

## **A LEVEL LAW**

### **Examining Board:**

AQA 7162

### **Method of Assessment:**

Three x 2 hour exams at the end of Year 13.

### **Course Content:**

- The nature of law and the English legal system;
- Criminal law;
- Tort law; and
- Either contract law OR human rights law (class choice).

Throughout each unit, there is a heavy emphasis on learning what the law is and then applying it to cases. There is also ongoing consideration of ideas about justice and how the law should be applied, developed or changed.

### **Lesson Style and Private Study Requirements:**

Students are expected to read out of class – this is essential for studying law and will help you build a strong discipline for this to apply in your tertiary studies. Students will come to class with some knowledge from reading. Classwork will focus on the more difficult concepts, as well as discussion and writing around cases and problems. Exam preparation and technique, along with developing skills in legal writing, will also be a focus of classwork and homework.

### **Time Allocation:**

8 x 1 hour periods per fortnight.

### **Extra-Curricular Opportunities**

Day trips to local Magistrates and Crown Courts. Guest speakers. Mooting and Mock Trial competitions.

### **Advisable for the following careers:**

Studying Law gives you an understanding of the role of Law in today's society and raises your awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals. By learning about legal rules and how and why they apply to real life, you'll also develop your analytical ability, decision making, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

All these skills are highly sought after by higher education and employers, and applicable across a range of different areas of study and work. You'll get a taste of what it might be like to pursue further study and a career in many areas that are connected to the legal system, including practising law, policing, public policy and government, academia, finance, and many, many others.