

National Careers Week begins today. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to find out more about the different ways their teen can get on track for rewarding work pathways that help them play to their strengths, whether they're 16 or 18 years' old or beyond.

Once again, we're thrilled to have partnered with National Careers Week to create a free download for parents with all the key facts.

[Download The Parents' Guide to National Careers Week 2024.](#)

Virtual Parent and Carer Open Evenings to Discover! Creative Careers with Speakers for Schools

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This is the first of the four **National Careers Week 2024** resources we have created for you to share with your students. Please either forward this email to your students, or copy and paste this link:

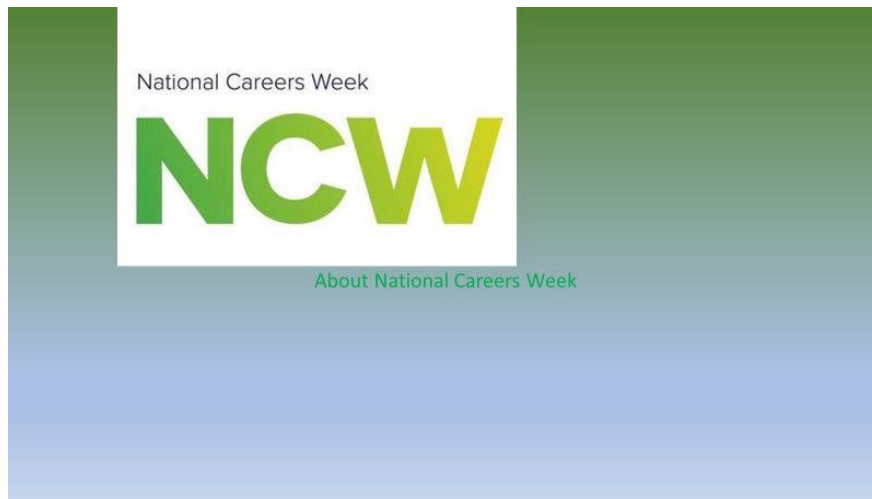
<https://mailchi.mp/successatschool/ncw-2024-careers-in-law-students>

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About National Careers Week



National Careers Week: Careers in... Law

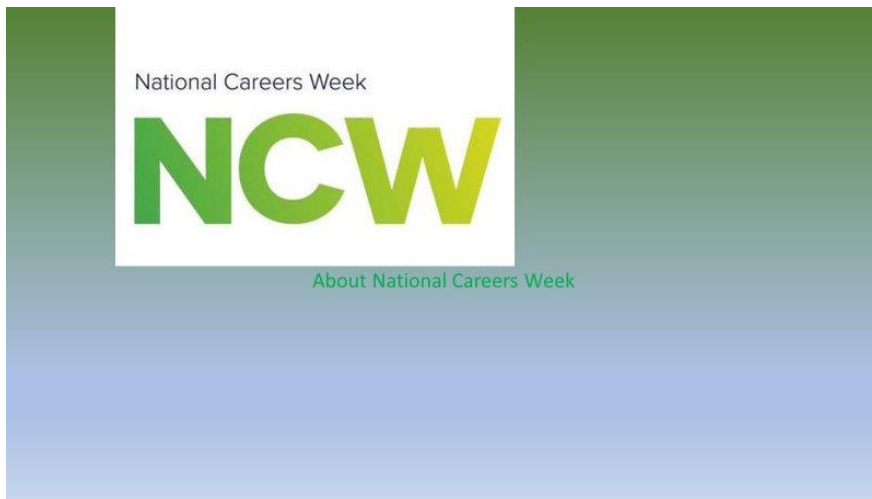
Laws are official rules that regulate the way we act. If we break them, we can be fined, forced to do community service, or even go to prison. Our legal system and the laws that we pass are designed to protect people's safety, their property and their rights.

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What jobs are out there?

Law is made up of a whole host of jobs. [Barristers](#) represent clients in court, presenting the case for the defence or prosecution by cross-examining witnesses and presenting legal arguments to the judge and/or jury. [Solicitors](#) work directly with clients – some assist individuals on issues such as writing a will or getting a divorce, while others advise and represent organisations in legal matters.

Then there are [conveyancers](#), solicitors who specialise in the buying and selling of property. There are many other specialist legal professionals too, such as [patent attorneys](#) whose expertise is in intellectual property. Many people are also involved in supporting the legal system – from [court reporters](#) who record what is said in court to [ushers](#) who make sure proceedings run smoothly, doing things like preparing the courtroom and calling witnesses.



Career Zone: Law

Check out our Law Career Zone for information about this area of work, many more jobs and guidance on what it takes to succeed in a career in law.

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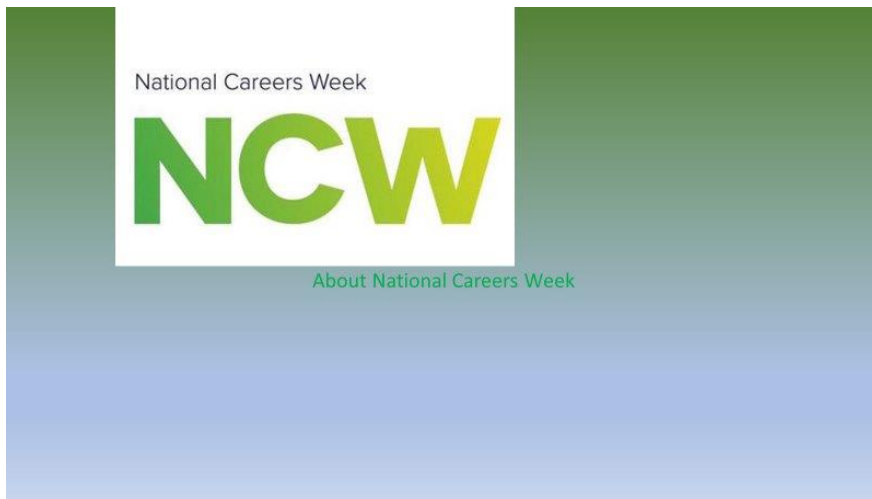
What skills do I need?

Communication: Being able to deliver a message clearly and persuasively is particularly important for legal professionals such as barristers, who must be able to convince a judge or jury of the strength of their arguments. [Learn more.](#)

Critical thinking: Critical thinking skills allow you to evaluate facts and data rather than accepting them at face value. Legal professionals must apply this skill to evidence when presenting their own case or scrutinising their opponent's. [Learn more.](#)

Research: Research is the skill of finding information from reliable sources. For legal professionals, this might involve looking through legislation or finding out about historical legal cases. [Learn more.](#)

What subjects should I take?



English

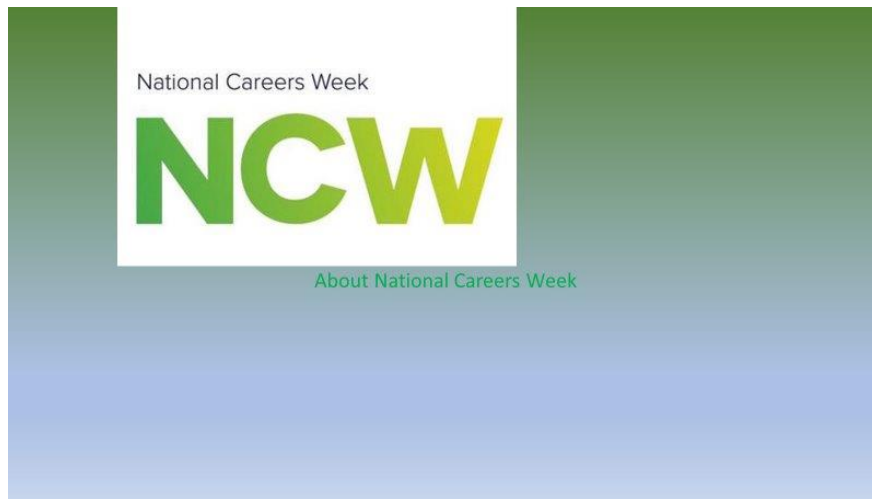
In English, you will develop the communication skills legal professionals need to present a clear and persuasive case. You will also learn to structure an argument and respond to counter-arguments. [Find out more.](#)

History

You'll really hone your research skills by studying history. You will learn how to reach an understanding of events in the past by looking at historical evidence – the same process barristers, solicitors and other legal professionals follow in their work. [Find out more.](#)

Psychology

Psychology is about getting inside people's heads. Understanding what might be motivating other people is a great skill for barristers when cross-examining witnesses in court. It will help you draw out answers which support your case. [Find out more.](#)



Uni or apprenticeship?

University

University is a great way into legal careers which require a degree – roles such as barrister and solicitor. However apprenticeships are available in some of these careers, so make sure you know your options before applying.

Not all legal careers require a higher education qualification – for example, legal assistant and paralegal.

Apprenticeship

More and more apprenticeship programmes are becoming available for different roles in law, for example:

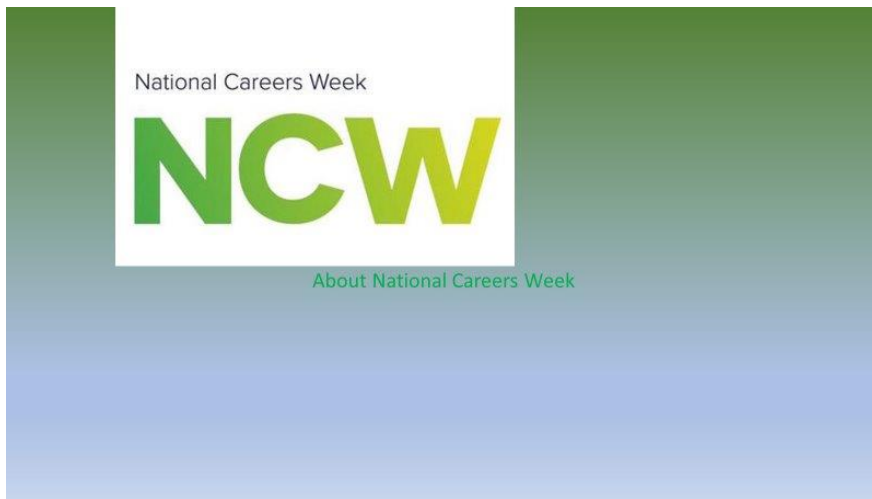
- Legal executive
- Paralegal
- Solicitor

Check out our [guide to law apprenticeships](#) for more info.

Opportunities for everyone...

Although legal professions have a reputation for being a bit posh, today there are lots of schemes available to help people from under-represented backgrounds begin a career in law. For example, many employers now offer the **Diversity Access Scheme**, which provides work experience, mentoring and funding to young people who may not otherwise have entered a career in law.

Ask employers if they offer this scheme or similar programmes – and **watch out for Success at School's emails** from employers seeking to recruit young people from different backgrounds.



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<https://careersliveuk.com/national-careers-week-2024/>



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