocate for their interests at MT.
- Involvement: I will develop informal Q&A cafes/Brown-Bags to connect aspiring student barristers with recent pupils and tenants.

With six-plus years of diplomatic and corporate experience, I have the tenacity and skillset to accomplish these goals.



GURPARKASH KAUR KENTH

Hello, my name is Gurparkash Kaur Kenth and I am currently studying the BTC at Cardiff University. I honestly had no ambition to run for President, as it seems to be a very daunting position, however, when I heard Sarah speak at my first Middle Temple Event, I felt inspired. This inspiration led me to rediscovering my passion for leadership. I believe a President is a reflection of the body they represent. Being part of MTSA and being able to lead an established committee as a part of the Middle Temple Students Association would be an honour.



JADEN BEURAIN

We heard many fantastic ideas from future committee members at Tuesday's hustings, and as President will support the committee to deliver their policies and make the Inn an even better place to be a student. I have been privileged to work with people of all backgrounds and beliefs in my time working in Local Government, and I am experienced in leading a team. The President sits on several Inns committees: an important aspect of the role. I will ensure, using my experience of sitting on similar committees outside my studies, that our voices and concerns are heard.

president



LOTTIE BARRETT

Being a student in 2025 is tough with the cost of living, the political climate and the looming fear of whether we'll ever get pupillage. Now more than ever, MTSA needs to be supporting students and keeping the Inn aware, and to do that we need to be hearing from you. As president, I will streamline the way you contact us by bringing in an online form, and push for more variation in when Qualifying Sessions take place. I'm sure more of us than ever are working on the side and I want to make it easier to juggle our responsibilities.



NITIK SOMASUNTHARAM

Hey everyone, I'm Nitik, a Bar student.

To me, being President is about shaping direction—not just maintaining it. I want to make MTSA a space where ambition and belonging go hand in hand. I've led teams, built communities, and founded a music society that brought thousands together—proof that connection and creativity can move people. As President, my goals are to give everyone a real voice in Inn discussions and make MTSA's events exciting, uniting and memorable. I want EVERYONE to feel confident coming to me—because leadership isn't about standing out; it's about bringing everyone forward together and leaving a legacy.



PACK YONG WONG

My vision aligns with the Inn's core mission, which is the fair and effective administration of justice, starting with how we distribute resources to our own members. The Inn has immense resources but access to it feels like a lottery. As your President, my singular focus will be to actively close the gap between opportunity and aspiration, making the full strength of Middle Temple available to every student. My campaign is squarely focused on equitable distribution. By sharing the Inn's strength fairly, we build a stronger and a fairer Bar. I ask for your vote to ensure our collective investment in every opportunity is profoundly rewarded. Thank you.



QUEENIE SIT

A vote for me is a vote for:

- **Continuity:** As current VP, I know what works (and what doesn't), so we can hit the ground running to deliver for you.
- **Solidarity:** I will implement more avenues for feedback, while working with student associations across the Bar to amplify your voices and concerns.
- **Accountability:** I have a proven track record this past year of getting things done when I've said I would, all with commitment and focus.

This role isn't about me — it's about you. I can't wait to make this year even better than last year for you!

president



TASNIM CHOUDHURY

I'm standing to be President because I believe in a Middle Temple where every student is seen, supported, and inspired. Leadership isn't about titles or authority, it's about service: listening, amplifying voices, and ensuring everyone belongs. From representing young people as a Member of Youth Parliament and Head Girl, to serving as a BPP Advocacy Scholar, Charity Secretary, former Immigration Officer, and pro bono volunteer, I've spent years speaking up for others and leading with integrity. If elected, I promise to strengthen connections, champion inclusivity, and create opportunities for all. No voice too small. No dream too bold. Together, we thrive.



THARINI HARIHARAN

I'm running for President because when I care about something, I hyperfixate and that's my secret superpower. This year, I represented the University of Exeter for The Times Final Year Graduate Employability Survey, and out of 900 interviewers from 30 Russell Group universities, I won the National Performer Award, that was part of my hyper fixation.

Leadership isn't about being the loudest voice in the room; it's about listening, preparing, and lifting others up.

Here's my promise to you:

1. I'll make the MTSA come alive.
2. I'll make opportunities meaningful.
3. Your feedback will shape what we do next.

vice-president



AMN KHAN

I'm Amn Khan, a 21-year-old Law graduate from The University of Manchester, now undertaking the Bar at BPP. Having worked in Property Law and completed several Mini-Pupillages, I'm passionate about Middle Temple, a place that should feel like a family, not just an Inn.

As Vice President, I'll focus on accessibility, support, and engagement: keeping online students connected to Middle Temple's spirit, strengthening mentoring by matching mentees with experts in their fields, and being the mouthpiece that ensures your voices create real change.

I'll bring enthusiasm and commitment to enable Middle Temple to thrive.

'From Barista to Barrister' coming 2030!



JOSEPH ASHONG

I'm JOSEPH ASHONG, a Bar Student at City Law School, asking you kindly, to elect me as VICE PRESIDENT.

Middle Temple means different things to different people. Some show up because it's required.

This year, I was privileged to receive a Scholarship, so for me, Middle means everything.

As your VP, I will work with the next committee to ensure that each of you benefit from this Inn.

Benefits you in your Advocacy and Professional Development

Benefits in your Well-being.

Benefits in your Academics and Extra-curricular Engagements

Benefits whether you study in London or on Circuit

Your voice will Matter.



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LOTTIE BARRETT

Hello again everyone! As vice-president I'll still advocate for everything mentioned in my presidential speech, using my position on the Membership Committee especially to ask for more Qualifying Sessions that don't start at 6pm on a weekday. I'll also be an enthusiastic right hand man to the other officers whenever needed. Fortunately I'm the swiss army knife of bar students: I've mooted a few times, I've been debating for two years, I'm the treasurer of my university debate society, and I was my college's disabilities officer for a year at university. I am so ready to help run any event.

vice-president



LUIS LEON LUDEÑA

I am Luis, and I am running for VP because I want to support you to make the best out of the opportunities that we have to achieve our goals. My proposals are: (a) To work with the committee to keep and share up-to-date information about Middle Temple and the road to the Bar; (b) To provide crucial support to all members of the committee; and (c) To always keep an open line of communication to bring your message and your concerns to the most senior members of the Inn. It would be an honour to serve you! Thank you!



LYNDON SHIXIANG LI

My path here has been unconventional. From my work as a journalist and human rights campaigner to my experience as a political refugee, I've learned to listen, lead, and deliver. I'm ready to bring that focus to our community as your VP. As a Bar student juggling two jobs, I know how much is on the line for us. You can count on me to be an approachable and tireless advocate, fighting for the support we all deserve. And our time here must be rewarding, not just demanding. I'll make it my mission to see our budget spent on what matters: more unforgettable events with wine we'll actually enjoy. Let's make this a year to remember.



NITIK SOMASUNTHARAM

Hey everyone, I'm Nitik, a Bar student.

For me, this role is about bringing energy, organisation, and consistency to a community that already thrives on excellence. What excites me most is its flexibility—it's what you make of it, and I want to make it count for everyone in MTSA. From leading negotiation workshops to running a Taylor Swift society, I've learned how to bring people together with purpose and joy. As Vice-President, my goals are simple: strengthen collaboration between students and the Inn, turn ideas into action, and make every MTSA event exciting, inclusive, affordable, and yes—even a little FUN.



RUBY ROWLANDS

Hi everyone! I'm Ruby, studying the BPC in London. If elected VP, I would focus on promoting an inclusive atmosphere at Middle Temple and making sure every member of the MTSA has a voice - one idea I had was having a Google form for people to leave any new ideas for events or any concerns anonymously, to make it as easy as possible for everyone to engage directly with the Committee. I have a lot of experience on committees, including managing large budgets, from my time at university and am confident in my ability to represent the MTSA on standing committees and with more senior members of the Inn. Most importantly, however, I am super happy to get stuck in wherever needed! Thank you for considering me!

mooting officer



AL F ZEKI

I was senior mooting officer during my LLB. I coached students and organised advocacy sessions, mooting competitions and, uniquely, common-law advocacy sessions involving magistrates' and family appearances.

I am also an avid mooter, having taken part in baker's dozen moots, reaching or passing, the semi-finals stage. Some which I have had to prepare and appear by myself, substituted last minute, where competitors have not attended.

I shall continue Middle's tradition of the Rosamund Smith moot, and introduce common-law advocacy in lower-level tribunals. Here, students, soon junior members, can advocate at a level to which they will mostly be practicing.



ALICE GRANT

First, I bring exciting event ideas for the year ahead. I plan on hosting advocacy and skeleton-drafting workshops, interactive sessions with judges and barristers, leveraging my extensive legal network to deliver a fantastic programme.

Second, as winner of the Inter-Inn Moot Competition, I understand the value of Mooting and I am eager to share my knowledge and enthusiasm, supporting every aspiring advocate.

Finally, I have a strong record of leadership and organisation. As Senior Editor of The Oxford Blue and Director of the Finance Society, I developed excellent management skills.

I would be grateful for your vote and support.



KEITH SEE CHOY XING

My manifesto is twofold. First, I will give you access to the minds of senior barristers (even KCs) and judges. Second, I will continue our traditional Middle Temple mooting events while making mooting accessible to all. Through social media, the Mooting Department will share content featuring senior barristers and judges offering real advocacy insights—not just how to tab your White Book, but how they think and react in the moment. For example, what goes through their minds when a witness gives an unexpected answer in cross-examination.

Vote Keith!

mooting officer



PACK YONG WONG

Mooting is the crucible where great advocates are forged. My campaign is built on three certainties, "structured development, transparent access, and competitive success".

I will streamline the calendar, implementing weekly, mandatory feedback clinics led by experienced barristers and senior students. Every member must receive equitable access to high-quality practice. No more uncertainties, it will be just clear schedules and constructive critique.

My goal is simple, it is to make Middle Temple the undisputed standard-bearer for advocacy across all Inns.

Elect me to transform our practice into proficiency, and our aspirations into wins. Thank you.



RUTH-ANNE AKPAKA

Good evening, my name is Ruth-Anne, and I am running for Mooting Officer of the Middle Temple Student Association. As an international student with little initial legal experience, I know the value of gaining advocacy skills early. This Inn has given me opportunities to moot and grow, and I want to expand these opportunities for others. If elected, I will organize workshops, low-stakes competitions, and sessions with barristers and judges to help us develop confidence and skill. Together, we can prepare for larger competitions and support each other on the journey to becoming barristers. Vote Ruth—she'll root for you!



SEBASTIAN GITTES

Hi, I'm Sebastian and I'm running for Mooting Officer. I've been involved in mooting for years — organising and judging competitions as External Competitions Officer of Durham's Mooting Society, sitting on the University of Law's Advocacy Committee, and competing at all levels, from winning internal and national moots to participating in international tournaments. Having seen mooting from every angle, I know how daunting yet fulfilling it can be, and I want to use my experience to help others get involved and develop their advocacy. If elected, I'll work to expand opportunities and make mooting at Middle Temple accessible, engaging, and rewarding.

debating officer



FRASER MCCONACHIE

I've been debating for an embarrassingly long time (nearly a decade!). I represented the University of Cambridge at three European Championships, reaching the quarterfinals twice from a pool of around 200 teams, and coached Cambridge and a local grammar school for several years. As a result, I'll hopefully be able to help anyone interested in debating reach their goals. I'm especially keen for Middle Temple to start sending teams to external competitions around the UK and Europe. The European debating community is a vibrant, wonderful group of people, and I'd love to show all what they have to offer.



RHEA KAUR JASMINDER SINGH

I believe that debating is a sport. After almost 10 years of competitive debating, I hope that for my pride's sake, you believe it is as well. Weekends were reserved for debating, judging and subsequently coaching and convening tournaments of my own, nationally and internationally. As Equity Officer of the Malaysian Debating Council, I learned that diversity and inclusion are realised through equal access, which is what I will push for by creating interactive training sessions for entry level and experienced debaters alike. You already know the benefits of debating and your future in law. Let's make debating fun again.



RUTH-ANNE AKPAKA

Good evening, my name is Ruth-Anne Akpaka, and I am running for Debating Officer of the Middle Temple Student Association. Debating has shown me how important it is to think quickly on my feet and to respond clearly to opposing arguments. These are vital skills for us as future barristers. If elected, I will organize workshops, low-stakes debating competitions and sessions with barristers and judges and other practitioners to help us--students, build confidence and sharpen our advocacy. Together, we can use debating as a tool to prepare for the Bar. Vote Ruth—she will root for you!

social secretary



GABRIELLA WHITTARD

Hi, I'm Gabriella! We hear about Inn membership being a membership for life, to me it means much more than just duration, I think it means community, interaction and fun. I love meeting new people, being a friendly face, organising events and making things happen. At university I founded a women's cricket team and now as part of a London social club with over 2,000 young people I have experience of the responsibility of event organising. I'd love to be your Social Secretary and create for you and with you a calendar of fun and engagement we can all enjoy!



ZARREENA MCKENLEY-OSBOURNE

I'm standing for Social Secretary because I believe the best events bring people together whether you're outgoing, introverted, or somewhere in between. I want to create a social calendar that's inclusive, accessible, and genuinely enjoyable, offering something for everyone at Middle Temple. From relaxed socials to skill-building and networking events, I'd like our gatherings to help students connect, build confidence, and develop relationships and skills that extend far beyond the Inn. My goal is simple: to make every student feel involved, valued, and proud to be part of Middle Temple.

diversity, inclusion and social mobility officer



GURPARKASH KAUR KENTH

Hello, my name is Gurparkash Kaur Kenth and since starting the BTC this year, I have succumbed to 'imposter syndrome'. I have never truly feeling I belong in spaces as established as this, as I am sure there are other Middle Temple student members who feel the same. As Diversity, Inclusion and Social Mobility Officer, I would create schemes and events aimed at promoting and encouraging diversity at the Bar, as well as being a voice for students who feel unheard by the system. It would be an honour to represent others like myself and to bridge the unconscious divide.



JACINTA CRUZ

I'm Jacinta Cruz, currently studying for the Bar at BPP Manchester. As an international student with experience in human-rights and community advocacy, I understand how access and inclusion transform lives. This role is personal to me: I want every Middle Templar—whatever their background or accent to feel valued and supported. If elected, I'll focus on mentorship, genuine inclusivity, and measurable action, ensuring our initiatives make real impact. My vision is for Middle Temple to be not just historic, but a home where everyone can thrive.



KIAN YEW NAH

Former EDI champion (Legal Ombudsman) –

- Collaborated with all networks, such as the disability and careers and women's network.
 - Organised and participated in events for Pride, Black History Month, East and South East Heritage Month, International Women's Day etc.
- Current Equal Opportunities Representative for Cardiff BTC
- Represent students from an equal opportunity perspective in the upcoming Staff Student Panel.

My three key aims:

1. A safe space to challenge unconscious bias, microaggressions, and unacceptable behaviours.
2. EDI-related events throughout the year, including cultural, careers, and regional events.
3. An inclusive and supportive community for members in and out of London.

diversity, inclusion and social mobility officer



LOTTIE BARRETT

The things I expected to be a barrier to the bar are not the things that are. Autism and being nonbinary have been unexpectedly fine, being state-educated is more stigmatised than you'd think, and studying criminal law with PTSD is a minefield. I know how easy it is for outsiders to assume they know our experiences and end up being totally wrong about what we need, and I'll be the spokesperson to bridge the gap. I promise to listen to all of you, not enforce my perspective on things I've never experienced, and advocate for the change we need.



RENEE CHANG

I care deeply about access and diversity because I know what it's like both to have – and not have – the support we need to thrive. I've served on university committees, done pro bono volunteering, and organised inclusive events as a Youth Ambassador for the CBSO. I'll be a caring ear if anyone wants a chat, and create an anonymous feedback system. I'll run events promoting access and celebrating our diversity. I'll advocate for your voices on the Inn's Committee. Whatever your background or identity, I'll make sure you feel welcome, supported, and proudly celebrated. Let's make our Inn our home.



VENUS CHONG ZHE CHEE

If elected, I'll focus on three priorities.

- 1) Connection & Culture: Turning diversity from representation into real connection through interactive events like a Festival of Cultures for us ALL to participate in, and card prompts sparking genuine conversations;
- 2) Accessibility & Wellbeing: Ensuring inclusion for all, including neurodivergent and disabled members, and partnering with initiatives like Legally Lifelong for wellbeing and mentorship;
- 3) Opportunity & Social Mobility: Supporting those without a traditional lawyer background with practical guidance, mentorships, and open discussions on financial and professional challenges.

My goal is a Middle Temple where nobody has to decode it alone.



ZARREENA MCKENLEY-OSBOURNE

Hi I'm Zarreena, a part-time Bar course student at City Law School. As a Black woman who's completed my first year of the Bar course, I understand the challenges of balancing studies, work, and belonging within professional spaces. My mission is to make Middle Temple a place where every student feels seen, supported, and celebrated. If elected, I'll create spaces that highlight diverse journeys to the Bar, build networks of peer support, and foster genuine connection. I want every student to know that Middle Temple isn't just where you learn – it's where you belong.

communications officer



OLIVER HENDERSON

The Communication Officer promotes awareness and involvement in MT's events by creating engaging content that amplifies MTSA's visibility and promotes opportunities. Building my band's social media presence from the ground up (@innsbruck.band on Instagram for proof!) and founding the UoExeter's Skateboarding Society to secure funding and sponsorship qualifies me to represent you as the Communications Officer.

My 3-point plan:

1. Introduce useful and informative reels to our Instagram page;
2. Re-introduce a monthly newsletter focused on applications and opportunities;
3. Launch the Alumni Spotlight Series (trademark pending) - short form interviews similar to MT's Pupillage Podcast

Please vote for me!