

A-Level Law



Welcome to Law

Welcome to Law at King Charles.

You will cover the most interesting and fundamental areas of law during the A-Level from how the English legal system operates, to how laws are made and exploring substantive areas such criminal law, tort and contract law. You will build on your analytical and problem-solving skills, developing a passion for the subject that I hope inspires you to enter the legal profession.

We look forward to you joining us.

Meet the Department

Course Leader: Mrs Allington

LLB in Laws
London School of Economics and
Political Science (LSE)

Qualified Solicitor



Mr Robinson

Teacher of A-Level Social Sciences



Qualification

This is a two year, linear full A Level with three exams at the end of the two years.

Paper 1: English Legal System & Crime

Paper 2: Law Making & Tort

Paper 3: Nature of Law & Contract

Equal weighting.

No coursework.

What you can expect to study in lessons

- You will study areas of substantive law and how to **apply the law to factual scenarios**.
- You will **evaluate** different areas of law and the operation of the legal system and law making.
- You will be learning to **write analytically and fluently**.
- Frequent **quizzing and retrieval practice**
- You will have opportunities to explore the subject outside the curriculum including an **exploration of the law within current news**.

Course pre-requirements

- Minimum grade 5 in English Language & Literature
- An excellent memory!

What you will study

1. The English Legal System
2. Law Making
3. The Nature of Law
4. Criminal Law
5. Tort
6. Contract Law

What you will study

The English Legal System

- Criminal courts
- *Magistrates*
- *Juries*
- *Legal funding*
- *Access to justice and sources of legal advice*
- *The legal profession*
- *The judiciary*
- *Civil courts*
- *ADR and Employment Tribunals*

What you will study

Law Making

- Parliamentary law making
- *Delegated legislation*
- *Judicial precedent*
- *European Union*
- *Statutory Interpretation*
- *Law reform*

What you will study

The Nature of Law

- *Law and morality*
- *Law and justice*
- *Law and society*

What you will study

Criminal Law

- *Principles of criminal law*
- *Strict liability*
- *Non-fatal offences against the person e.g. assault and battery*
- *Fatal offences against the person e.g. murder and manslaughter*
- *Theft, burglary, robbery*
- *Defences e.g. insanity, self-defence*
- *Attempted offences*

What you will study

Tort

- *Negligence*
- *Occupier's liability*
- *Vicarious liability*
- *Nuisance*
- *Rylands v Fletcher*
- *Defences*

What you will study

Contract

- *Formation of contract*
- *Breach of contract*
- *Misrepresentation*
- *Economic duress*
- *Frustration of contract*
- *Contract terms*
- *Exclusion clauses*
- *Remedies*

Student Perceptions

- *“The A-Level Law course is well structured and organised – we make revision resources as we go along and there are loads of built in opportunities for retrieval practice such as quizzing, whiteboard questioning and use of splurge diagrams in lessons and independent study to help us cope with the heavy volume of learning. I have really enjoyed studying crime and tort so far – especially the law on negligence which I never thought I would enjoy more than crime! I want to be a solicitor and have changed to wanting to practice in negligence rather than crime due to enjoying this at A-Level so much.”*

Character Academy Opportunities in the Law Department

- A-Level Law Review subscription
- Legal news updates
- Proactive tasks – articles, blogs, recommended books, watch full trials and see the law in action
- Trip to Kidderminster Magistrates' Court
- Trip to London –Royal Courts of Justice, Inns of Court, Old Bailey
- University Masterclasses
- Webinar with Worcestershire Junior Lawyers' Division

Careers: where can law take you?

Law Degree/ Legal Apprenticeships

The legal profession: solicitor, barrister, legal executive, paralegal, legal secretary, clerk, judge.

Other careers: civil service, police, Crown Prosecution Service, teaching and many more!

Law is a well respected and well-known subject which is thought highly of by universities and employers. It is academically rigorous and demonstrates a broad range of skills. Our students go on to study law further, enter the legal profession and a broad range of other careers law can lead into with its wide range of transferable skills.

Myth about studying Law

- **MYTH:** *'Universities would rather students came with no prior knowledge of Law before they study a Law degree.'*
- **University of Cambridge:** 'While we are aware of the perception by some that studying Law at A-level might be considered a 'negative', we are somewhat puzzled by this. The clear view taken here in Cambridge on Law at A-level is a 'neutral' one. So taking Law as an A-level subject does not put students at a disadvantage for admission to read Law at Cambridge, nor does it provide an advantage.'
- **Miss James' firsthand opinion:** *"I wish I had studied A Level Law before my law degree as the background knowledge would have given me a positive headstart and foundation understanding of the law so that my working memory was free to process the new content at degree level more effectively. I can only perceive it as a huge advantage taking A Level Law if going on to a law degree based on my personal experience."*

Myth about studying Law

- **MYTH:** *'Law is all about crime.'*
- *Criminal law is one of hundreds of areas of law.*
- *Civil law is much more vast than criminal law.*
- *Crime makes up less than a third of the A-Level content.*
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Thank you for listening