



Law

Why study Law?

The content of the syllabus has been designed to inspire, nurture and develop you. It will foster your interest and enjoyment in law. The course will enable you to know and understand the changing nature of law and the interaction between law, morals, justice, society and technology. It will also encourage you to develop skills which will prepare you for further undergraduate study and future careers.

What skills will I gain from studying Law?

This specification allows you to develop knowledge, understanding, and critical awareness of the structure, personnel and functions of the legal system, as well as developing your ability to analyse both legal rules and principles and factual issues. It will also enable you to construct persuasive legal arguments and to evaluate the strength of such arguments in a coherent, relevant and logical way. In addition, you will develop the ability to think critically about the role of law in society.

Having studied Law what opportunities will be open to me?

This specification provides a suitable foundation for the study of Law or a related area through a range of higher education courses, progression to the next level of vocational qualifications or employment. Hence, in addition to a career in Law and the courts, this course will be beneficial for a career in business, marketing, accounting, insurance, banking, the media, politics, the Civil Service and local and central government, the police, journalism as well as teaching.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature

Exam Board – OCR

Specification code/no. - H415

Topics covered in Year 12

The Legal system and criminal law.

The legal system: Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution; criminal courts and lay people (magistrates and juries); legal personnel (lawyers and judges); access to justice.

Criminal Law: Fatal offences against the person; non-fatal offences against the person; offences against property; mental capacity defences, (eg insanity); general defences (eg self defence); the law on attempts.

Law making and the law of tort.

Law making: Parliamentary law making; delegated legislation; statutory interpretation; precedent; law reform.

Tort : Negligence; occupiers liability; torts connected to Land; vicarious liability; defences; remedies.

Topics covered in Year 13

Complete the Law of Tort.

The Law of Contract: Formation of a contract; terms; discharge; remedies.

The Nature of Law: Law and its relationship with morality, justice, society and technology.