

Careers and Development Programme

YORK **LAW** SCHOOL 2019/20

The Careers and Development Programme has been designed by the York Law School to equip you with the knowledge and skills you need in order 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 of it).



MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAMME ARE:

Careers and
Employer events
and appointments

Link Days

Mentoring Schemes

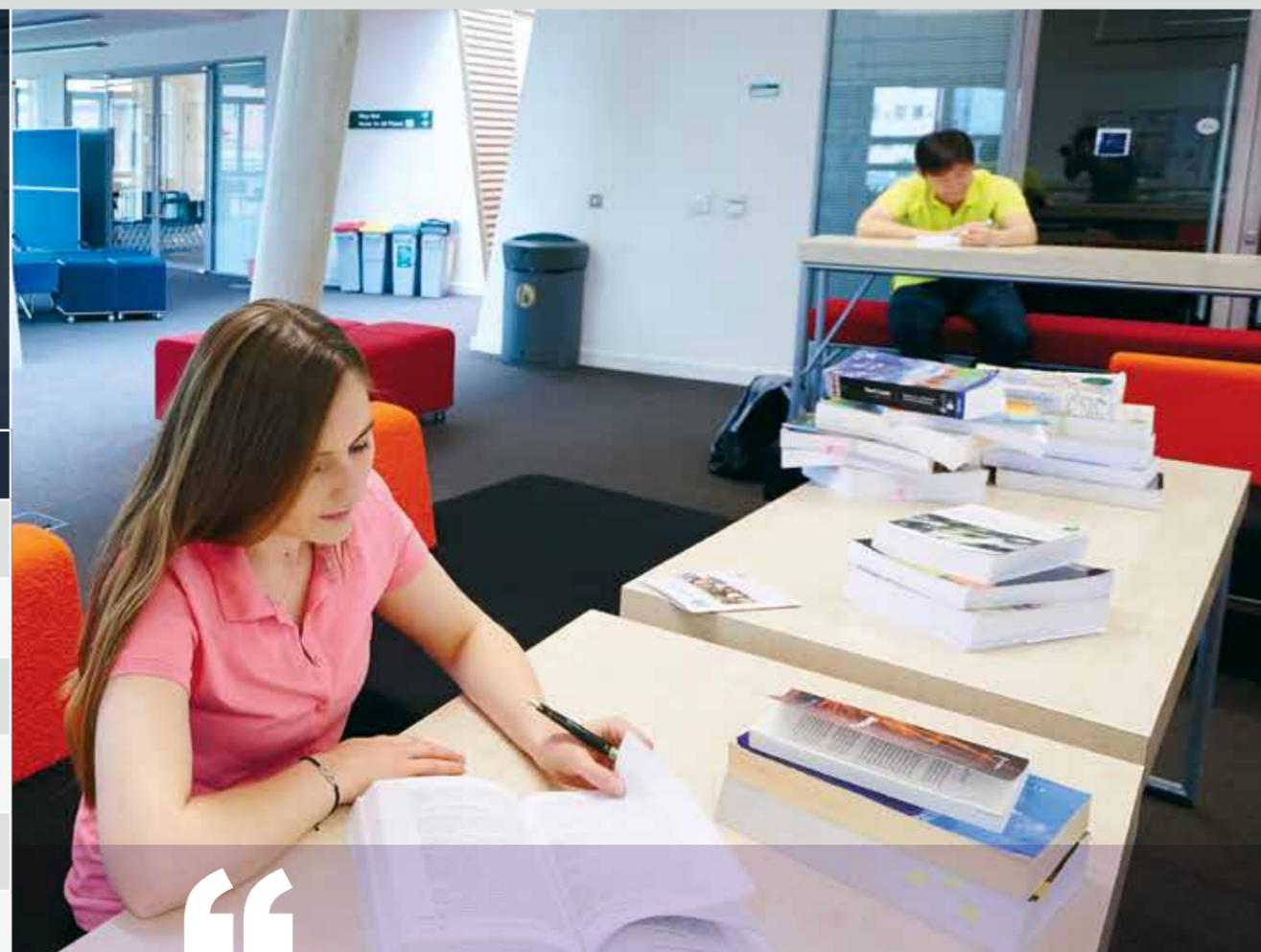
Alumni events
and connections

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 very 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.

Events - October 2019 to March 2020	Presented by
Introduction to, and update on, the Careers and Development Programme	YLS Employability Tutor
Law + Tech the future of the profession	Norton Rose Fulbright and Syke
Introduction to the Bar (including a mooting and advocacy workshop)	BPP Law School
Placement year presentation	University Careers Advisor
Commercial awareness workshop (including legal technology)	BPP Law School
Application Forms session	Addleshaw Goddard
Solicitor Series - Part 1 and Part 2	The University of Law
The LPC and changes to the legal profession (including the SQE)	The University of Law
Covering letter, CV and interview workshop	Langleys
Interview workshop (including video interviews) and Practice Networking session	BPP Law School
How to become an academic	YLS Staff
CPS - Life as a Prosecutor and how to join the CPS	CPS Solicitor Advocate
Legal technology changes within the Courts	Court representative
Preparation for Assessment Centres	The University of Law
Assessment Centres and Aspiring Baristers events	BPP Law School
One to one appointments - Law and non-law careers including appointments with employers	YLS Employability Tutor, University Careers Advisor, Eversheds Sutherland and Langleys



I wanted to provide some feedback following our Link Days. The students were excellent and really engaged in the activities we had arranged. They were both a credit to the Law School and University, and we hope to keep in touch with them going forwards.

Link Days Employer



It is such an excellent chance for students to gain work experience as early as our first year. Not only was I able to enrich the legal work experience on my CV, I was also able to gain so many legal writing, research and communication skills in a work environment.

Current Law School Student



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. Opportunities are offered in both your first and second years, with a wide variety of employers taking part.

Event - October 2019

Year 1 and Year 2 - Preparation for Link Days presentation and sign up

Event - October 2019 to June 2020

Year 1 and Year 2 - Link Days take place

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 2019

DWF

Langleys

Plexus

Walker Morris

Ward Hadaway

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.



Thank you very much for organising the YLS alumni meet and greet. I found it informative and helpful. It was really useful to hear great testimonials from our alumni.

Current 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, from the second year onwards - 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 a very 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 2019 and February 2020

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 a number of 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
- Student Law Society events.



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