



Taking law helps university applications

- Respected by Universities
- Transferrable skills
- Achieved department *-B target

"I was interested in taking law to pursue my chosen career as a lawyer. I was drawn towards law through the taster day that was held in Year 10. I knew that law would add a layer of understanding to current topics that are unfolding worldwide. Ultimately, law is intertwined with our daily activities as well as broader society in general, and so everyone stands to learn more about the society that we live in should they choose to pursue it as a field of study." Shree Singh, College Head Prefect

"Law is an interesting and gratifying subject. I have enjoyed the topics in which you are challenged to apply the knowledge of law to some quite bizarre scenarios. The teachers make lessons entertaining and always try to engage students in outgoing activities. The skills I have learnt during the course, like problem solving and logical thinking, will apply to the Maths with Physics degree I wish to pursue at university." Ruth, who has now commenced her Maths with Physics degree.

"I enjoyed law at Collingwood because the lessons were applicable to all of our lives. The teaching was brilliant and I got an A which has given me an edge over other students studying Law degree at Southampton and my chosen career (Legal Advisor in the Army)" former student Alex.

Paper 1: Criminal Law

- What is the difference between ABH and GBH?
- What is the difference between murder and manslaughter?
- What defences are there to murder?

Paper 2: Tort Law

- Can I sue the school if I slip over?
- Why did Hillsborough cases take so long to settle?
- If I crash when learning to drive will have to pay for the damage?

Paper 3: Contract Law

- Can a shop refuse to sell me something?
- What happens if I'm duped into buying something?
- Can my girlfriend or boyfriend make me carry out my promises?

Law and the English Legal System

- Why do Magistrates tend to be posh people?
- Will I be called to sit on a jury in a criminal trial?
- Does England and Wales have 'morality' at the heart of its legal system?

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A Level Law



Why should I take A Level Law?

- It is an academic subject that shows you can think!
- EVERY YEAR we help students get on to Law and police courses
- You will be well taught
- You will learn something new
- You like a good debate!
- You get to meet your MP in the Parliament and Supreme Court trip

What is A Level Law?

Studying law is stimulating, intellectually demanding – and fun.

The study of law helps develop the learner's analytical ability and critical thinking. It also develops problem solving skills through the application of legal rules.

The A Level course provides a useful background for the further study of law either as the main subject or subsidiary part of a degree, foundation degree or for the many professional qualifications which have a law component. Every year we help students get onto policing, as well as Law courses post sixth form.

Included in your course is a trip to the Houses of Parliament where laws are made to include a tour of the Palace of Westminster and a talk from our local MP as to how laws are made.

What do the exams look like?

You are tested on

- Your ability to outline legal Rules
- Your ability to apply Legal rules
- Your ability to evaluate legal rules – for example:

Human rights law can be said to uphold moral values.

Using an example from human rights law, illustrate how this statement is true, and discuss whether law should uphold moral values.

(15 marks)

Sam, a hockey player, is in the changing rooms at the hockey club. He notices that another player, Phil, has left his wallet on the bench. He takes a £10 note from the wallet as he remembers that Phil had borrowed this amount from him a few weeks ago. He then hears Mike, the coach, entering the changing rooms. Sam panics and hides behind the door. To get away without being recognised, he hits Mike on the back of the head with his hockey stick, fracturing Mike's skull. An hour later, Mike is found unconscious on the floor and is rushed to hospital where a junior doctor fails to diagnose the fractured skull and prescribes the wrong drugs. Mike is found dead in the night.

Discuss Sam's possible criminal liability.

(25 marks)

Entry Requirements

The Department requires you to have achieved five step 4–9 grades at GCSE level including English.

How will I be assessed?

	Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Paper 1	The legal system 25 marks out of 100 Criminal law 75 marks out of 100	The legal system and criminal Law (01) 100 marks 2 hour paper	33% of total A level
Paper 2	Law making 25 marks out of 100 The law of tort 75 marks out of 100	Law making and the law of tort (02) 100 marks 2 hour paper	33% of total A level
Paper 3	The Nature of Law 25 marks out of 100 Human rights law or The law of contract 75 marks out of 100	Further law (03) (including option of human rights law or law of contract) 100 marks 2 hour paper	33% of total A level

Q. Are the teachers any good?

A. Yes! Both teachers rated 'outstanding' in observations last year for teaching and marking.

Q. What can I do with A level Law?

A. In the last three years we have sent off a high proportion of our students onto Law or Policing courses. Due to the problem solving and evaluation skills required, you will have much to write about in your UCAS application even if you choose to pursue a non-law related course post 18.

Q. Will it help me pursue Law at University?

A. Yes, it builds the skills needed for the Legal Entry exam and you get a Law specific UCAS reference from a specialist Law Head of Department. .

Q. Will I enjoy the course?

A. Given how many of our students end up switching courses and choosing to study law or policing post 16, I think it is safe to say yes!