

Future lawyers in the making

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On Thursday 17 July, our Legal team welcomed a group of Year 12 students from Walton High for a bespoke legal work experience day at our Milton Keynes office.

Now in its second year, the programme gives students a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to work in an in-house legal team. The day kicked off with a welcome from colleagues across Legal, followed by a CV and LinkedIn workshop run by Dhiren Chauhan, Talent Acquisition Partner. Students left this session with a clearer understanding of how to present themselves professionally and start building their personal brand.

They also took part in hands-on activities, including a group challenge to spot errors in a poorly written Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), a fun and practical way to apply what they had learned. Presentations from the Legal team on Buildmark, insolvency and career routes into law helped bring the world of legal services to life and sparked plenty of thoughtful questions.

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Jasmine, one of the students, said: "I participated in activities such as researching methods of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and understanding how it's used in commercial contexts. This enhanced my legal research skills and therefore helped me to find a clearer approach to gathering information. I was able to interpret actively and present findings on contract law, ultimately allowing me to practice communicating legal concepts with others.

"This experience has solidified my interest in the legal profession and has shown me how I can transfer new skills, such as attention to detail, into practice."

Kim Bromley, General Counsel, said: "It's always a pleasure to open our doors to students and give them a genuine insight into the variety of careers within legal services. We're proud to support the next generation of legal professionals and hope this experience has sparked their curiosity and confidence."

Justine Ash, Senior Litigation Counsel, who guided the students through the day with Busola Wilson, Commercial Lawyer, added: "It was a packed agenda and the students really got stuck in, from contract drafting to presenting their findings. I hope it's given them a sense of the breadth of work in an in-house legal team and left them feeling inspired about the possibilities ahead."

We're proud to continue our partnership with Walton High and look forward to inspiring even more future legal professionals in the years ahead.



