Why you should follow this course

Laws are rules by which we regulate our lives, our conduct and they affect us all in our everyday lives. If you are interested in how the justice system works, then this course will allow you to discover the operation of laws and legal principles in detail.

The course examines the different ways our laws are made and how the legal and political system works. It covers criminal and tort law which students find fascinating and enlightening topics.

At A2 level we delve deeper into criminal and tort with the addition of Human Rights law, we also look into how law promotes justice is our society, and how it reflects – or sometimes does not – changing morals.

You should take this course if you are interested in exploring how we use law to regulate human conduct in a modern and fair democratic society.

Studying law will teach you transferable skills such as problem-solving and analysis which will prepare you well for university and work.

What teaching and learning methods will be used?

Lectures, class discussions, exercises and written assignments. The written assignments are usually based on exam questions, so that you have plenty of opportunity to prepare yourselves.

We enjoy regular mock trials where we work in teams, each one aiming to win the case with the best legal arguments.

How will the course be assessed?

By externally set examinations. There is no coursework element.

Modules are examined in June of each year.

Year 12 - 2 modules in Summer

Year 13 - 2 modules in Summer

What can you do when you have your qualification?

A Level Law is accepted by all universities and colleges as an entry qualification for law and is highly regarded for all other degree subjects.

Law at A level can lead to many rewarding careers – a knowledge of law is useful for almost all jobs. You may wish to enter the legal field therefore this course will provide a strong knowledge for your future plans.

Law will also teach you useful skills such as reasoning, problem-solving, presentation and analysis.

Examination Board: OCR
Qualification: A Level

YEAR 12 COURSE CONTENT

Unit 1: The Legal System and Criminal Law

UK law making, criminal and civil courts, legal profession, advice/funding, the judiciary and political system.

Criminal liability, murder, manslaughter, attempts, defences, assault, battery, bodily harm, theft, burglary and robbery.

(subjects continued in y13)

33.33% of A2 Level. Externally assessed examination lasting 2 hours. 100 marks

Unit 2: Law Making and Tort law

Parliamentary law making, delegated legislation, statutory interpretation, judicial precedent and EU law.

Negligence, breach of duty, occupier's liability, employer's liability and nuisance.

(Subjects continued in y13)

33.33% of A level. Externally assessed examination lasting 2 hours. 100 marks.

YEAR 13 COURSE CONTENT

Unit 3: The Nature of Law and Human Rights

Law and justice, society and morality. Human rights articles.

33.33% of A Level. Externally assessed examination lasting 2 hours. 100 marks.



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