



Pathways to Law

- ✓ Law master classes
- ✓ Work placement
- ✓ Residential conference
- ✓ University advice and guidance workshops
- ✓ Visit to the Inner Temple
- ✓ Mentoring scheme



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Pathways to Law is a legal access programme taking place across two years providing students with the essential knowledge, skills and confidence needed to succeed in a career in law.

Students join the programme at the start of Year 12 and throughout the programme they will attend regular, engaging and hands-on events including lectures, seminars, mock trials, fieldtrips, university guidance sessions and a work placement or other professional experience. Students will also benefit from a mentoring scheme and will have the opportunity to apply to a 4 day residential conference!



Who should apply?

To be eligible for the programme you must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ Be in Year 12 at the start of the programme
- ✓ Attend, and have always attended, a state-funded, non fee-paying school/college
- ✓ Live within an hour commuting distance of either The London School of Economics and Political Science and/or Queen Mary University of London.

In addition, we are looking for students who:

- ✓ Would be the first generation in your family to attend university.
- ✓ Have been eligible or be in receipt of Free School Meals during secondary school and/or the 16-19 bursary and/or the Pupil Premium.

- ✓ Have attended schools with a lower than average progression to higher education, or a higher than average proportion of students who qualify for Free School Meals
- ✓ Live in an area with low progression to university and/or live in an area with high levels of socio-economic deprivation.
- ✓ Have parent(s)/guardian(s) who qualify for means-tested benefits
- ✓ Have achieved five GCSEs at grades 9-6, including English and Mathematics. A minimum of two of these qualifications should be at grades 9 – 7. This is equivalent to five GCSEs at A* - B in the old system, with two grades at A* - A

In addition, priority will be given to students who are (or have been) looked after or accommodated in care. Priority will also be given to young carers.

Students will be allocated a place at either LSE or Queen Mary University of London. Students will not be able to apply to a particular university, although consideration will be given to any preference expressed in the personal statement.

The Programme:

Law taster sessions

These are a combination of academic and law in practice related activities, delivered by university academics and professionals in the field. In previous years, the law sessions have covered Criminal, Commercial, Human Rights and EU law. Law related activities include off-site visits to barristers' chambers, Inner Temple and the opportunity to "shadow" a university law student and attend one of their lectures.

Residential conference

Pathways to Law is a national programme, and Pathways students from across the country have the opportunity to apply for a 4 day residential conference at the University of Warwick. The conference provides students with an experience of university life, allowing them to meet students from other Pathways groups.

Work experience

Pathways students will be able to apply for work experience at one of London's leading law firms during half term, Easter or the summer holidays in Year 12. In previous years, work experience has been undertaken at firms including Linklaters, DLA Piper, Eversheds, Cooleys, L.IBERTY Human Rights and Hogan Lovells to name but a few.

E-mentoring

All students on Pathways to Law are offered an undergraduate Law mentor while on the programme. Using either the Brightside Trust's e-mentoring platform, or the University's in-house scheme, students receive regular news feeds from the legal world, gain access to bespoke guidance and maintain regular contact with their mentors.



How to apply:

Students are required to complete an online application which includes personal information, GCSE results and a personal statement. The application form is available at: www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law

Deadline for applications: Monday 19 October 2020 at 17:00



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