

**DLA Piper**

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## **DLA Piper Support Talented Law Hopefuls**



Three of Leeds Metropolitan University top performing law students were winners of a cash prize and work placement at the Leeds office of legal services firm DLA Piper last week.

The scheme was developed by DLA Piper to give talented students the opportunity to experience life as a lawyer first hand, as well as preparing the students for the training application process. The law hopefuls were the highest achievers in three module examinations taken this summer.

Jeff Lill, one of the law school's principal lecturers said; "Leeds Metropolitan law school charges students below the maximum allowed tuition fees and is intent on widening access to quality education for those who might not have otherwise been given the opportunity. Teaming up with a leading law firm such as DLA Piper is an example of our success in achieving this."

He added; "We had fantastic feedback from the students and the scheme has strengthened their ambition to pursue a career in law."

The students followed a detailed schedule ensuring they experienced different areas of the firm before settling into their chosen departments of Finance and Projects, Technology, Media and Commercial and Employment.

Neil McLean, managing partner of DLA Piper's Leeds office said; "Throughout my career I have been very lucky to have been given many opportunities and encouragement, it is important to give bright young talent the same opportunities.

"This is the first year the Leeds office has arranged the scheme, we regard it as a privilege to be able to offer students an insight into the legal profession and hope the week has outlined some of the necessary skills required for lawyers today."

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### **Photography**

Left to Right: Adam Marshall (Student), Andrew Johnson (Student), Jeff Lill (Principal Lecturer), James Crayton (Associate- DLA Piper), Neil Mclean (Managing Partner- DLA Piper) and Sam Ferreira (Student) at the DLA Piper's Princes Exchange offices in Leeds.