



LAW

DETAILS OF COURSE:

AS: 2 units covering 3 topics:

The nature of law and the English legal system
Criminal Law
Tort

This course is an introduction to how the Law works in England.

In the English Legal System Module you will learn about:-

- Criminal procedure from arrest and stop and search by the police, through trials to the different sentencing options.
- The civil law; how you can sue someone, the different courts and what their powers are.
- Judges, barristers and solicitors. How they are selected, trained and work.
- The role of juries and magistrates.

Criminal Law at AS level is very similar to studying criminal law at university. You will learn about many of the main criminal offences- what does the prosecution have to prove in order to convict someone, and what defences are available. These include:

Offences	Defences
Murder	Insanity and Automatism
Manslaughter	Duress
Theft, Robbery and Burglary	Intoxication
Assaults (ABH, GBH)	Consent

A2:

- At A2 level pupils will be studying an additional unit relating to either Law of contract or Human rights.

ASSESSMENT:

The Law A level is assessed entirely by examination, there is no coursework. However one of the two year 13 papers is based on sources that can be prepared in advance.

Both the AS and the A2 course require you to have a detailed knowledge of the law and also the ability to analyse and evaluate it. You will also need to solve legal problems, applying your knowledge of the law to different situations.



QUALITIES AND COMMITMENT EXPECTED FROM THE STUDENT:

A lively interest in law and current affairs. Students will be expected to the quality press on a regular basis, as well as to undertake background reading and research. This is an **essential** part of the course. Students will need an ability to analyse and solve problems in a logical manner, also to prepare persuasive arguments, both orally and in writing.

KEY SKILLS:

The AS course provides opportunities for demonstrating the Key Skills of Communication, ICT and Problem Solving at level 3. It will also develop your ability to develop to prepare an argument and write good essays.



THE FUTURE:

The A level course is an interesting A level which teaches valuable skills which are transferable to any other academic subject or career. We often have students who combine the subject with both arts and science subjects.

A level Law is not required to study the subject at university, but contrary to rumour, is accepted by all university Law Departments. There are two key advantages in taking the subject if you are thinking about studying Law at university.

- A level Law gives you a good understanding about what studying the Law is like and will help you decide if a Law degree is right for you.
- A level Law will make the transition to a university Law degree much easier, giving you a good knowledge of two topics which are almost always dealt with in the first year.

Students who have studied A level Law at Beal have gone on to study Law Degrees at many leading universities. Recent students have gone on to universities such as Southampton and City University, London. They all report that A level law has helped them settle in and do well, one student recently obtained a first class in criminal law a year after studying the subject at Beal.