



CAREERS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

2023/24

The Careers and Development Programme has been designed by the York Law School to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to make informed decisions about your future working lives, to make the most of the opportunities available to you, and to provide the platform for future success in your vocational training and/or future careers (whether within the legal profession or outside it).

MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE:

- Careers and employer events and appointments
- Link days
- Mentoring schemes
- Alumni events and connections

Find out more

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Careers and Employer events and appointments

It is vital that you have an overview of the opportunities available to you and a large proportion of these require steps to be taken during the first year, as well as having important deadlines for action during the second and third years. This part of the programme provides access to the relevant information, in groups and through individual support opportunities.

The employer events combine presentations and workshops in relation to different types of organisations. These events provide you with information about the employers themselves, the skills required, and the recruitment processes involved. They are often interactive and great places to meet employers.

Events: September 2023 to March 2024	Presented by
Introduction to, and update on, the Careers and Development Programme	YLS Employability Tutor and Employability Advisor
Introduction to the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) and BARBRI prep courses	BARBRI
Law + Tech the future of the profession	Norton Rose Fulbright
Placement year presentation	University Careers Advisor
Application Forms session	Addleshaw Goddard
Covering letter, CV and interview workshop	Ramsdens Solicitors
CPS – Life as a Prosecutor and how to join the CPS	CPS Solicitor Advocate
One to one appointments – Law and non-law careers including appointments with employers	YLS Employability Tutor and Employability Advisor, University Careers Advisor, and Ramsdens Solicitors
Audio feedback – On covering letters, CV’s and application forms	YLS Employability Tutor and Employability Advisor

The BARBRI, BPP, and University of Law programmes

The Careers & Development Programme works in conjunction with various providers of the LPC and/or SQE courses. Full details of these programmes are included on the ‘You and Your Career’ site.



You and Your Career Site

The You and Your Career site, is an online resource, exclusively for use by York Law School students, which is packed full of information for both law and non-law routes. The site, which is situated in the 'Virtual Learning Environment' (VLE), will help you to self-reflect and to research organisations, to make strong applications and to thoroughly prepare for interviews and assessment centres.



Link Days

Link Days are days which we organise for you to spend time experiencing the provision of legal advice and legal services to real people, rather than hypothetical clients. Link day opportunities are offered for second year students only and a wide variety of employers take part.

October 2023 – June 2024

Link Days take place for Year 2 students



Link Days are a fantastic scheme, and I am immensely grateful to the Law School for organising them. I will certainly be singing their praises and recommending them to all law students that ask about them!

Law School student



The mentoring scheme has been extremely helpful and has allowed me to feel reassured while sending applications and conducting interviews with firms.

Law school student



Mentoring Schemes

Mentoring is a process where students are given the opportunity to be matched up with a practitioner from the legal profession. The student and mentor then build up a professional relationship over a certain amount of time, with the mentor providing as much guidance and assistance about the legal profession as possible.

Mentoring sign up and launch events

October to December 2023

DLA Piper

DWF

Gordons

Ramsdens Solicitors

Walker Morris

The Careers and Development Programme is not compulsory, but we do recommend that you engage with it seriously and view this as complementary to your academic studies. You should note that days, times, and venues may change, and events will be confirmed during the year. The events listed in this booklet are designed specifically for law students, unless otherwise indicated. Some events are aimed at particular year groups, although students are welcome to attend any event, other than where specified.

These are challenging times for those seeking to pursue a career in the legal profession or elsewhere and we believe that this unique programme will help to set you apart from the competition.

I just wanted to say thank you for your help and support for my application. I had my interview and I have been offered the Vacation Scheme and Training Contract! I couldn't have got it without your guidance!

Law school student



If you have any questions about the **Careers and Development Programme**, please do not hesitate to contact **Chris Wilkinson** (Employability Tutor – chris.wilkinson@york.ac.uk). Alternatively, you can call the Law School on +44 (0)1904 325807.

Please note that University Careers is also available to all students. Details of the service can be found at york.ac.uk/careers. This includes information about the York Award, Volunteering, Enterprise, York Students in Schools, and the Student Internship Bureau.

The York Award – get involved, develop skills, and be rewarded! To find out more, go to york.ac.uk/careers/yorkaward. Alternatively, you can contact Careers on +44 (0)1904 322685 or via Email careers@york.ac.uk

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Alumni Events and connections

York Law School alumni are now an important part of what we offer in the way of support to our current students. We have hundreds of alumni available on a dedicated LinkedIn page, who can help students with career strategy discussions and in relation to applications, interviews, and assessment centres. We will also be holding two alumni events in the Law School, so that students can network with alumni who are working in the legal profession, as well as those who have entered non-law related areas such as retail, finance, and recruitment.

Event – November 2023
and February 2024

Alumni Event

Speak to and network with ex-Law School students who have entered legally related employment

Non-law Alumni Event

Speak to and network with ex-Law School students who have entered non legally related employment

Related activities

As well as the events which make up the Careers and Development Programme, there are several other activities which support your careers decision-making and develop your employability skills, for example:

- **Pro Bono activities, including elements of the Law School's 'Clinical Stream'**
- **Mooting and Negotiating competitions**
- **University Careers in Law Fair**
- **York Law Society events.**