

Student Handbook

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The Inner Temple

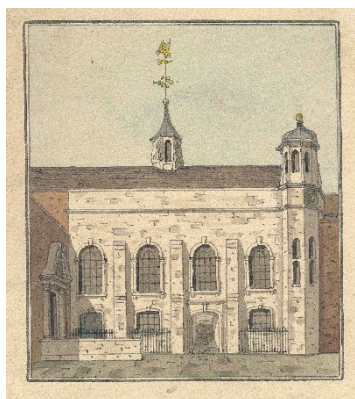
Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you to your professional home. The Inner Temple is committed to providing you with an educational experience that will enhance your understanding of the profession, provide you with new skills and knowledge, and complement the learning you gain on the Bar Course. Your Inn is not only an educational hub, but should also provide community and support throughout your life and career. We hope that the Inn will form a core part of your professional life for many years to come.

The Inner Temple

The four Inns of Court have distinct histories, coming into being around the middle of the 14th century. The Inns historically held sole responsibility for legal education. While much of this responsibility has been devolved to higher education institutions, the Inns continue to play an essential part in education and training for the Bar today.

If you are interested in learning more about the Inn's history, governance and work today, please use the links below to explore the relevant sections of our website.



[History](#)



[Governance](#)



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF
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The Inn's Commitments

Our Responsibilities

As an organisation, we make a commitment to abide at all times by the following standards:

- To communicate in a friendly, respectful and professional manner.
- To work without bias, to ensure that we treat everyone with dignity and respect and to provide an equal service to everyone.
- To protect the personal data and information of our members and to ensure that we maintain the trust of those using our services.
- To treat our members as individuals and take time to understand their needs and answer their questions by being clear, correct and concise.

Your Responsibilities

Please read the [Volunteer and Participant Code](#).

Treat our staff and members with dignity and respect at all times. In particular, we would like to highlight the following guidelines:

- Participants must, at all times, respect the rights and views of other students, staff, members and anyone else they may meet, whether at in-person events, online sessions or in communication via telephone or email.
- Participants must, at all times, ensure their behaviour does not affect the safety, interests or reputation of the Inner Temple, Chambers or Courts, its members and staff.

Feedback

You will receive invitations to provide feedback after every Qualifying Session.

Please take the time to provide as much feedback as you can on the sessions you attend. The more feedback we receive, the better we can tailor our programme for you in future terms and students after you in future years.

The Inner Temple's Commitment & Our Complaints Procedure

The Inner Temple is committed to creating a safe and inclusive culture and will take actions to prevent bullying, harassment, and discrimination from happening. You can report incidence of harassment via the Inn's website or speak to one of our designated employees

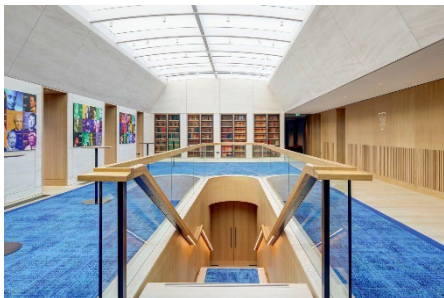
[Anti-Harassment Policy](#)

As mentioned above, feedback forms will be sent out after each Qualifying Session. If you have any concerns that you feel warrant specific attention, you can speak to a member of staff directly or make a formal complaint.

[Complaints Policy](#)



Visiting the Inn



We are delighted to welcome you to the Inn's redeveloped and refurbished Treasury Building. Re-opened in 2022, the Treasury Building has added space and state-of-the-art educational facilities, which will support the activities of the Bar for generations to come. Many of our Qualifying Sessions will be held in the new training and lecture spaces here. We very much hope you will take every possible advantage of the Inn and its resources.

The Inner Temple offers a balanced and considered Qualifying Sessions programme of In Person and Online training. There is no minimum requirement for attending Inner Temple Qualifying Sessions In Person.

However, we strongly encourage you to attend as many educational and social events as you can at the Inn. There is no digital equivalent to the opportunities afforded by spending time with our members in their professional home. Many of our trainers are volunteers from our membership. They give up their evenings and weekends to spend time getting to know the newest members of the Inn and offer them help and advice in their careers.

Our facilities

- Entrance for the Library and for Education & Training facilities (4 on the map).
- [Inner Temple Library Hours & Services](#).
- [Pegasus Bar](#) (5 on the map overleaf)
- [Hall Lunch](#) (enter via 3 on the map overleaf) – Student discount available!
- [Inner Temple Garden](#) (1 on the map)
- [Venue Hire discounts for members](#)
- [Student discounts are available at Hall lunch and Pegasus Bar for members with a valid student member card](#) (cards are provided by the Treasury Office by appointment only)



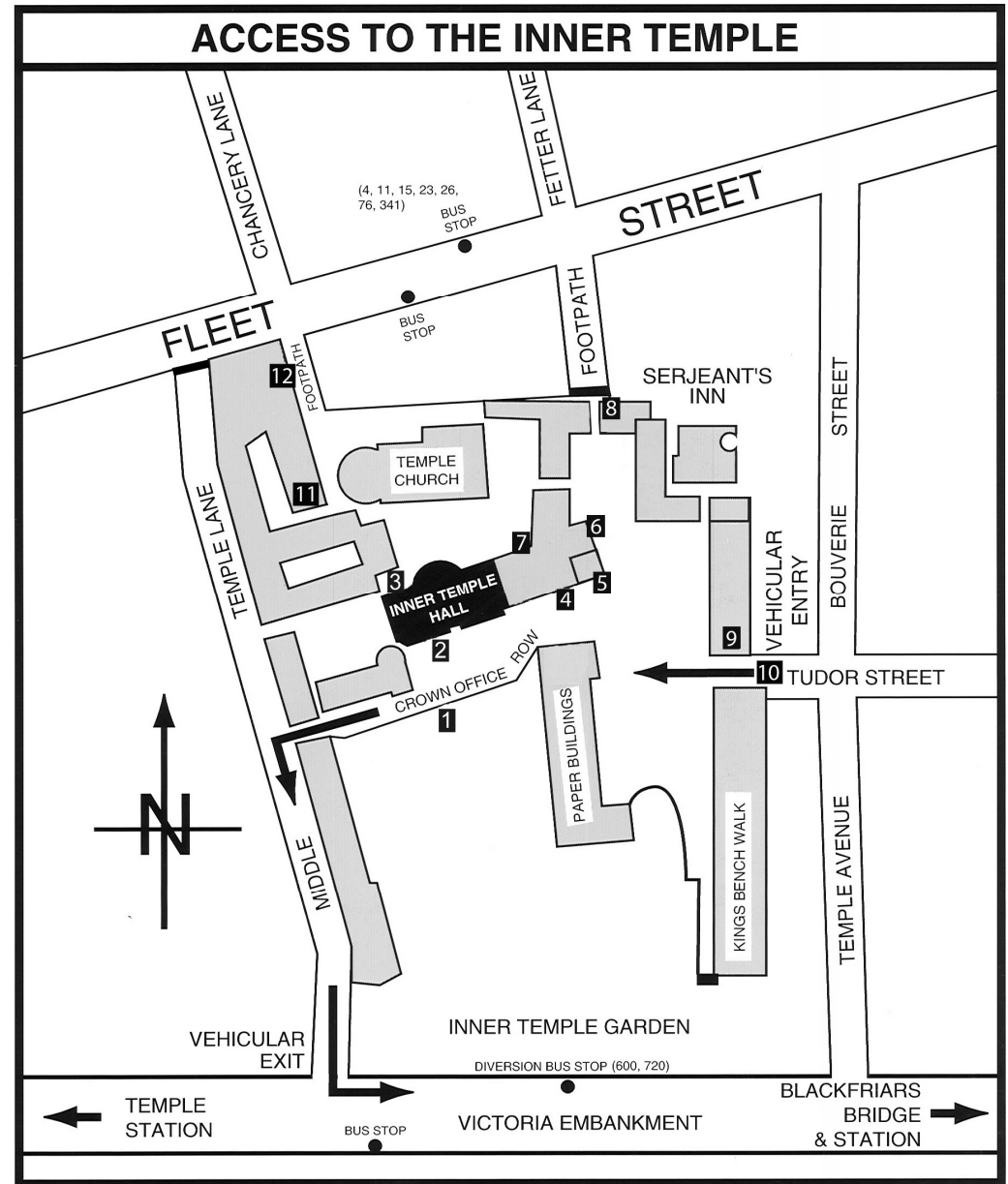
The nearest underground stations are Temple and Blackfriars stations on the Circle and District lines.

Access for pedestrians after 8.30pm on weekdays and all weekend is via Tudor Street only.

Vehicles enter via Tudor Street Gate at all times. Exit for vehicles is via Tudor Street Gate or the Embankment Monday to Friday 6.00am to 8.30pm and at all other times is only via Tudor Street Gate.

There is no parking available on weekdays before 6.30pm and parking afterwards is only for those going to buildings within Inner Temple

- 1 Entrance to the Garden
- 2 Lower Entrance to Hall
- 3 Church Court Entrance to Hall
- 4 Main Entrance**
- 5 Pegasus Bar
- 6 Eastern Entrance
- 7 Church Court Benchers' Entrance
- 8 Mitre Court Meeting Room: Basement
- 9 Surveyor's and Collector's Offices: 6 King's Bench Walk
- 10 Tudor Street Gate – Vehicle Entrance
- 11 Overnight Accommodation (Chaucer and Boswell): 3 Dr Johnson's Buildings, 3rd Floor
- 12 Temple Church, Temple Music Foundation: 1 Inner Temple Lane



Introduction to Qualifying Sessions

What are Qualifying Sessions?

Qualifying Sessions are a part of the requirement for Call to the Bar.

They form a vital part of a student's journey in training to become a barrister. The links made with the profession through the Inns and the Qualifying Session programme provide students with a foundation for pupillage and work-based learning but also for a career at the Bar thereafter.

Qualifying Session Requirements

Before the date of your Call to the Bar ceremony, you must have completed a **minimum** of:

10 Qualifying Session points in total

1 in each of the **5** themes below

1. Ethics, Standards and Values;
2. Advocacy Skills;
3. Legal Knowledge, Justice and the Rule of Law;
4. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion;
5. Preparation for Pupillage, Career Development and Wellbeing.

2 Advanced Preparation and Interactive

Any session in the above themes may also include an Advanced Preparation and Interactive element. This will be advertised at the point of booking and in our emails

Further information

- You may attend more than 10 points worth of sessions total.
- Some Qualifying Session events may award more than 1 Qualifying point and/or theme. This will be clearly advertised at the point of booking.
- Qualifying Sessions are valid for a period of 5 years after attendance.
- Bar Course students at providers outside of London may complete up to five Qualifying Sessions locally. This does not include Student Advocacy Weekends.
- **Inner Temple have no minimum requirement for attendance at Qualifying Session in person.**

Please note, it is a student's responsibility to ensure that they attend the required number and type of Qualifying Sessions.

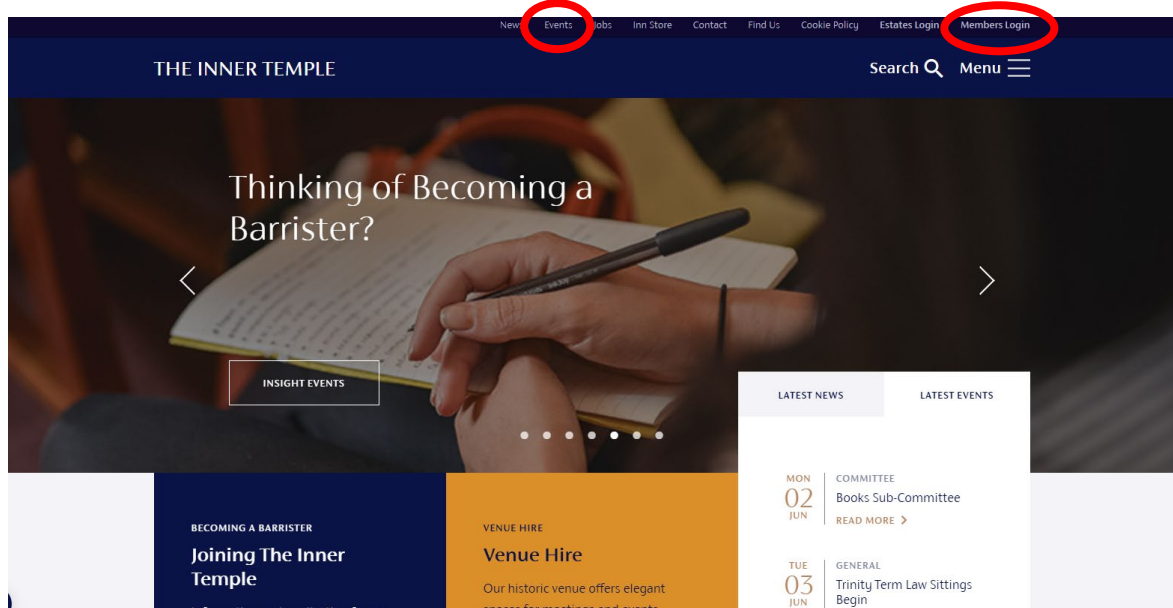
For further information on Qualifying Session rules please visit the [Inner Temple website](#).



How to Book

Inner Temple Qualifying Sessions are booked via our website at www.innertemple.org.uk.

To make a booking through our website you will need to first login to the Members Area and navigate to the Events page, as highlighted below.



Booking for Qualifying Sessions opens before the start of each term. Student Members will be notified by email when they are available to book. Events are booked on a first come, first served basis.

Reasonable Adjustments

If you have any concerns regarding Reasonable Adjustments at or prior to commencing Qualifying Sessions, please read our [Reasonable Adjustments Policy](#).

Dress Codes

Most Qualifying Session events will have one of the two dress codes below.

Our guidance regarding the dress code is as follows:

Business Attire

Suits/tailored trousers with a collared, buttoned shirt & tie. Tailored dresses/skirts/similar. Whilst it is not required, you may wish to know that most members choose to wear dark colour suits and clothing to professional events at the Bar.

Smart Casual

This isn't a strict dress code. We only ask you to be mindful of the following;

- the Inn is a safe space for all attending
- the sessions are a professional commitment and a place to network with peers & senior members.

Cancellation/Refund policy

To cancel a Qualifying Session booking please email qs@innertemple.org.uk

A refund will be issued if the cancellation is made within good time.

Please refer to our [cancellation/refund policy](#) for further details.



Attendance at Qualifying Sessions

Please note that our events are led by senior members of the profession who have volunteered their time to educate and help members entering the profession.

As a mark of respect to our volunteers, we ask that you arrive on time and to prepare for each session as directed.

We ask that you treat all your booked Qualifying Sessions as a professional commitment.

Our Attendance Policy

Our attendance policy applies to both in person and online Qualifying Session events.

If you are late for a Qualifying Session, you may still attend, if it is not disruptive to other attendees.

However, you will not be awarded the QS point for attending. Cut-off points for lateness are a matter of staff discretion.

If you are delayed for any reason, please contact the event manager to advise them. They can confirm if the delay would result in you not being awarded a QS point for the session.

Please note: If you are late or not in attendance due to circumstances outside of your control, you will not be awarded the QS point for the event and you will not be refunded for the ticket cost.

Taking the following steps to prepare can help to avoid disappointment:

- Check the travel time/public transport updates/parking/WiFi connection/equipment in advance.
- Thoroughly read the emails sent to you ahead of the event and make sure you have completed any preparation and arrive ready to participate.
- Test your camera and microphone before joining digital calls (unless it is a webinar invitation)

You will not be awarded a QS point for attending an event if:

- You arrive late, leave early or do not participate fully in the session as directed. Attendance includes any Q&A sessions after talks and panels. Please note start and end times of the sessions will be clearly advertised at the point of booking.
- You are party to disruptive or unreasonable behaviour that affects trainers, staff or other student members during a Qualifying Session. Please see our [volunteers and participant's code](#) for further clarification on this.

Any decision made by the relevant event manager as to whether a QS point will be awarded is final.

Those who have not attended or cancelled will receive an email reminding them of their missed booking and asking them to be more considerate in booking/attending events in the future.

Please see our [cancellation policy](#) for details on how to cancel a booking and when a refund may be issued.

QUALIFYING SESSIONS PROGRAMME

Please find below a timetable of Qualifying Sessions for the 2025-2026 academic year. You can use this timetable to balance your QS with academic and other commitments. We encourage you to plan as far ahead as possible and aim to be flexible, as some QS may book up faster than others.

Please note, the schedule for Hilary and Trinity terms is still subject to change and will not be available to book until closer to the time. The information that is published on our website is correct, if it differs from this plan later in the academic year.

The events in the following three pages are numbered (Advocacy 1, Advocacy 2, EDI 1, EDI 2...etc.).

Please note that this is not indicating a series of events that members are expected to attend in order. They are numbered to indicate that although they have similar names, the content is different. You can attend any of these sessions to make up your required Qualifying Session points. **You do not need to have attended them all.**

Please read the descriptions when booking and if you have any concerns or queries contact qs@innertemple.org.uk

Focus for the Term

In an effort to build a QS programme that follows you through your study and career stages, each term of events is focused on a theme indicated in the QS planner.

- Michaelmas Term (September-December) - Introduction to Life at the Bar
- Hilary Term (January-April) – Getting Ready for Pupillage
- Trinity Term (April-July) – Looking Forwards

These themes will guide the content of our sessions where appropriate as the academic year progresses.

Advanced Preparation & Interactive

Where a session is advertised as Advanced Preparation & Interactive please note:

- You will be sent the preparation by email a week in advance unless advised otherwise.
- The preparation will usually take approximately an hour in total, except for Student Advocacy Weekends, which may take longer.
- Full participation in the session is expected. Non-participation may result in the QS point for the session not being awarded.

Qualifying Sessions Planner 2025-2026

	QS Name	Date	Themes					Advanced Preparation/ Interactive?	In Person/Online	Total QS per session
			Advocacy Skills	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Ethics, Standards & Values	Legal Knowledge	Preparation for Career, Pupillage and Wellbeing			
Michaelmas Term (Sep- Dec) <i>Introduction to Life at the Bar</i>	Introductory Event for OOL Students	26/09/2025					X	X	In Person	1
	Michaelmas Skills Day: Advocacy 1: Performance Skills Legal Research 1: Basic Legal Research Skills	27/09/2025	X			X		X	In Person	2
	Introductory Event for London Students	03/10/2025					X	X	In Person	1
	EDI 1: Support and Allyship at the Bar	07/10/2025		X					Online	1
	Reader's Lecture Night	08/10/2025				X			Both	1
	Circuit Skills Day - Bristol: Interview and Application Skills Session Court Rooms Skills Lecture Expert Skills Session	18/10/2025			X	X	X	X	In Person	3
	EDI 2: Life at the LGBTQ+ Bar - Research and Reality	21/10/2025		X					Both	1
	Advocacy 2: Mooting Masterclass	28/10/2025	X						In Person	1
	Wellbeing 1: Introduction to Wellbeing at the Bar	30/10/2025					X		Online	1
	Legal Research 2: Advanced Legal Research Skills	03/11/2025				X		X	Online	1
	Ethics 1	10/11/2025			X			X	Online	1
	Reader's Lecture Night	12/11/2025				X			Both	1
	Social Context of the Law Series*	18/11/2025				X			Both	1
	Advocacy 3: Applied Advocacy	22/11/2025	X					X	In Person	1
	December Residential Weekend	5/12/2025 - 7 /12/2025	X		X	X	X	X	In Person	4
	*subject to approval								Total QS points in Michaelmas	21

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Hilary Term (Jan- Apr) <i>Getting Ready for Pupillage</i>			Advocacy Skills	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Ethics, Standards & Values	Legal Knowledge	Preparation for Career, Pupillage and Wellbeing	Advanced Preparation/ Interactive?	In Person/Online
	Pupillage 1: Pupillage Q&A	06/01/2026					X		Online
	EDI 3: EDI Concerns in Pupillage (from application to second six)	07/01/2026		X					Online
	Circuit Skills Day Manchester: Interview and Application Skills Session Court Rooms Skills Lecture Expert Skills Session	10/01/2026			X	X	X	X	In Person
	Legal Research 1: Basic Legal Research Skills**	20/01/2026				X			Online
	February Residential Weekend	30/01/2026 - 01/02/2026	X		X	X	X	X	In Person
	Circuit Skills Day -Newcastle: Interview and Application Skills Session Court Rooms Skills Lecture Expert Skills Session	07/02/2026			X	X	X	X	In Person
	Reader's Lecture Night	09/02/2026				X			Both
	Pupillage 2: Self-Employed and Employed Work at the Bar	11/02/2026					X		Online
	Legal Research 2: Advanced Legal Research Skills**	12/02/2026				X		X	Online
	Ethics 2	14/02/2026			X			X	Online
	Advocacy 4: Applied Advocacy	18/02/2026	X					X	Online
	Hilary Skills Day: Advocacy 5: Further Performance Skills Ethics 3 EDI 4: Neurodiversity in Practice	21/02/2026	X	X	X			X	In Person
	Circuit Skills Day - Nottingham: Interview and Application Skills Session Court Rooms Skills Lecture Expert Skills Session	28/02/2026			X	X	X	X	In Person
	Reader's Lecture Night	02/03/2026				X			Both
	Social Context of the Law Series*	17/03/2026				X			Both
	*subject to approval ** not to be attended if you attended Michaelmas								Total QS in Hilary

Qualifying Sessions Planner 2025-2026

Trinity Term (Apr- Jul) <i>Looking Forwards</i>			Advocacy Skills	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Ethics, Standards & Values	Legal Knowledge	Preparation for Career, Pupillage and Wellbeing	Advanced Preparation/ Interactive?	In Person/Online	Total QS per session
	Lawson Moot Final	21/04/2026	X					X	In Person	1
	Advocacy and Legal Research Training Advocacy 6: Applied Advocacy Legal Research 3: Legal Knowledge Quiz	02/05/2026	X			X		X	In Person	2
	Ethics 4	06/05/2026			X			X	Online	1
	May Residential Weekend	08/05/2026 - 10/05/2026	X		X	X	X	X	In Person	4
	Advocacy 7: Advocacy Masterclass	12/05/2026	X						In Person	1
	Wellbeing 2: Reality and Resilience at the Bar	14/05/2026					X		Online	1
	Social Context of the Law Series*	18/05/2026				X			Both	1
	Advocacy 8 : Vulnerable Witnesses	19/05/2026	X						Online	1
	EDI 5: Tackling Harassment	16/06/2026		X				X	Online	1
	Ethics 5	17/06/2026			X			X	Online	1
	EDI 6: Flexible work at the Bar	22/06/2026		X					Online	1
									Total QS in Trinity	15
	<i>*subject to approval</i>									

**Total QS by theme
for 2025-26**

Advocacy Skills	Equality, Diversity & Inclusion	Ethics, Standards & Values	Legal Knowledge	Preparation for Career, Pupillage and Wellbeing	Advanced Preparation/Interactive?
12	6	12	19	13	22

Student Advocacy Weekends

What are Student Advocacy Weekends?

The Inn runs three Student Advocacy Weekends a year on niche aspects of the law. These weekends are typically held residentially at venues across the UK, with locations accessible to both London and Circuit Students.

We are pleased to report that we are once again planning to hold all three weekends in person over the course of the 2025-2026 academic year.

At present, the dates and locations for this year's residential weekends are scheduled as below.

CIM Business Centre, Moor Hall 5-7 December 2025

Crewe Hall 30 January – 1 February 2026

Inner Temple 8-10 May 2026

(NB the Inner Temple weekend is also residential and we will expect students to stay in a hotel we book for them, as this is much easier than commuting in)

The topics for the weekends will be published with the ballot information in October.

Further Information

These weekends are intended to be free ranging and stimulating and to provoke discussion both in formal sessions and less formal settings. Students will be joined by experts in the area under discussion and senior members of the judiciary and Bar. The [Chatham House Rule](#) applies. In addition to talks and discussion sessions, you will take part in practical advocacy sessions. Each weekend costs £85.00 and counts as 4 Qualifying Sessions. The Qualifying Session framework themes covered will be advertised nearer the time.

How to Book

You cannot book these sessions directly via the website. Places are limited and will be allocated by a ballot system once a year. An email will be sent to student members for the current year on **Friday 10 October** with a link to the online ballot form. The ballot will close at 1pm on Monday 20 October.

Please note, submitting a ballot form will not guarantee a place on a weekend. You will be informed if you have been allocated a place in the week after the deadline.



Student Financial Support

QS Grant Scheme

The Inn heavily subsidises the cost of its educational provision to ensure sessions are accessible and affordable. However we understand that many students will find themselves under financial pressure and unexpected financial hardship may make it difficult to acquire the correct number of Qualifying Sessions.

To this end, the Inn will provide a flat rate of **£100** for students who meet the requirements – this sum is calculated on the basis that it should allow students to book the minimum number of QS required to gain 10 points (NB this does **not** include the fees for residential advocacy weekends, as these have their own bursary scheme which is opened to students if and when they are allocated a place on a weekend.)

Please note that this sum of £100 will be paid **in one go** once approved and the responsibility remains on the student to ensure they are circumspect in booking and attending Qualifying Sessions. Additional grant funds will not be allocated unless in exceptional circumstances – if you book and cancel a number of sessions at short notice or fail to attend sessions you have booked, the Inn cannot provide more money to cover the shortfall in QS points.

Requirements for the QS grant scheme are as follows:

- Applicants **must** be currently enrolled full- or part-time on a Bar Course at an Authorised Education and Training Organisation. Grants can be provided to students who start in Autumn 2025 or January 2026.
- Applicants will need to demonstrate a shortfall between their income and expenditure which cannot be fulfilled another way
- Applicants can only apply for and be awarded a grant **once** unless extenuating circumstances can be demonstrated
- Applicants should demonstrate that they have exhausted other available sources of funding including student loans and provider hardship funds.

Please note, Transferring Legal Professionals are not eligible for this scheme.

Details on how to apply for the QS Grant Scheme will be advertised on our website and in our emails before the start of Michaelmas term.

QS Travel Subsidies

There is also a Travel Subsidy available for students studying the Bar Course at an out of London provider. This subsidy is intended to help with the cost of attending in person Qualifying Session and Student Society events in London.

Details on how to apply will be circulated with event booking details each term.

Please note applications should be submitted after your bookings for Qualifying Session events are made.

Student Society Travel Subsidies

The Student Society Travel Subsidy Scheme is intended to assist students studying the Bar Course outside of London/the South Eastern Circuit with travel costs to events hosted by Inner Temple Student Societies in-person at the Inn. Further information about the travel subsidy and how to apply will be available on the Inner Temple website at the end of summer.

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/membership-services-support/societies/student-societies/>

Marshall Hall Trust

Please note that additional financial assistance can be sought, if necessary, via the Marshall Hall Trust. The object of the Trust is to give assistance by way of loan or grant to members of the Inner Temple who are in need. The Trust is intended to cover costs for members who, through no fault of their own, e.g. loss of a parent or financial support being withdrawn, would not otherwise be able to complete the course or their pupillage.

Further information can be found via the Inner Temple Website:

<https://www.innertemple.org.uk/membership-services-support/financial-support-members/marshall-hall/>

Student Support Schemes

Marshalling Scheme

The Marshalling Scheme affords student members of the Inn the opportunity to spend up to a week sitting with a judge in England or Wales. Over the course of the placement the judge will show you the case papers and will discuss case proceedings with you. The experience will provide you with a unique opportunity to observe the workings of the court from an entirely different perspective.

The scheme is open to student members who are currently on the Bar Training Course or have completed the course but are yet to obtain pupillage.

Due to the number of placements available, it is only possible to marshal once via the scheme.

Mentoring Scheme

All mentors are practitioners of at least three years' experience, who will be on hand to offer advice and general guidance to allocated students as they take their first steps to a career at the Bar.

A link to an online survey to apply for the scheme will be sent to your email address in October 2025.

Information required to complete the form will include personal details, geographical location and practice area interest so do ensure the information is correct as this will be used to place mentees.

Due to the high demand for the scheme, we have a limited number of places available.

Mock Interview Scheme

The Mock Interview Scheme aims to help students build up confidence in preparation for imminent pupillage interviews. Members are given the opportunity to practise their interview technique in front of an established barrister.

In the first instance, if you have been allocated a mentor, you should try to arrange a mock interview either with or via them. If this is not possible, the Education & Training team will try to match you with a volunteer.

Interviews can be conducted online or in person. Interviewers and interviewees should consult together when deciding upon an appropriate interview format.

The scheme is open to Student Members who have a pupillage interview scheduled.

[Further information on all Student Support Schemes and how to apply can be found on our website](#)



Student Societies

Inner Temple Student Societies are run by students with assistance from the Inn. This includes the Inner Temple:

- Debating Society
- Drama Society
- ITSA (Inner Temple Students' Association)
- Mooting Society
- Racial Equality Society

You will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from each of these societies at the Introductory Events in September and October.

It is free to become a member of each society, however, it is important that you opt-in to the societies you wish to take part in so that the society can send you dedicated information about their events and opportunities. Further information about this and contact details for each society can be found on [on the Student Society page of our website](#).

To ensure you receive information from the societies you would like to engage with, please ensure that you complete the student society membership form that you can find on any of the student society pages.

Specialist Bar Associations & Services

There are 24 **Specialist Bar Associations** (SBAs). These associations are dedicated to the interests of groups of barristers within specific practice areas and geographical regions.

The Bar is also split into geographical **Circuits**. Each Circuit has its own events and networks available to its members. These are generally on offer to practising members of the Bar, but some Circuits also have student support schemes also.

And finally, there are many associations, networks and other groups that aim to bring together sub sections of the Bar and provide support. Some of these organisations will be represented at the Inn's Introductory Evenings.

For more information on SBAs and other organisations linked to the Bar, visit the [Bar Council Website to find a directory](#).



Beyond the Requirements

It's your Inn – make the most of it!

The Inn knows that our Student Members will be very busy throughout their year of study, however we urge you to make the most of all the opportunities that the Inn offers you.

The Bar is a small profession filled with people who are passionate about their vocation. Attending more than just our Qualifying Sessions programme can help to build your relationship with the Inn and the profession. Making these connections now will be invaluable to you as your career progresses.

Additional Education Events

As well as our comprehensive Qualifying Sessions programme, Inner Temple offer you opportunities to make the most of our wide network of expertise at other events in our programme, including:

- Volunteering
- Various lecture & panel series, providing up to date information and unique perspectives from experts in the profession.
- Inner Temple Library Training on site and online.

Socialising at the Inn

The Inn also hosts a variety of social activities giving you time to relax and get to know our members in a less education focused setting.

These include:

- formal dinners at the Inn and on Circuit
- celebratory receptions
- family picnics
- student society events

These events or opportunities will be advertised every term, alongside the Qualifying Session events in the Members' Area and in our regular email updates.

Come in a group or by yourself. The Inner Temple staff will be there to greet you, guide you and facilitate introductions where requested.

Follow us on social media for more updates!



Some useful information on applying to be called to the Bar:

- There are 4 Call ceremonies held each year:

Ceremony Name	Ceremony Month	Ceremony Venue
Hilary	March	Treasury Building
Trinity	July	Temple Church
Deferred Trinity	October	Temple Church
Michaelmas	November	Temple Church

All ceremonies are followed by a celebratory reception for you and your guests.

- Guidance on how to apply to be called to the Bar through the online application portal will be sent out to all current Bar course students in spring 2026.
- If you intend to be called to the Bar at the Hilary ceremony in March 2026, you may have already received the application guidelines via email in spring 2025. Alternatively, please go to the [‘Call to the Bar’ section of the website](#).
- To be eligible to be called to the Bar each student member must meet the following pre-Call requirements:
 - Be certified as having successfully completed the Bar course or Bar Transfer Test (for Transferring Legal Professionals only),
 - Obtained the requisite number of Qualifying Session (QS) points, and
 - Undergone the necessary fit and proper person checks (including criminal record checks). The Inn will not be able to accept any DBS checks previously obtained as the criminal record check must be obtained through the provider selected by all 4 Inns of court.
- You must complete all the above requirements two weeks prior to your chosen Call date.
- Please note that you can apply via the online application portal before you have completed the Bar course/Bar Transfer Test, before attending all necessary QS and before obtaining your criminal record check.
- You will also need to be interviewed by a Master of the Bench and have them agree to propose your Call to the Bar prior to applying. Further information about this process will be included in the guidelines due to be sent out early next year. We will assign a Master of the Bench if you do not know one personally.
- Student members are expected to attend the Call to the Bar ceremony in person.
- Information about the dress code for the event, how to book tickets for your guests and other FAQs can be found in the guidelines or online [here](#).
- If you have any questions related to Call, please contact the Education Engagement Co-ordinator (call@innertemple.org.uk)

Please note the Education & Training Department will not circulate further details on Call to the Bar until the application forms are sent out in 2026.



The Education and Training team are available to help with any concerns or queries.

During your Bar Course year, you will be mainly in contact with the Pre-Pupillage team.

Please note, as the Pre-Pupillage team can usually be found either setting up or travelling to the events on our programme, the quickest way to contact us is often by email.

Please find our contact details below.

Team	Contact Email Address	Contact Telephone Number
Outreach	outreach@innertemple.org.uk	020 7797 8240
Scholarships	scholarships@innertemple.org.uk	020 7797 8211
	pegasus@innertemple.org.uk	020 7797 8210
Professional Training	pupils-practitioners@innertemple.org.uk	020 7438 2310
	establishedbarristers@innertemple.org.uk	020 7797 8209
Pre-Pupillage	pre-pupillage@innertemple.org.uk	020 7438 2311
	call@innertemple.org.uk	020 7797 8257
	qs@innertemple.org.uk	020 7438 2311
General and Volunteering Enquiries	education@innertemple.org.uk	020 7797 8208



Recommended Actions for students completing their Bar Course in 2025-26

Please note that this list may not be comprehensive and is not mandatory.

If you have any questions please contact qs@innertemple.org.uk

CHECKLIST

Aug	
☐	Does the Inn have your study plans recorded correctly? <i>You should have received an email from us in July with a record of the student details we currently have recorded. Please check if these details are correct and fill in the form to update the records included in the email if they are not.</i>
☐	Can you log in to the Inner Temple Members Area ?
☐	Do you have Zoom account set up? - Is it linked to the email address we have recorded? - Is it under the name we have recorded for you?
Sep/Oct	
☐	Have you booked any or other events QS this term?
☐	Have you completed the Student Advocacy Weekend ballot form? Opens 10th October. Closes 20th October
☐	Have you applied for our Mentoring Scheme?
Dec	
☐	Have you booked any QS or other events this term?
☐	Have you applied for our Marshalling Scheme?
Feb	
	Got a pupillage interview lined up? Apply for our Mock Interview Scheme
Apr	
☐	Have you booked any QS or other events this term?
☐	Do you want to apply for Call to the Bar this year? Check our website to find application forms and relevant information

QS ATTENDANCE



In the Members' Area of our website under the Events Attended tab there is a record of your QS attendance. However, you may like to keep your own record as well.

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This table is meant for personal use only. If you believe there are any discrepancies in the Inn's records please contact qs@innertemple.org.uk

Session Title & Date	Number of QS	Theme	Interactive & Advanced Preparation?

Themes:

AS – Advocacy Skills

LK – Legal Knowledge, Justice and the Rule of Law

EDI – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

ESV – Ethics, Standards and Values

PCW- Preparation for Pupillage, Career Development and Wellbeing

Remember:

- You need 10 sessions in total.
- You need at least 1 in each of the 5 themes.
- You need at least 2 that are interactive and advanced preparation