

WHY CHOOSE LAW?

This is a fascinating subject as it affects each and every one of us in a wide variety of ways. Just look at any newspaper on any day to see how important the law is. Watch any news, current affairs programme, drama - even soaps and you will find references to the law. How many police and detective programmes are on the television? This shows how relevant the law is to us.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

This course is well suited to students who have a genuine interest in understanding more about the legal system. It would provide a relevant basis for those who might go on to study at degree level and who might subsequently enter the legal profession, but it also has relevance as a subject that provides breadth and relevance to the AS curriculum.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

Course requirements: A minimum of six GCSEs, grade C or above, including English Language. An ability to work independently and the motivation to succeed well.

Learning via distance learning is not a “soft” option. It is a full time course. To complement the hour long video tutorial you will be allocated at least four additional lesson hours of study per week and you will need to work on your Law Study Pack both during these hours and at home, if you are to benefit from the course. The school will allocate you a Link Tutor who will oversee your use of time and ensure that all deadlines are met. It will also be essential for you to keep up to date with major changes in the law by watching TV news and current affairs programmes and by reading the newspapers.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

The AS Level focuses on the following: **The English Legal System**, incorporating Law Reform; Legislation; The Courts; Jury Trial; The Legal Profession; Judges; Magistrates; European Law.

HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

The AS is assessed by two written papers involving essays and stimulus response questions. Clearly the application of what you have learned will be important.

WHY CHOOSE LAW AT A2?

At A2 students focus on **Criminal Law and Justice** and this will present students with greater challenges than at AS Level. It incorporates a study of areas such as:

Law Enforcement: e.g. Courts and Police.

Crime and Society: e.g. measurement, reliability of statistics, patterns of criminality.

Principles of Criminal Justice: e.g. Defences, Burden of Proof, Human Rights Legislation.

Police Powers: e.g. stop and search, arrest