

# EMILY RUST

TTS STUDENT: 2009-2011

**Current role:** Trainee Solicitor

**Career pathway:** After leaving Thomas Telford, I completed a degree in English Literature at the University of Sheffield and then went on to The University of Law to study the Graduate Diploma in Law and I am now attending BPP university studying the Legal practice course. After six gruelling rounds of interviews, I have just been offered a training contract at DWF LLP for September 2016 where I will begin to qualify as a solicitor.

**Advice for students:**

Students need to be aware of the high entry requirements of the legal profession as a whole – good A level and degree grades are essential. However, the most important factor is being able to stand out to an employer. This could be the amount of work experience you have, being able to speak a language or even an interesting hobby. Law firms are more business focused than ever, they want to see commercial acumen and someone who will be able to succeed in a predominantly client facing role.

My key piece of advice would be do your research, get as much work experience in law as you can and when attending university really get involved with societies, and activities. This will give you lots to discuss at any interviews and you will be able to show off your personality as well as your academic background.

**Plans for the future:** I hope to finish my Legal practice course and begin the start of my training contract - qualifying as a lawyer and working in Birmingham in practice.

**Best memory of your time at Thomas Telford?** I went on the Berlin- Krakow History trip and we had such a great time!

