



Law

One year AS/Two year A level.

Law touches nearly every aspect of our daily lives and lawyers are instrumental in making and enforcing the rules by which we live. A knowledge of law is clearly useful for any commercial and professional occupation.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- law making – how legal rules come into existence;
- dispute solving – the systems people use to solve legal disputes;
- criminal law – includes a study of non-fatal offences, murder and manslaughter;
- tort law – includes issues such as negligence, nuisance and occupier's liability; and
- concepts of law – examines some of the ideas and ethics behind law.

You can expect to:

- develop key legal skills such as understanding law reports and presenting oral arguments;
- use a variety of resources including text books, computer software, legal journals and law reports to conduct research;
- participate in classroom activities to consolidate understanding of the topics including debates, role play and mock trials;
- undertake visits to legal institutions and conferences; and
- be fully prepared for the final examinations through constant assessment by well qualified staff.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

An A Level in Law opens up a variety of options as it complements a number of other subject choices. Many of our students apply to read for a Law degree after enjoying the A Level course, and it is widely accepted as a qualification for many other degree choices. Law can lead to a broad ranging career choice including qualification as a solicitor, barrister or legal executive.

Past students have also entered careers in the civil service, local government, teaching, banking and the police force.

Other information:

In 2009, the pass rate at A2 was 100% with 68% of students achieving grades A/B. The pass rate at AS was 97% with 48% achieving grades A/B at AS Level.

Amy Griffiths (ex Abbs Cross) achieved an A grade in Law and will be studying Law at Essex University following a gap year. She said: "I enjoyed my study of Law from the start of the course. It enabled me to develop skills I already had and acquire useful new ones. I enjoyed Law so much that I have decided to make a career out of it."

Brogan Solomon (ex Marshalls Park) said: "From studying law at College, I have realised just how entwined the subject is with all aspects of everyday life. The fact that law can be part of big crime stories such as the Stephen Lawrence case as well as being part of a simple transaction in a shop is what makes it so interesting for me. I never thought about studying law long term before College, but from studying it here I have now decided to accept a place at Leeds University and hope to undertake a career as a solicitor."

Raie Wilkins (ex Kingsford) said: "Studying Law is really good because different methods are put into the teaching which makes it suitable for different learners. The teachers are helpful and really friendly and the department is well organised. The subject itself is really good because it challenges your thinking and expands your knowledge of the legal system."