

The law affects every aspect of our lives. Therefore, understanding where those laws come from, how to interpret them to your advantage and how the legal system actually operates, provides students with key insights that they will use time and again throughout their lives.



Are you interested in:

- justice
- crime and punishment
- being able to sue people
- how trials work
- how to become a judge

Leading to a career in:

- Law
- Politics
- Journalism
- Media
- Business

Teacher to contact:

Mr Bucknall

Exam Board:

OCR

A-level

Studying Law gives students an understanding of the role of law in today's society and raises their awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals.

By learning about legal rules and how and why they apply to real life, students also develop their analytical ability, decision-making, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. All these skills are highly sought after by higher education and employers.

Course Content:

The A-level Law course is divided into 6 units, taught over the 2 years:

Legal System:

- Structure of the court systems
- Legal Personnel
- Role of Juries

Criminal Law

- Non-fatal offences
- Fatal Offences
- Property offences
- Defences

Law Making:

- Parliamentary Law
- Judicial Precedent
- Law Reform

Tort Law:

- Negligence
- Occupier's Liability/Trespassers
- Nuisance
- Defences

Nature of Law:

- Law and Morality
- Law and Justice
- Law and Society

Contract Law (Option A):

- Elements of a contract
- Contract Terms
- Exclusion clauses

Human Rights (Option B):

- Theory of Human Rights
- Human Rights in International Law
- Human Rights Act 1998 European Convention on Human Rights



Assessment:

3 x 2 hour exams at end of the second year

Paper 1: 33% of A-level

Criminal Law (60 marks)
Legal System (20 marks)

Paper 2: 33% of A-level

Tort Law (60 marks)
Law Making (20 marks)

Paper 3: 33% of A-level

Nature of Law (20 marks)
Law of contract (60 marks)
OR
Human rights (60 marks)

**Skills Developed:**

Students develop a wide range of excellent skills:

- Analysing situations
- Logical thinking
- Debating
- Forming reasoned arguments
- Evaluating justice

**Entry Requirements:**

It is recommended that students achieve a grade 6 in at least one English subject or an essay-based humanities subject (e.g. History, Religious Studies, Geography...).

