



The Hewitson Grant

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Hewitson Grant – supporting legal careers in Cambridge

At HCR Law, we're passionate about people and making a difference in our local communities. That's why we've launched the Hewitson Grant – a new initiative to help students take their first steps towards a career in law.

The Hewitson Grant offers £5,000 to support a student pursuing a legal qualification – whether through a law degree or an alternative route.

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Real-world experience

It also includes a work placement during their second or third year of study.

Relevant experience is invaluable, especially in the legal sector. By offering a placement as part of the Hewitson Grant, we give students the chance to see what life in a law firm is really like.



Why consider a career in law



Whether they're already thinking about pursuing a legal career or still unsure about what their future holds, there are lots of reasons why law might be a good fit for your young person:

- They'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 their specialism, they 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.

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.

The grant recipient will receive:

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



How can students 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.

We're working closely with eligible schools in Cambridge who are encouraging their students to enter. Each school will nominate up to four students to apply, support them with the process and coordinate their entries.

Students will need to submit a short video or written application.

Teachers will then shortlist two students to be interviewed by the HCR Law team, before the successful student is chosen.

We're excited to hear from students who are focused and keen to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please do encourage your young person to put themselves forward if they're interested – and if you have any questions about the programme, please contact your school in the first instance.

For more information about HCR Law and the work we do, visit www.hcrlaw.com



Supporting young talent

At HCR Law, we actively support young talent, helping our paralegals and trainees gain the experience they need to become outstanding lawyers. Over the past two years, we've offered permanent roles to 90% of our trainee solicitors.

Timeline:

April 2026	Deadline for students to submit their applications and schools to shortlist two students
May 2026	Interviews with shortlisted students held at HCR Law's office in Cambridge
June 2026	Grant recipient announced



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