



LAW (AQA)

Level of Study: A-Level

The law helps to define a society's values and also provides a means to solve problems and disputes without resort to violence. Knowledge of the law can give people more control over their lives and more confidence in their dealings with others. People should be aware of their rights under the law and, equally, of their legal duty to respect the rights of others.

On the course you will study:

- The English legal system: the different types of law, people in the law, legal institutions and legal careers and how to defend a prosecution or how to resolve a civil dispute
- Crime: fatal murder and manslaughter) and non-fatal offences (common assault, actual bodily harm, wounding, grievous bodily harm), theft and robbery and defences that may be argued.
- Tort: negligence, nuisance, occupiers' liability and contract law. You will learn about your rights as a consumer

The aims of the A-Level Law course are to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of the structure, personnel and functions of the English Legal System;
- develop the techniques of logical thinking, and the skills necessary to solve problems by applying rules;
- develop the ability to communicate legal arguments and conclusions clearly and succinctly with reference to appropriate legal authority.

How law is taught :

- Independent research
- Group research and presentations
- Mock court hearings and trials
- Revision games and quizzes
- Giving legal advice in response to a legal problem
- Regular assessment of understanding
- Visits to Court and to Parliament
- Speakers e.g. solicitor and police officer

Skills Required

A good standard of written English is required.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature is required in addition to the general entry requirements for A-Level courses.

Methods of Assessment

There are three two hour written exam papers.

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Education Progression and Career Opportunities

A sound qualification for any degree discipline and a good foundation for the study of law in Higher Education.

Career opportunities are very wide-ranging and would especially include careers in law, business, the civil service, the police force, banking, insurance or finance. Many of our students study law at university or start a Legal Apprenticeship.