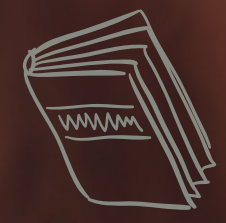




The Hewitson Grant



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



Real-world experience

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.

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.



**We're passionate
about people**

Why consider a career in law

Some of your students may already be thinking about a legal career, while others might still be unsure about their future.

We might be biased, but we think law is a brilliant sector to work in. It offers the chance to tackle complex, challenging matters and develop a wide range of skills. Paralegals and trainee solicitors are exposed to different areas of law

before specialising, giving them a broad foundation of knowledge.

One thing's for sure – life in law is never dull. No two days are the same and junior lawyers always work alongside experienced colleagues, creating opportunities for mentoring and sharing expertise.



The grant

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

The grant recipient will receive:

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



How do students enter?

We're inviting all eligible schools to nominate up to four students to apply.

You'll work closely with your students to support them through the process and coordinate their entries.

Each student will need to submit either a video or written application to you. You'll then shortlist two students, who will be invited to interview with us.



Who is eligible?

- Students in Year 12 or 13 in January 2026
- Interested in a career in law
- Attending sixth form at one of our eligible schools.

Choosing which students to put forward:

We're looking for students who are ambitious and keen to explore what a career in law might look like. Key qualities to consider include:

- Academic excellence
- Strong communication skills
- Motivation
- Good attendance.



What should students include in their application?

Students can be as creative as they like, but their application should:

- Be a Word document or a video of up to three minutes
- Introduce themselves and explain why they're interested in a career in law
- Answer: if awarded the grant, how would they use it and what difference would it make?
- Highlight the skills and attributes that make them a good fit for a legal career.

For students creating a video, there's no need for specialist equipment – a simple video shot on a phone is fine.

Alongside this flier, you've received versions to share with your Year 12 and 13 students and their parents or guardians. We've also shared a video to help you promote the Hewitson Grant to your students.

We recommend promoting the Hewitson Grant to students in January 2026.

We're excited to hear from your students and to support the successful applicant on their journey.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kelly Vickers** - kvickers@hcrlaw.com

What's next?



Timeline:

January 2026	Applications open for eligible schools to put forward entries from four students
April 2026	Students to submit their applications to you; 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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