

# A Level Law

As an introduction to English Law and the English Legal System you will gain an understanding of how and why law affects everyday life and start to make connections between your studies, 'real life' and the stories that make the news. You will develop analytical and problem-solving skills, and learn how to communicate legal arguments and conclusions.

You do not need to have studied Law at GCSE level but do need to obtain at least a B in English at GCSE. The most important thing is that you have a lively and enquiring mind and are not afraid to challenge presumptions and argue your point.

Lessons are mainly theoretical, but there are field trips to observe 'law in action' e.g. Magistrates' Courts, County Court, and Crown Court. The course is exam based and follows the OCR Board guidelines.

Studying law provides a useful background to a wide range of jobs, for example, in business, industry, politics and journalism, as well as banking, financial and insurance services.

## AS LEVEL COURSE

### Unit 1 – The English Legal System

- The unit covers the following aspects of Law
  - o Solicitors
  - o Barristers
  - o Court Systems
  - o Powers of the Police
  - o Aims and Philosophies of Sentencing
  - o Freedoms

### Unit 2 – Sources of UK Law

- Ever wondered where law comes from?
- We look at the variety of sources that go to make up UK law.

A2 – Criminal Law – covering all aspects of criminal law.

