



# LAW

You will learn about the legal system, law making, the nature of law, criminal law, the law of tort and contract law. Law students develop a range of skills, including the application of legal rules and principles to present an argument, analysis and evaluation of the law, legal issues and concepts. A Level Law provides a fascinating insight into so many different disciplines. There are many benefits of studying A Level Law. It links all aspects of society. It helps students develop a range of transferable skills: analytical skills, attention to detail, logical thinking, research skills, essay writing skills and the ability to produce a balanced argument.

The real question is not 'Why should you study A Level Law?' but instead, 'Why would you not?'

COURSE DETAILS:

## YEAR 1

Paper 1 - Criminal Law and the English Legal System  
Paper 2 - The Law of Tort and the English Legal System  
Paper 3 - Contract Law and the English Legal System

OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

- We hope to provide the chance to visit the criminal and civil courts, the Houses of Parliament and other related places of interest, to bring the subject to life
- Law workshops at local universities
- Being a member of the Law Society
- The course is engaging and encourages the learner to experience the 'law in action'

### Myth Busting

There is a misconception amongst some students and teachers that universities have a negative view of A Level Law. This is simply not true and is rejected by all top universities. Many A Level Law students go on to study law at degree level and do not face any barriers due to their A Level choices.

**EXAM BOARD:**  
**AQA**

**ASSESSMENT:**

**THE COURSE IS TAUGHT OVER THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND IS FORMALLY ASSESSED BY WAY OF THREE, 2-HOUR EXAMINATIONS AT THE END OF THE COURSE.**



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## WHERE NEXT WITH THIS COURSE?

Some students take A Level Law because they already know that they want a career in law. The A Level gives an excellent introduction for students who want to read law at university or start a legal apprenticeship. It demystifies the law. However, A Level Law is not just for students who want to enter the legal professions. It is a well-respected subject and is a welcome addition to many A Level programmes of study. A Level Law links well with science, humanities and social science subjects including; criminology, history, sociology, philosophy, economics and business, to name just a few!

Have you ever wondered...

- What is the relationship between law and morals?
- Does the law provide justice?
- How is technology changing the law?
- How can a lawyer represent someone they believe is guilty?
- Should euthanasia be legalised?
- Should life mean life?
- Why do we need law?
- How are laws made?
- How do judges make decisions?
- What are the different types of court and how do they operate?
- How do people become solicitors or barristers?

Through studying law, these, and many other questions, will be explored. You will develop a sound understanding of substantive areas of law (criminal law, contract law, tort law) as well as legal procedure and law-making. At the end of the course, your knowledge and understanding will be stretched even further when we consider the role that morality and justice play in the administration of justice and development of law. All this knowledge will be developed concurrently with your development as an even more articulate and analytical thinker, problem-solver, advocate and keen master of persuasion and argument. A subject that lends itself to so many other disciplines and which is inherently empowering. A Level Law is a rich addition to any student's A Level profile and, if this diverse and fascinating subject appeals, we would welcome you within our department here at Higham Lane Sixth Form.



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