



## **A LEVEL IN LAW**

**Even if you aren't aiming for a career in the legal profession, a grounding in law is not only valuable to have on your CV but will also inform you of the laws that you are ruled by daily without even realising it, and your legal rights in a range of situations.**

Alternatively, if you do see yourself as a barrister, solicitor, or a legal executive, then this course could be very rewarding as a first step to you achieving your career goal. Law is a fascinating subject which will help you develop transferable skills, such as application, analysis and problem solving.

Law students also tend to study Psychology, Sociology, English, History, Politics and Business Studies.

### **Key Facts**

**Course Duration:** 2 Years

### **Course Contents**

#### **Year 12:**

The first year of this course will focus on criminal law.

It will enable you to develop an understanding of how law is made through the court system and how it operates and functions in England and Wales, including the job roles within the legal profession and how they are regulated.

Your main area of study will be substantive criminal law, where you will learn the legal principles and rules needed to gain a conviction and specific criminal offences including murder, non-fatal offences and property offences to name just a few.

#### **Year 13:**

Our focus is on civil law, where you will learn more of the processes that allow the law to function, including the Law Commission, how law making powers can be given to organisations and individuals and the impact of European law on our law.

In addition you will learn two areas of substantive law including tort law, looking at negligence, occupier's liability and defences, and we also look at the rules that govern contract law and the protection we all have under the Consumer Protection Act 2015.

You will be expected to not only explain and state the processes of the law but also determine from a given scenario the criminal or civil liability of the defendant by applying the correct rules and cases of law.

## **Features and Benefits**

There is an opportunity to visit criminal courts, along with the National Justice Museum in Nottingham and law challenge days at local Universities (subject to Government guidance on trips).

You will also hear from special guest speakers, including local police officers and barristers, who will deliver specialist lectures about the law making process and what life is actually like working within the the legal profession, and for an alternative view point to the justice system, an official arranged talk from a convicted offender through the Prison Me No Way organisation.

Local universities will also give talks on the legal courses and facilities they offer.

## **Minimum Entry Requirements:**

All Loughborough College Sixth Form courses have minimum entry requirements of at least five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language and Maths.

## **Subject Specific Entry Requirements:**

GCSE English Language at grade 6.

## **Assessment Methods:**

Three x 2 hour exams.

## **Progression Opportunities**

For those thinking of a possible legal career, this subject is an obvious choice. A Level Law will assist you should you wish to progress to a Law degree at university or enhance your academic profile for further study or a career in another area.

Jobs in the legal profession include Police, CPS, Solicitors, Barristers, Para-legal and, Legal Executives. There are also opportunities with various council and government departments or in companies that have their own legal departments as well jobs in finance and banking.