

# Law



## Why Study A Level Law?

“Law and order exist for the purpose of establishing justice.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

This A Level aims to develop the learner’s analytical ability and critical thinking. Learners develop their knowledge of the English Legal system by practical application of the law underpinned by academic study. The specification introduces substantive law and develops the ability to understand and apply the relevant law in criminal and civil situations.

## Course Content

The course consists of AS and A Level exams which further enhances the learner’s skills acquisition for either university or work by developing:

1. An understanding of legal method and reasoning
2. The techniques of logical thinking and the skills necessary to analyse and solve problems by applying legal rules.
3. The ability to communicate legal arguments and conclusions with reference to appropriate legal authority.
4. A critical awareness of the changing nature of law in society from a socio-political perspective.

First year units include:

Unit 1: Law Making and the Legal System:

- Section A: Law Making
- Parliamentary law making
- Delegated legislation
- Statutory interpretation
- Judicial precedent
- Section B: The Legal System
- The civil courts and other forms of dispute resolution
- The criminal courts and lay people
- The legal profession and other sources of advice and funding
- The judiciary

## Unit 2: The Concept of Liability:

- Section A: Introduction to Criminal Liability
- Underlying principles of criminal liability
- The courts: procedure and sentencing
- Section B: Introduction to Court
- Liability in negligence
- The courts: procedure and damages

### **Assessment**

Assessment consists of four exams in total with two taken at the end of each academic year.

### **Exam Board**

AQA

### **Progression**

Law will equip students with the knowledge and background to undertake further training towards a career in the legal profession. However the skills learnt are more widely applicable and many law students go on to jobs in management, human resources, accountancy, finance, the civil service and the police force.