



Course Requirements

Sixth Form Entry Requirement
plus
GCSE English Language - Grade 5
and GCSE English Literature –
Grade 5

Syllabus

AQA

Who to Contact

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Overview

Law is a new subject for most students joining Ripley Sixth Form. Studying this subject will give you an understanding of the way the law affects our lives. A-level law is an exciting and challenging course that introduces students to the key principles and rules that govern society. It explores how laws are made, how the legal system works, and its impact on communities. This subject explores the English Legal System, Criminal Law, Tort Law and Contract Law.

During lessons, students will be taught through a variety of real-life cases. For example, *Fagan v Metropolitan Police Commissioner*, where a police officer's foot was accidentally driven over and parked upon. You will consider the topics through the eyes of a lawyer, judge, police officer and prosecutor.

There will be opportunities for students to conduct independent research and engage in mock trial scenarios which gives real insight into legal careers and allows students to engage with the legal process first hand.

Law is a subject which combines well with all other disciplines. The problem solving and use of logic allow it to work well alongside subjects such as mathematics. Law also compliments a range of other subjects such as English, Sociology, History and Psychology.

Structure

Law is a two-year linear course.

In the first year, you will study the English Legal System and build the foundational knowledge required to succeed in Law. You will also study Tort law which is a type of law that allows individuals to sue for harm caused to them or their property such as through negligent driving or poor workplace conditions.

In the second-year students enjoy the study of Criminal Law, whereby they learn about a range of crimes including murder, manslaughter, theft and assault. The final unit of study is Contract law which is the law around legally binding agreements between individuals which can be written or verbal.

There are 3 examinations at the end of the A-level course, each with equal weighting to the overall grade.

You

You don't need any prior knowledge of law to begin this course. This course is perfect for those interested in justice, society and how rules shape our daily life. Law is a challenging, yet interesting course. A strong work ethic is vital to be successful in this subject.

This course will equip you with skills such as logic, critical reasoning and problem solving which are valued by universities and employers.

In terms of careers, A-level law is an excellent starting point for those who desire a career in law such as barristers, solicitors, paralegals or even police officers or prison guards. However, with the transferable skills you will develop, there are a vast range of careers accessible to A-level law students. Specifically, it is a great subject for those who desire careers in finance, teaching, journalism, human resources or the civil service.