

POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Name of Subject Law

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

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Why should I study this course?

Studying A Level Law will develop your skills of analysis, problem-solving and logical thinking. You will also be provided with the opportunity to refine your written and verbal communication skills throughout the 2 year course.

This course will provide learners with a sound knowledge of the fundamental principles of the English Legal System. Students will be provided with the opportunity to develop knowledge, understanding and critical awareness of the structure, personnel and functions of the legal system and an in-depth knowledge of the operation of the Criminal Law Tort Law and Human Rights.

Students who are interested in learning about how the law works, understanding the roles of lawyers, the police and Judges; and who want to gain a good insight into the English Legal System will enjoy this course. We have had trips to the Supreme Court, Houses of Parliament and the Royal Courts of Justice. We also have had guest speakers including the Police, Magistrates and a Solicitor. We have also visited local courts. We now offer Pathways to Law opportunities with the University of Leeds which involves being mentored by a solicitor, law trips, work experience and University days.

Who is suitable to study this course?

The skills that you acquire through studying this course will be applicable in a wide range of careers including the legal profession (Barrister, Solicitor, Legal Secretary, etc.), the public services (Police Force), teaching and business. You may also go on to study Law or related degrees (e.g. Business) at university.

What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?

It is not necessary to have studied Law at Level 2/GCSE to be accepted on to the Level 3 Law. English is key.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

To be accepted onto the Law course you are required to have at least 5 GCSEs at level 4 and above; this needs to include English at Level 5.

How is the Course Delivered?

The course is delivered by Ms Summers, in five taught hours per week. You will be expected to consolidate learning and complete homework tasks for a further 5 hours of independent study each week. You will have access to a Law Google Classroom where a bank of lesson and revision resources are stored, and where written work and assessments can be submitted.

What will I learn at AS Level?

- Legal System
- Law Making
- Criminal Law
- Tort Law

What will I learn at A Level?

- Human Rights Law
- The Nature of Law

Subject Overview		
Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Legal systems	Tort recap
Autumn 2	Law making	Human Rights
Spring 1	Criminal	Human Rights
Spring 2	Criminal	Nature
Summer 1	Tort	Revision
Summer 2	Tort	Exam prep

How is the Course Assessed?

All exams are at the end of the course. This course is 100% externally examined.

Paper 1: The legal system and criminal law
80 marks- 1 hour 30 minute paper 33.3%

Paper 2: Law making and the law of tort
80 marks- 1 hour 30 minute paper 33.3%

Paper 3: Further law (including option of human rights law or law of contract)
100 marks- 2 hour paper 33.3%

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

I would recommend keeping up to date with legal current affairs on BBC news

There are currently no textbooks available for this specification but we provide <https://www.ebradbury.com/> membership

<https://www.parliament.uk/>

<https://www.judiciary.uk/>

Law and Order UK is recommended to see the law in action

24 hours in Police Custody is great to see the role of the Police and different offences

