

# A Level Law

## Why study A Level Law?

There are many benefits of studying A Level law. It links all aspects of society. It helps students develop a range of transferable skills: analytical skills, attention to detail, logical thinking, research skills, essay writing skills and the ability to produce a balanced argument. An aspect of A Level law students particularly enjoy is the 'case study' approach, in which legal principles are applied to real-life cases. It is the combination of human stories raising real and relevant issues that makes A Level law an engaging, yet challenging subject to study.

## What will I study?

**Nature of Law:** This examines the relationship of law with society, morality and justice, and explores fundamental concepts such as the 'Rule of Law' and 'Parliamentary Sovereignty';

**English Legal System:** This unit covers how law is made both centrally within parliament, and by decisions made in the appeal courts. You learn about key legal institutions, including the civil and criminal court hierarchy, and the various processes and personnel involved in the practice of law;

**Criminal Law:** This considers both Fatal (Murder, Voluntary and Involuntary Manslaughter) and Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person (Assault, Battery, Actual Bodily Harm, Grievous Bodily Harm) as well, as offences against property. Criminal legal theory is also studied to provide context;

**Tort Law:** This explores various torts ('wrongs') including Negligence and Private Nuisance, and explores concepts such as 'Liability' and deals with the 'Remedies' available to the courts;

**Option choice:** You study either Human Rights or Contract Law.

## Assessment

100% examined.

**Paper 1** covers Criminal Law, **Paper 2** covers Tort Law, and **Paper 3** examines the option topics; Contract or Human Rights. Assessment of the Nature of the Law and English Legal Systems components is spread out across the three papers and represents 25% of the total marks.

## Study trips, visits and events

Horfield Prison & Bristol Crown Court, Houses of Parliament & Royal Courts of Justice.

## Subject entry requirements

5 in English Literature **or** Language.



## Student Perspective

"I knew that Law would be a really interesting course to take as I wanted to learn more about Parliament and how laws are made within society. We get to look at lots of real life cases that have changed the way we study and apply law and studying Law will help me with my future plans to become a lawyer!"

Kate, A Level Law student