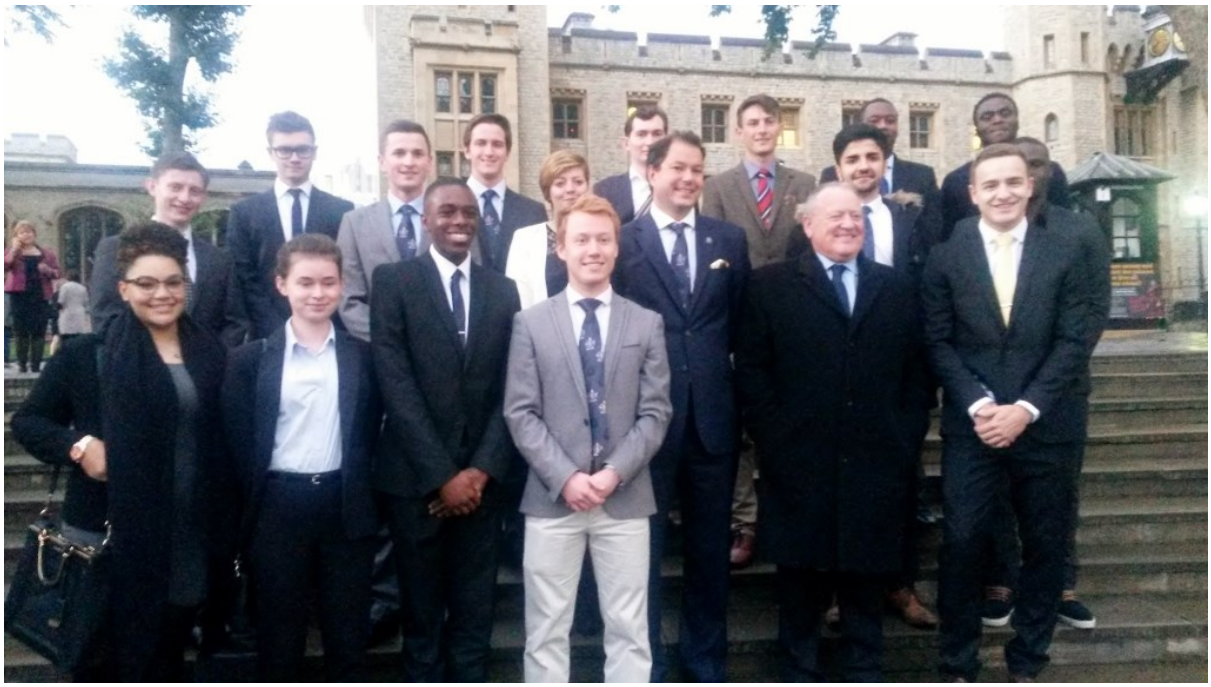
APPRENTICE EVENT- TOWER OF LONDON

The latest Apprentice Event took place at the Tower of London on 2 September 2015. Organised by the Apprentice Management Group, it was the latest in series of such events. This one was very generously hosted by Yeoman Serjeant George Brodie, an old friend of the Company. Sixteen apprentices attended, including several of our latest recruits who have yet to be Inrolled, which was great. That attendance set a new record to date. The Master, Middle Warden and Liveryman Yasmeen Stratton were there to help (!) and enjoy the occasion.



Our Apprentices with Yeoman Serjeant George Brodie and the Master

The event was a private visit to this Royal Palace commencing at 7.30 pm, well after it had closed to the general public. Yeoman Warden Brodie conducted a private tour with a full and very humorous commentary. He then invited us to join him at his Yeoman Warders' Mess for a pre-arranged and excellent buffet supper. Once finished we were then privileged to be invited to the front row to witness the unique Ceremony of the Keys. This is the oldest military ceremony in the world and is the formal locking of all the entrances to the Tower. The evening closed with final informal drinks in the Yeomans' bar before we left.

Apprentice Events are run every six months or so; the previous one was to the Old Bailey. They are funded by the Company through the generous sponsorship of SSR. They are organised specifically for the apprentices and are designed to broaden their knowledge and understanding of the City of London and to be occasions where they can meet up together, network and have some fun.

This was a successful, truly memorable and very enjoyable evening.