

# Matrix's *Future Lawyers* Scheme

## What is it?

Matrix's *Future Lawyers* mentoring scheme is designed to provide support, advice and training to young people who would like to pursue a career in the legal profession.

Places on the scheme are given to the winners of our *Future Lawyers* competitions, which are open to eligible students who have been accepted to complete a work experience placement at Matrix. For more information on the competition, see "Am I eligible?" and "How does the competition work?" below.

## What will I gain from it?

The parameters of the **mentorship** depend on each individual and are agreed between the mentor and mentee in your first session. As a guide, you might ask for advice on work experience, applications, interview technique, academic work and scholarships.

The **advocacy training** session is run by Matrix barristers and is designed to teach you the basics of legal advocacy, give you the opportunity to practise and receive feedback and show you the sort of training you might receive as a trainee barrister.

Participants in the *Future Lawyers* scheme will be:

- Given a short induction to let you know what to expect from the scheme
- Matched with a mentor at Matrix
- Invited to an advocacy training session
- Given the opportunity to meet staff members at Matrix and learn networking skills
- Invited to our [Diversity Open Evening](#)

## Am I eligible?

First, you must be accepted to complete a work experience placement at Matrix. For more information on applying for work experience, [click here](#).

To be eligible to enter the competition you must be studying for your A-Levels (or equivalent), be seeking to pursue a career in law and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You would be the first generation in your family to attend university
- You have been in receipt of Free School Meals whilst at secondary school
- Your parent(s)/guardian(s) qualifies for means-tested benefits
- You have been in care
- You are from a background underrepresented in law, for example, you are from an ethnic minority or have a disability or long-term health condition

## How does the competition work?

To enter the competition: tick the *Future Lawyers* box on the work experience application form.

The competition consists of a task and an interview, both to be done during your work experience placement at Matrix. More information will be given to you when you arrive for the placement.

The competition winners will be selected based on their performance in the task and the interview. The prize is an enviable place on our *Future Lawyers* mentoring scheme.