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Exam Board: AQA

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COURSE SUMMARY

This practical and interesting course consists of four units, which together give students a secure grounding in the English legal system; the course covers the court system, the legal profession, and how personal and property rights are protected. In the first year Law Making and the Legal System and The Concept of Liability (Civil and Criminal) are studied; this develops knowledge and understanding of the legal system, together with an evaluation of its operation and performance. In the second year, knowledge and skills are developed and expanded, including investigations in the concepts of law, and possible reforms.



WHY STUDY LAW?

Law will help develop students' analytical skills and critical thinking. It also develops problem solving skills through the application of legal rules. Law complements studies in many other subjects.

WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Lessons are varied and include group activities and student discussion focussing on current events and different legal scenarios. Essay writing is essential and problem solving skills are developed. There will also be opportunities for enrichment visits such as to the House of Commons and courts as well as Moots and Mock Trials.

COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject

will be committing to a two year linear course with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.

MIGHT LEAD TO...

Studying Law gives you a window into the way the world works, and provides excellent preparation for many different careers: law, politics, broadcasting, journalism, accounting, business and management, education and teaching, to name just a few. Employers value the skills that you will develop in logical analysis, research, and communicating information, as well as the ability to apply your knowledge and skills in novel scenarios.

ADVICE ON ENTRY

A good command of English is required together with strong essay writing skills as well as an active interest in current affairs.

READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

Students can access the following websites to enhance their knowledge of these areas of law.

- British and Irish Legal Information Institute
- Law website incl lecture notes and cases on AQA units
- Legal website for students
- The Citizenship Foundation