



Law

Why study Law?

Law A level allows you to understand the significance the subject has in all aspects of our lives and gain a good understanding of three fundamental areas of substantive law- criminal, tort and contract. The course will enable you to know and understand the changing nature of law and its interaction with morality, justice and society. It is a very useful subject to take if you are considering studying Law at degree level, while of benefit for any undergraduate study and future careers.

What skills will I gain from studying Law?

Studying Law A level will make you a problem-solver! The specification allows you to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of the structure, personnel and functions of the legal system. You will develop the ability to analyse legal rules and principles and then apply them to factual scenarios to reach a reasoned, legally valid conclusion. The course will 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 laws we have.

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, this course will be of particular benefit for careers 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 – AQA

Specification code/no. - 7162

Topics covered in Year 12

The Legal System: Civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution; criminal courts and lay people (magistrates and juries); legal personnel (barristers, solicitors, legal executives and judges); access to justice.

Criminal Law: General principles of criminal law, fatal offences against the person; non-fatal offences against the person; offences against property; defences (capacity and necessity); the law on attempts.

Tort : Negligence; economic loss and psychiatric injury, occupiers' liability; torts connected to land; vicarious liability; defences; remedies.

Topics covered in Year 13

Complete the Law of Tort.

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

The Law of Contract: Formation; terms; exclusion clauses, vitiating factors, discharge; remedies.

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