Law A Level

Course Description:

The A-Level Law course will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the English legal system, encouraging an understanding of the role and function of law in society and the interaction between law, morals and justice. The course is engaging and encourages you to experience the 'law in action'. It is designed to foster a passion for law and everything it encompasses, with potential opportunities to visit criminal and civil courts, the Houses of Parliament and other related places of interest, which bring the subject to life. You will cover both theoretical and practical applications of law, helping you develop many transferable skills such as analytical, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. It's an ideal choice for students interested in legal careers or those seeking to understand how laws influence everyday life. In Year 12 the course introduces law personnel, law making, the court system and criminal law. In Year 13 you will study the law of tort, civil liabilities and negligence; nature of law and human rights law.

Qualifications Required:

Minimum entry requirements apply. Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature.

Aims of the Course:

The study of Law will develop your understanding of the English legal system and legal principles, fostering critical thinking and analytical skills as you examine criminal, tort, and human rights law. Through studying real-life cases and legal scenarios, you will learn to apply legal rules logically and effectively, building problem-solving skills and a deeper awareness of law's role in society. The course encourages you to consider ethical, moral, and societal implications of legal decisions, promoting an understanding of justice, fairness, and human rights. In addition, it hones your communication skills, and argumentation skills through mock court hearings and prepares you for further studies in law or many related fields such as, business, economics, history, politics and sociology.

Future Prospects:

Studying Law at A-Level equips you with valuable knowledge and skills for university and various careers. It provides an excellent foundation for those aiming to pursue a law degree and become solicitors, barristers, or legal executives. Beyond legal careers, A-Level Law is advantageous in fields like public service, government, business, and management. Additionally, the course's focus on critical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication prepares students for diverse professions, including social work, teaching, journalism, and consultancy. The increasing availability of paralegal and solicitor apprenticeships provide an alternative to going to university. This versatility makes A-Level Law an asset, fostering informed, analytical, and articulate individuals ready to navigate complex issues in various professional settings.

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Student Feedback:

'This is such an interesting course – I have learned a lot so far!'
'I am looking forward to seeing how the course develops in Year 13.'
'I definitely want to work in this area when I complete my studies!'

Features of the Course:

- Comprehensive Introduction to Law
- Focus on the English Legal System: the structure, roles, and processes of the English legal system, including how laws are made and applied.
- Practical Application through Case Studies through analysis of real-life cases and applying legal principles to hypothetical scenarios.
- Skills Development of critical thinking, analytical reasoning, problem-solving, and effective communication, which are essential for legal and non-legal careers.
- Encourages you to consider moral, ethical, and societal issues related to law, such as justice, fairness, and the protection of human rights.
- You are evaluated through three written exams at the end of the course.
- Preparation for Further Study and Careers and provides a strong foundation for those interested in pursuing law at university or careers in legal services, government, business, and public service.

A Level Units

Legal system and Law Making	**Criminal Law**
Courts and Legal personnel	Non-fatal and fatal offences
Access to justice	Defences
Parliamentary law making	Property offences
Statutory interpretation	
Judicial precedent	Nature of Law
Law reform	Law and Justice, Morality and Society
Tort Law	**Human Rights Law**
Negligence	Protection of Human Rights in the UK
Occupiers' liability	Human Rights Act 1998
Torts connected to land	

Methods of Assessment:

Paper 1 - The Legal System and Criminal Law: 2 hours written paper: 80 marks. 33.3% of total A Level marks.
Paper 2 – Law Making and Law of Tort: 2 hours written paper: 80 marks. 33.3% of total A Level marks.

Paper 3 – The Nature of Law and Human Rights: 2 hours written paper: 80 marks. 33.3% of total A Level marks.