

Law A-level

Exam board: OCR

Where do I start?

You must meet the minimum entry requirements of Wootton Park VI. In addition, you then also need at least a **Grade 6 in English or a humanities subject.**

Law – about the subject:

Law affects every part of our lives. It forms the framework through which we understand our rights and responsibilities in society and has social, moral and philosophical components.

Learners will study:

The nature of law

- Law and rules: the difference between enforceable legal rules and principles and other rules and norms of behaviour
- The differences between civil and criminal law
- An overview of the development of English Law: custom, common law, equity, statute law
- An overview of common law and civil law legal systems
- The rule of law: definition and importance

Criminal Law

- An outline of the rules of criminal law
- An overview of the theory of criminal law
- Fatal and non-fatal offences against the person
- Offences against Property
- Defences to crimes

Tort (civil wrongs)

- Liability in negligence
- Occupiers' liability
- Vicarious liability
- Remedies



Human rights law

- The nature of law in a wider context and how it interacts with morality, justice and society
- The protection of human rights and freedoms
- Key provisions of the European convention on human rights
- The restrictions and enforcement of human rights law.

Studying law will allow learners to develop a range of skills including the application of legal rules and principles to present an argument, analysis and evaluation of the law, legal issues and concepts.

What type of learner chooses Law?

If you are interested in making a difference to society, or considering how our society is structured, then studying law is for you. Studying law will help shape and develop your thinking around key issues related to humanity.

You will learn to analyse problems, think about their nature, consider what the law says about them and determine the appropriate solutions. You will also learn how to construct a sensible coherent and logical argument. By studying law, you'll develop critical and analytical thinking and legal writing skills

How will I be assessed?

You will have three two hour examinations at the end of the course. The examinations in relation to the legal system and criminal law and law making and the law of tort will each have two parts, part A and part B. Part A will include two short answer questions, worth 8 and 12 marks respectively and totalling 20 marks. Part B comprises of two problem-based questions, each worth 20 marks and then a more theoretical 20 mark question.

Part A of the human rights examination will comprise a 20 mark essay question on the nature of law and part B will comprise of two problem based questions, each worth 20 marks followed by more theoretical 20 mark question.

Each examination is worth 80 marks and are equally weighted.

What are the career/higher education prospects?

Some students take A Level Law because they already know that they want a career in law. The A Level gives an excellent introduction for students who want to read law at university or start a legal apprenticeship. It demystifies the law.

However, A Level Law is not just for students who want to enter the legal professions. It is a well respected subject and is a welcome addition to many A Level programmes of study. A Level Law links well with science subjects and humanities and social science subjects including, history, sociology, philosophy, economics and business, to name just a few!