

NORTHGATE
SIXTH FORM **IPSWICH**
CENTRE



LAW

A-LEVEL

2019-2020

Law A Level

Exam Board: OCR

Minimum entry requirements:

GCSE grade 6 in English or English Literature

Course Content

The two-year A Level Law course will include a study of the following:

■ **The Criminal Legal System**

This introduces students to the legal system, particularly in relation to Criminal Law and deals with topics such as how offences are categorised and the courts within which the cases are heard. It also deals with the range of personnel within the criminal courts.

■ **Criminal Law**

This covers the elements of all of the major offences, such as murder, manslaughter and theft as well as the main defences.

■ **Law making**

Students learn where our laws come from; we are a Common Law system whose laws come from not only Parliament but also from court judgments and from the EU.

■ **The Law of Tort**

This is the civil system which includes negligence. It covers areas such as the legal basis for medical negligence, employer's liability and personal injury claims.

■ **The Nature of law**

This explores the nature of law in a wider context and students will develop their understanding of how the law interacts with morality, justice, society and technology.

■ **The Law of Contract**

The laws underpinning all commercial and consumer transactions, the course covers many aspects of contract formation and enforcement. The course includes how contracts are made, what happens if they are broken, and defences where contracts have been entered unfairly.

The course will be aimed at helping students to develop the ability to apply the law to a factual scenario, to formulate legal arguments as well as to be able to critically evaluate and analyse legal issues.

Teaching and Learning

A variety of teaching methods are used. The course will include visits to the local Crown Court and Magistrates' Court as well as visits by outside speakers who work in the English Legal System.

We also take part in the National Mock Trial Competition each year.

Assessment

The A level is assessed over 3 paper: each paper is 2 hours in duration and is worth 33.3% of the total A level.

Paper 1 is based on the Legal System (25%) and Criminal Law (75%)

Paper 2 is based on Law making (25%) and the law of Tort (75%)

Paper 3 is based on Nature of law (25%) and Contract Law (75%)

Progression

Many A Level Law students have gone on to study law or criminology at university, whilst others have joined local and City legal practices. The qualification is also relevant for those who wish to join the Police Force or Crown Prosecution Service. It can also be used with other subjects for entry to university courses.

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