

Young Strathclyde: Accelerate

Law Challenge

24th to 28th June 2024

Accelerate is a one-week programme, held at the University of Strathclyde, for pupils who have just gone into S5 and S6. It aims to provide a targeted focus on the pupils' chosen area of academic interest, giving them a head start on the road to their chosen career.

There are nine areas that you can choose from in 2024, depending on your career aspirations:

- **Business**
- **Chemistry**
- **Chemical Engineering**
- **Computer Science**
- **Education**
- **Electronic & Electrical Engineering**
- **Law**
- **Politics**
- **Product Design**

Teams of academic experts have put together week-long Challenges in each of these areas that will allow pupils to find out all about their area of interest and the career opportunities open to them. Led by undergraduate and postgraduate student mentors from the relevant fields, pupils will undertake a variety of group challenges, as well as attending career workshops and getting a chance to see what student life is like.

The Law Challenge: Outline

The Law Challenge has three main aims:

- To provide you with insight and information about the various academic courses and work opportunities that there are in the field of Law.
- To allow you to discuss career and education options with a wide variety of professionals and academics while being treated as a real University student for the week.
- To allow you to take part in group challenges that will allow you to put into practice the Law expertise that you will gain during the week.



University staff and professionals working in Law will be on hand throughout the week as a resource of advice and information and to support you through your group tasks.

In groups, participants will:

- Visit a law court to watch the legal system in action;
- Prepare and enact a criminal trial, complete with prosecution and defence lawyers, witnesses, victims and the accused. This trial will take place in front of a real judge and a jury who will decide on the Accused's guilt or innocence.

By allowing you to see how Law works in the real world and to take part in your own court case, we are sure that this challenge will make you feel much more enthusiastic about Law and going on to study at University.

During the programme, our Law careers and industry event will also allow you to see the future opportunities available to you and the whole week will offer you a taste of what it is really like to be a University student.

What previous Law Challenge participants have said about the programme:

"It was very enjoyable and I found out a lot more about what a career in law entails."

"I learnt more about the courses available and got tips for applications and heard from experienced people in the law profession."

"The programme also gave a very good insight into what studying law involves."

"I know now that I certainly want to pursue a career in law."

"It was really fun and it allowed me to learn about a career in law. I also really enjoyed the practical side, including the negotiations and the mock trial."

"I thought it was an amazing opportunity to learn about what a career in law involves and get a taste of being a real lawyer. My favourite part was playing the defence lawyer at a mock trial in front of a real sheriff."



"The Accelerate programme was necessary for me to become more confident and improve my team working skills."

"Excellent programme - would encourage as many people as possible to take part. Programme offers a mixed range of opportunities and different experiences for participants to enjoy."

"I really enjoyed my week at Strathclyde. I especially enjoyed attending court and carrying out the mock trial with my group. I will definitely be recommending the Accelerate law challenge. Thank you!"

For further information, visit:

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