

LAW

Exam Board: AQA

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



WHY TAKE 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. An A Level in Law demonstrates a candidate's ability to communicate effectively and to a high standard using appropriate terminology and applying legal rules and theories.

The course gives excellent preparation for those students wishing to progress on to degree level study in many subjects, not just Law. The skills and knowledge gained can be particularly useful to students thinking of studying subjects associated with Sociology, Media and Journalism, Business Studies, Politics, English and History at University.

It may be of particular relevance for those considering a career in Law including solicitors, barristers, policing, legal secretaries, and paralegals. The course is also of benefit for students considering a career in media and journalism, social work, teaching and business.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

To develop candidates' ability to:

- ♦ Evaluate different legal rules and apply them to issues in society.
- ♦ Produce reasoned arguments through written explanations.
- ♦ Develop the skills necessary to analyse and solve problems by applying legal rules.
- ♦ Develop the ability to communicate legal arguments and conclusions clearly and succinctly.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Paper 1: The nature of law and the English legal system; Criminal law

Paper 2: The nature of law and the English legal system; Tort

Paper 3: The nature of law and the English legal system; Law of contract or human rights

ASSESSMENT

The course is assessed by external assessment (examination). There is no assessment based on coursework for this subject.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted on the AS and A Level courses a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). Strong essay writing skills are very advantageous and students would be expected to have a GCSE of at least a grade 4 in English Language.