Law A Level

AWARDING BODY | AQA | SPECIFICATION CODE
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- Grade 5 in GCSE English Language essential (if Law not studied at GCSE)
- Grade 5 in GCSE Law desirable if studied at GCSE

ABOUT THIS COURSE
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.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Paper 1 & 2:
The nature of law and the English legal system (40 marks out of 80).
Criminal law (40 marks out of 80).
Tort law (40 marks out of 80)

Paper 3:
The nature of law and the English legal system (25 marks out of 100).
Tort (75 marks out of 100).

HOW WILL I LEARN?
Students will be expected to:
- Develop competence in using legal skills during the study of the nature of law, legal issues and the English legal system, and private and public areas of substantive law
- Demonstrate their ability to analyse a scenario by identifying the key facts from which legal issues arise
- Analyse, when formulating a legal argument, legislation by applying the rules and principles of statutory interpretation and analyse case law by applying the doctrine of precedent
- In respect of each private and public area of substantive law they are required to study, to analyse, apply and evaluate the legal rules and principles of that area of law.
- Construct clear, concise and logical legal arguments which are substantiated by legal authority, using appropriate legal terminology

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?
The subject is eminently suited to a would-be lawyer, although it must be stressed that it is not necessary to study the subject at A Level in order to study it at university. Indeed, it is not even necessary to study Law at university in order to enter one of the professions (Barrister or Solicitor) as it is possible to do a law conversion course. However, the intellectual discipline, the problem-solving and essay-writing skills developed by this A level are invaluable to anyone interested in taking Law at university as a single honours degree or as a joint degree with other subjects such as Criminology, Psychology, European Studies and History. This is a good subject for a wide variety of careers including, solicitor, barrister, police, business, consultation, medical Ethics, etc.

WHO TO TALK TO?
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