

LAW A LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

A subject which plays a central role in society and our everyday lives, A Level Law will provide you with the opportunity to examine, understand and explore your rights and responsibilities in a broad context. Areas of study at AS Level include the English legal system and sources of law. This course will familiarise you with the organisation of the courts and the role of judges, magistrates, solicitors and barristers.

You will gain a knowledge and understanding of topics such as the penal system and the particular considerations involved in sentencing young and adult offenders. In addition, you will explore the extent of police powers and the pros and cons of our jury system.

Year two involves an in-depth study of criminal law, including murder, manslaughter, theft, robbery, burglary, nonfatal offences like assault, battery, actual and grievous bodily harm, as well as defences such as insanity, diminished responsibility, loss of control, intoxication and duress. You will review many cases, developing a critical awareness of the present state of criminal law and learn how to analyse and solve problems by applying legal rules.

There are also opportunities to visit courts ranging from Reading Magistrates Court to the Royal Courts of Justice, the Supreme Court and Parliament in London.

WHAT NEXT?

Whilst many students continue on to study subjects including law, business, economics, politics and international relations at university, this course provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level.

Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Exam (100%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 in English and grade 5 in Maths.

EXAM BOARD

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COSTS

£20 per year for textbooks plus £20 for optional visits to Law courts.