
LAW

Exam Board: OCR



Aims of the Course

- develop their knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and areas of both private and public law with the law of England and Wales
- develop an understanding of legal method and reasoning as used by lawyers and the judiciary
- develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to problems, based on legal principles, legislation and case law
- develop the ability to construct conclusions and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities
- develop the ability to communicate persuasive legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities
- be able to demonstrate critical awareness of the influence and operation of the law in society

Types of Learning Experience:

Students are encouraged to discuss topics and present research in lessons. They are expected to keep up to date with current legal developments by reading legal articles and Law reports in the broadsheet press. Visits are made to the Courts locally and in London. Visiting Magistrates, Solicitors and Barristers are used, as appropriate, to aid knowledge and understanding of major topic areas.

Link Subjects:

Law can be combined with any A level subject as a full A level subject. A number of students will find it a useful and practical AS subject.

Progressing to Higher Education:

A number of students will progress to read Law at University. However, the majority of students will enter a wide range of degree programmes where Law may or may not be a component of the course. A number of students have gone on to Legal Executive courses.

Careers:

Students who read Law at University often progress to a career as a Solicitor or Barrister. Law can also be used as a basis for entry to a large range of occupations.

The legal system and criminal law (Component 01) 33.3%

This component introduces learners to the legal system. It also introduces learners to the concept of liability through an introduction to criminal law. This component is split into two sections, Section A: the legal system and Section B: criminal law.

Law making and the law of tort (Component 02) 33.3%

This component introduces learners to the law making. It also introduces learners to the concept of liability through an introduction to the law of tort. This component is split into two sections, Section A: law making and Section B: the law of tort.

Further Law (Component 03) 33.3%

The nature of law and human rights (Component 03) 33% This component will enable learners to extend their study of law. They will explore and consider in detail the nature of law and extend their legal knowledge through the study of human rights

Assessment:

The assessment consists of three exams, two hours each, at the end of the second year.

Entry requirements:

A minimum of 5 A*-C grades Level 4-9 at GCSE including English and Maths.

