

LAW

AS and A2

Level: 3

BOARD: AQA

LENGTH OF COURSE: AS COURSE – FIRST YEAR

A2 COURSE – SECOND YEAR

What will I learn?

At AS level you will learn how laws are made and how the legal system in the UK operates. You will also study criminal law and the law of negligence. At A2, you will develop your understanding of criminal law through in-depth study and application of the law on murder and manslaughter. You will also study property offences, such as theft and burglary, and consider the role in society from a critical perspective. This element of the course will consider such questions as to what extent the law is based on morality and whether or not our legal system achieves justice. As part of the course, you will observe real cases in the Crown and Magistrates' Courts, and will also have the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.

How will I learn?

Through a combination of formal teaching, discussion, individual and group presentations, homework and class work activities, independent learning, regular testing and school visits (including one to the Crown Court) and guest speakers.

How will I be assessed?

UNIT 1:

Law Making and the Legal System

Written paper: 50% of total AS Marks, 25% of total A level marks

UNIT 2:

The Concept of Liability

Written paper: 50% of total AS Marks, 25% of total A level marks

UNIT 3:

Criminal Law or Contract Law

Written paper: 25% of total A level marks

UNIT 4:

Criminal Law or Tort and Concepts of Liability

Written paper: 25% of total A level marks

Where might it lead?

Law is an excellent choice for students considering study at degree level and/or a career in the legal profession. It is a well-respected qualification, and may also benefit students seeking careers in social services, research, law enforcement, journalism, management, local government and education.

What are the entry requirements?

Law is an intense academically demanding subject. 5 A* - C GCSE passes or equivalent including a B or above in GCSE English Language.

Further information is available from: Miss V Standing

