

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject - Law

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course? AQA

Why should I study this course?

Law is the bedrock of the modern world. Like the air, it is invisible and yet is all around us. From the air we breathe, to the clothes we wear, the food we eat and even controlling our behaviour and morality, Law impacts it all. Studying A-Level Law gives students a rare and unique glimpse into this vast hidden world and they will take away knowledge that is not only insightful but practical. There is no expectation for students to have any prior knowledge of the subject as it will be new to the majority of students. As such students have access to taught weekly enrichment sessions to help support them in their learning. Students will have the opportunity to develop a vast variety of key transferable skills such as analysis, problem solving and evaluative skills, in addition to specific legal skills including negotiation, commercial awareness and advocacy through activities like mock courts.

Who is suitable to study this course?

Students with a desire to understand the UK legal system and to develop key skills such as research, analysis and problem solving. It gives students a rigorous insight into what future study of the law is like at university. The course is complemented well by most other essay based subjects in particular History, English and Government and Politics. As such, the course is a fantastic platform for the future study of, or careers in, these subjects as well as the legal sector.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course? English, History.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course? 5 passes - GCSE 9-4, Pass or better at level 2 BTEC

How is the Course Delivered?

In GCE Law, students will receive five hours of taught sessions per week. It is expected that students spend an equal amount of time independently studying and revision. This will be supported through the use of weekly homework.

Subject Overview		
Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	English Legal System - Parliamentary Law Making, Delegated Legislation, Statutory Interpretation, Judicial Precedent.	Tort Law - Occupier's Liability Acts, Psychiatric Harm, Negligent Misstatement, Nuisance.
Autumn 2	English Legal System - Civil Courts and ADR, Criminal Courts and Lay People, Access to Justice, The Judiciary.	Tort Law - Rylands v Fletcher, Vicarious Liability. Human Rights - Right to Life, Right to Liberty
Spring 1	Criminal Law - Non-Fatal Offences included assault and grievous bodily harm.	Human Rights - Right to Privacy, Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Association.
Spring 2	Criminal Law - Murder and its defences, Unlawful Act Manslaughter, Gross Negligence Manslaughter	Concepts of Law - Law and Morality, Law and Fault, Law and Justice, Balancing Conflicting Interests.
Summer 1	Criminal Law - Theft, Robbery, Attempt, General Defences including insanity and intoxication.	Course summary and revision.
Summer 2	Tort Law - Negligence	

How is the Course Assessed?

At the end of the two years of study, students sit three exams, all of which are two hours long covering the three broad areas of law that we will have examined; criminal law, tort law, and human rights law.

Each question will assess students on their ability to identify and explain the relevant law before applying that knowledge to a scenario to come to a conclusion. For example, has a defendant committed everything required to prove murder or is there any defences that could be used? This format forms the basis for Praising Stars assessments throughout the course to practice these essential skills.

What is our Recommended Subject Reading list to Support your Study?

The following two textbooks are used to complement the course and are the only required reading. Students will receive copies of each upon successful enrolment.

- Martin J & Price N, *AQA A-Level Law For A-Level Year 1 and AS*, 2017, Hodder Education
- Martin J, Price N & Wortley R, *AQA A-Level Law For Year 2*, 2018, Hodder Education

There are many other wider reading materials that students will have access to that are available in the LRC and referenced throughout the course including the Law Review Magazine amongst many others. These will be highlighted to students as they progress through the course.