

Subject: LAW

Level: A Level **Exam Board AQA**

Entry Requirements

To study this course you will need to have achieved five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, which need to include English at grade 6 or above. You will need good numeracy skills, as well as the ability to write concisely. This is a very demanding course and you should not undertake it if you are not prepared to work hard.

Who is the course for?

Law is too important to be left to lawyers - every citizen should have some knowledge of their rights and of how to exercise these. So this is as much a course for those who wish to enter the legal profession – as it is for those who don't. It is for everybody who has an interest in social justice and fairness – and the role of law in promoting such values. It is for everybody who wishes to investigate how law is used to regulate human conduct, how it is affected by changes in moral values, and how it does (or doesn't) promote justice and even-handedness in society.

How will I learn?

You will read widely and learn through formal instructions and group work. You will prepare cases and present them in class. You will engage in role-plays and debates. You will attend criminal cases at the Carlisle Law Courts. You will also be required to undertake independent learning, in this we mean that you take control of your own learning after being given guidance. You will investigate and explore, showing initiative, discipline and perseverance. You will manage your time efficiently, and show that you can work independently and also as part of a team. You will enjoy yourself!

Further Education & Career Pathways:

A-Level Law is useful, but not essential, if you are planning to take a Degree in Law at University and to become a solicitor or barrister. A-Level Law is a well-recognised qualification in itself, and a stepping stone to an enormous range of rewarding careers. Students of Law go on to careers in a wide range of different pathways in the fields of business, education, entertainment, journalism, marketing and sales, politics, science and technology or indeed in Law itself.

Course Outline

The syllabus consists of the Core Content and the Optional Content. Within the Core Content you will study three areas of law and one topic from the optional content.

1. The Nature of Law and the English Legal System

This area will involve learning about parliamentary law making, delegated legislation, statutory interpretation and judicial precedent. Then we shall consider civil courts and dispute resolution, criminal courts and lay people, legal

profession and advice/funding and the judiciary. In addition, you will explore concepts of law such as Law and Morality, Law and Justice and Fault.

2. Criminal Law

In this section we will explore the general principles of criminal liability together with non-fatal offences of assault, battery, assault occasioning actual bodily harm (S47) and unlawfully inflicting / causing grievous bodily harm or wounding (S20 and S18). You will also study murder, diminished responsibility, loss of control, unlawful act manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter as well as general defences and attempts. The study of property offences will be limited to theft and robbery.

3. Tort

This area relates to civil law and will include tort of negligence, occupiers' liability, vicarious liability and nuisance. You will also study defences and remedies in civil law.

4. Optional Content

Law of Contract or

Human Rights (this the option taught at Richard Rose Sixth Form)

This course is assessed through hand-written examinations. (There is no coursework component whatsoever). This qualification is linear. Linear means that you will sit your exams at the end of the course. There will be three examinations in total.

Paper 1	Criminal law The nature of law and the English legal system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 100 marks• 33% of A-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions
Paper 2	Tort The nature of law and the English legal system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 100 marks• 33% of A-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions
Paper 3	Law of Contract The nature of law and the English legal system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 100 marks• 33% of A-level	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions

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