

Careers and Development Programme

YORK **LAW** SCHOOL 2022/23

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

You and your career site

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 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.

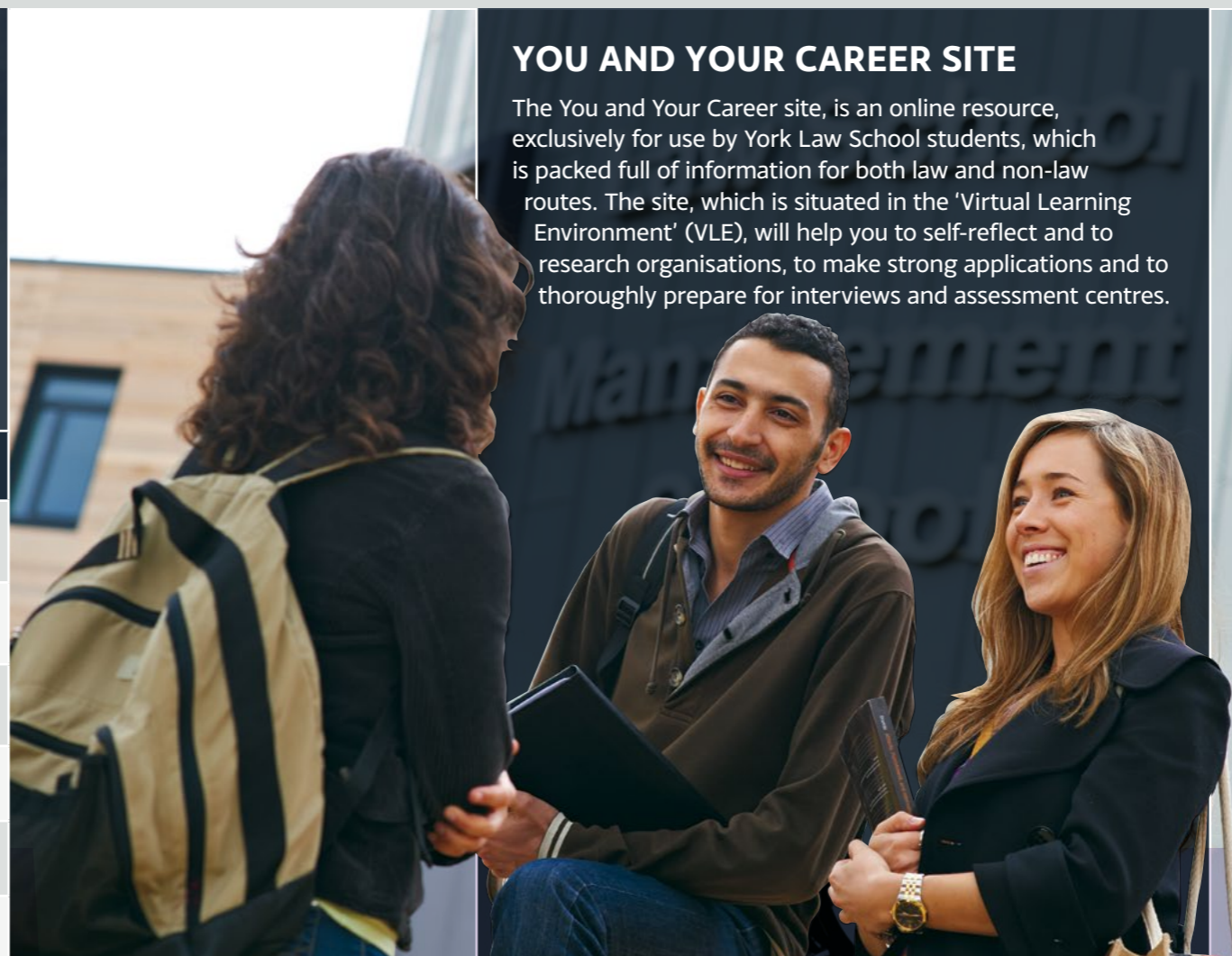
Events: October 2022 to March 2023	Presented by
Introduction to, and update on, the Careers and Development Programme	YLS Employability Tutor
Introduction to the Solicitors Qualifying Exam (SQE) and BARBRI prep courses	BARBRI
'What kind of lawyer' and 'What if you don't want to be a lawyer' workshops	YLS Employability Tutor
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
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	Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service
One to one appointments - Law and non-law careers including appointments with employers	YLS Employability Tutor, University Careers Advisor, Eversheds Sutherland and Ramsdens Solicitors
Audio feedback - On covering letters, CV's and application forms	YLS Employability Tutor

THE BARBRI, BPP, AND UNIVERSITY OF LAW PROGRAMMES

The Careers & Development Programme works in conjunction with the above 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.



Just emailing you both you let you know I got offered a place on the mentoring scheme. Thank you both for helping me with my application!

Student



I was really pleased that the event seemed to go well and really appreciated the student engagement with lots of interesting and thoughtful questions.

Employer



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 2022

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

Event: October 2022 to June 2023

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 2022

DLA Piper

DWF

Gordons

Plexus Law

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 wanted to thank you for your help during my three years at university. I am starting a graduate scheme at one of 'big four' accountants, and this would not have been possible without the events you organised and your advice during my applications.

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 2022 and February 2023

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.