

Law

A-Level

I did nothing, can I still be guilty? He was drunk, is he still to blame? Do judges make law or do politicians? How does morality play a part in the law? Should the law interfere with my private business? If these questions intrigue you and you have an inquiring mind and an interest in the world we live in, then A level Law may be for you.

What is the course about?

Law impacts on every aspect of our lives, the way we interact with one another as individuals, between organisations and countries. It links all aspects of society. Topics in this course include:

- The legal system
- Law making
- Criminal law
- The law of tort
- The nature of law
- Human rights law



Special Considerations

The course will explore law beyond the classroom and will involve visits to Magistrate and Crown Courts and the Houses of Parliament.

What kind of student is the course suitable for?

Students will need good written and oral communication skills and the ability to pick up new ideas quickly. You will need to be organised and comfortable working independently or in a small group. You should enjoy debating issues and using evidence to support your arguments.

A level law combines well with subjects such as history, sociology, philosophy or politics. Students particularly interested in criminology may wish to combine it with psychology.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be by three equally weighted two-hour exams at the end of the second year.

What could I go on to study at the end of the course?

The study of law develops a range of transferable skills that are highly sought after in higher education and future careers, not just the legal field. These include critical analysis, problem solving, debating, essay writing and research skills.

A level law is recognised as an academically rigorous subject that will not only give you a firm foundation for the study of law at university, but also any other degree, particularly in other humanity subjects. It supports a wide range of careers including law, management, police, media business and politics.

What if I need further advice or information? Speak to Mrs Beamish



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