



The Hewitson Grant

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Receive £5,000 to kickstart your legal career

At HCR Law, we believe in supporting young people and making a difference in our communities. That's why we've created the Hewitson Grant – a new opportunity to help you take your first steps towards a career in law.

The Hewitson Grant offers £5,000 to help fund a legal qualification – whether that's a law degree or another route. It also includes work experience with us during your second or third year of study.

Getting real-world experience is a big advantage, especially in law. Through the placement, you'll get to see what working in a law firm is really like: meeting lawyers, learning how cases are handled and building your confidence.

We're committed to supporting young talent. Many of our paralegals and trainees go on to become outstanding lawyers and over the past two years, we've offered permanent roles to 90% of our trainee solicitors.



Get real-world experience with us



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Why consider a career in law

You might already be thinking about a legal career, or perhaps you're still unsure about what your future holds.

We're probably a bit biased, but we think law is a brilliant career choice:

- You'll work on a wide range of cases, with plenty of variety, challenges and chances to grow
- Each day brings something new – it's fast-paced and rewarding
- Law goes beyond legal knowledge. Depending on your specialism, you could learn how businesses operate, dive into sectors like Technology and Innovation or Sports, Media and Entertainment or help individuals protect what matters most
- There are opportunities to get involved in the community too, through volunteering and fundraising at HCR Law.

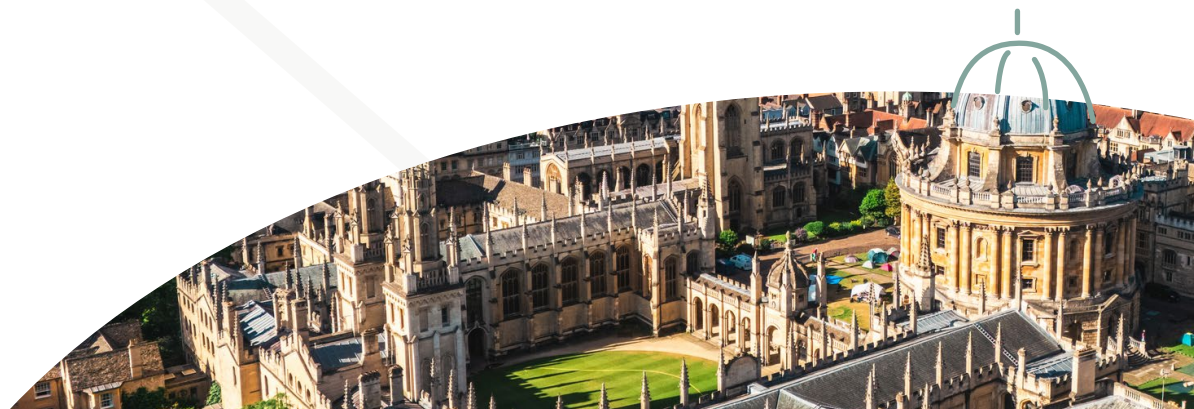
If you're curious, motivated and ready to make a difference, law could be the perfect fit.

The grant

Each year, one student from a non-fee-paying school in Cambridge will be awarded the Hewitson Grant – named in honour of Hewitsons' long-standing legacy in the city.

You could receive:

- £5,000 to help fund a legal qualification of your choice
- Work experience with HCR Law during your second or third year of study.



How do I enter?

The Hewitson Grant is available to Year 12 or 13 students who are ambitious and keen to explore what a career in law might look like.

Your school can nominate up to four students to apply. You'll just need to submit either a short video or written application introducing yourself and explaining why you should be awarded the grant.

Your teacher will shortlist two students to go forward to an interview with us.



What are we looking for?

We're eager to hear from students who are:

- Motivated and curious about law
- Academically committed
- Strong communicators
- Have good attendance.

Let your teacher know if you're interested.



What should I include in my application?

Your application is your chance to show us who you are, so be creative and let your personality shine through! You can submit either:

- A short video (up to three minutes)
- A written application (Word document).

You can be as creative as you like but make sure you:

- Tell us a bit about yourself and why you're interested in a career in law
- Explain how you'd use the grant and what difference it would make to you
- Highlight the skills and qualities that make you a great fit for law.

If you'd like to create a video application, there's no need for specialist equipment – a simple video shot on a phone is fine.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2026.

Your school is working with us directly to coordinate entries. Your teachers have all the details to help guide you through the process and will be your first point of contact if you have any questions.

If you're interested in applying, make sure you've put yourself forward and start thinking about what to include in your application.

We're excited to hear from you and look forward to meeting the shortlisted students.

Good luck!

What's next?



Timeline:

31 March 2026	Deadline to submit your application to your school. Your school will coordinate this and tell you who to send your application to
April 2026	Shortlisting
May 2026	Interviews with shortlisted students held at HCR Law's office in Cambridge
June 2026	Grant recipient announced



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