Law

COURSE OVERVIEW

Law impacts every aspect of our lives, influencing how we interact with one another as individuals, organisations and countries. It connects all aspects of society.

You will begin by exploring the legal system, including how laws are made and upheld. You will then study both criminal and civil law, applying your knowledge to real-life scenarios and legal problems. For example, you will consider whether defendants are guilty of offences such as murder or robbery, whether claimants can bring a claim in the tort of negligence, and whether someone may be liable for causing a nuisance to their neighbours.

In the second year you will study contract law and look at the formation of contracts to their enforcement. You will also learn about how law interacts with morality, justice and society.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

Although you will need to have good written and oral communication skills and the ability to pick up new ideas quickly, this course will develop these further. You should enjoy debating issues and will learn how to present both sides of an argument and use evidence to support your case.

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 skills include:

- Critical analysis
- Problem solving
- Debating
- Essay writing
- Research skills

Qualification: **A-Level**

Awarding Body: **OCR**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

We follow the revised H418 specification.

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

- **Paper 1 – The Legal System and Criminal Law**
- **Paper 2 – Law Making and Law of Tort**
- **Paper 3 – Nature of law and Contract Law**

OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

A level law is highly regarded by universities as an academically rigorous subject that will not only give you a firm foundation for the study of law at degree level, but also any other degree or higher education course, particularly in other humanity-based subjects.

The study of law supports a wide range of careers, including law, management, police, media, business and politics.

"Studying law is an extremely rewarding endeavour. Whilst engaging in challenging content, the useful knowledge that you accumulate throughout the course is transferable in day to day life."