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| **Leicester Institute of Legal Practice**  **Legal Practice Course**  **Foundation Course**  **Small Group Session: Introduction to the Legal Practice Course & Meet Personal Tutor/Group -Blackboard Demonstration** |

**Outcomes**

As a result of this Small Group Session, you will:

* Be able to navigate your way successfully around the Foundation Course materials and understand the basic aims of the Foundation Course;
* Be able to understand what is expected from you in a Small Group Session;
* Be able to navigate your way around the Student Handbook;
* Be able to navigate your way around Blackboard
* Be able to understand more about what the Legal Practice Course involves and what will help you to achieve the best result you can at the end of the course;
* Be able to understand the role of a Personal Tutor;
* Get to know other members of your Group.

## **Materials required for the session**

**You must bring the following to the session with you:**

* **Your Foundation Course materials**
* **Your Foundation Course Timetable**

**Introduction to the Session**

* This Session will be divided into four Sections.
* Members of the Group will be divided into pairs for some Sections of the Session and Groups of four/five for other Sections.
* Some members of the Group will rotate between some of the Sections of the Session.

**SECTION A – Meet your Personal Tutor**

This session will be an introduction to your personal tutor and an overview of the support which they will provide.

In advance of the session, consider the role of the personal tutor – personal tutee relationship. It may help to reflect on the following:

* What do you consider the role of a personal tutor to be?
* What responsibilities do you have as a personal tutee?
* What qualities do you think are important for a good personal tutor?

**SECTION B – Meet your colleagues**

In this section, you will be finding out as much information as possible about each other, e.g. names, where each of you are from, where you studied for your LLB/GDL, any hobbies or interests, etc.

**SECTION C – Introduction to Blackboard**

Blackboard is our virtual learning environment which allows access to learning materials and interactive online activities.

You may have come across this platform before (or something similar) or this may be your first experience of the VLE.

Your tutor will spend some time introducing you to the platform.

In advance of the session, consider any questions you might want to ask about the features of the VLE.

**SECTION D – What to expect on the LPC**

For this part of the Session you will need your Foundation Course materials and Foundation Course Timetable, as part of this Section of the Session is devoted to explaining how the Foundation Course operates, E.g. what you need to bring to which Session.

The Legal Practice Course (LPC) is taught in two stages, Stage One and Stage Two, as a combined programme. It has a broadly commercial emphasis, but allows you to specialise in the second half of the course. This ability to tailor study within a choice of legal practice contexts allows you to enhance your skills in the areas you are going to practice.

Your personal tutor will spend this section of the session discussing the course.