

# LAW



EXAM BOARD: EDUQAS COURSE DURATION: 2 YEARS

Law affects our everyday lives in more ways than many of us are aware. As such, it is a fascinating subject with something new to learn every day. Studying Law will give you the opportunity to explore many interesting and challenging topics. These will include Criminal Law, Negligence, Morality and Justice.

During the first year of study, students will be introduced to the English Legal System as a whole. The course is delivered through a range of teaching and learning methods and will focus on the development of the necessary essay writing and problem solving skills needed to achieve success in the examinations. During the second year of study, you will begin a more in-depth study of substantive law. This will include Criminal Law, the Law of Tort and either Contract Law or Human Rights Law. It is important to note that A-level Law is assessed solely by examination.

The course content includes topics such as:

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON AND PROPERTY  
OCCUPIERS' LIABILITY AND NEGLIGENCE OFFENCES  
LEGAL PERSONNEL AND LAW MAKING  
DEFENCES AND ATTEMPTED CRIMES

The course encourages students to develop the skills necessary to analyse and solve problems by applying rules and to develop the ability to communicate arguments and conclusions clearly and succinctly. It will help students to substantiate arguments and develop an enquiring and critical mind.

Law is such a dynamic subject that students will have many opportunities to enrich their study with us, for example by visiting the Crown Court sitting at Newcastle, visiting the Old Bailey (Central Criminal Court) and Royal Courts of Justice in London, and entering the Bar National Mock Trial Competition. A number of guest speakers also visit Durham Sixth Form Centre to share their knowledge and experience with students, including solicitors, barristers, police and prison officers.

As such, Law at Durham Sixth Form Centre provides an excellent background for university and careers not only in Law, but also in journalism, local and central government, public relations, teaching, and a range of management and business areas. Studying A-level Law enables students to develop outstanding oral and written communication skills, vital to all future careers. Many ex-Law students have gone on to follow Law as their profession, after studying Law at University, for which this qualification is ideal.

As this course is 100% assessed by examinations, we require students to have achieved at least a grade 5 in GCSE English.