Subject: Law (AQA)

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This course covers the following key topics:

- English legal systems criminal courts and the use of lay people, civil courts and alternative dispute resolution, including sentencing and implementing remedies;
- Law-making in the UK, including Parliament's role, the use of delegated legislation and the creation and application of both common and statute law, through judicial precedent and statutory interpretation;
- Criminal liability, including murder, manslaughter, offences against the person, theft and robbery and defences.
- Civil liability, including occupiers' liability, personal injury, nuisance and vicarious liability.
- Human rights, including the study of the right to life, freedom of expression and the right to liberty under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Convention on Human Rights.

We love teaching this course because it offers students the opportunity to acquire an insight into a wide range of topics surrounding legal systems and the law-making process in the UK, whilst becoming proficient in understanding and applying the key legal aspects of criminal liability, negligence and human rights to practical case examples. Students are able to consider key concepts, including justice and morality, through playing the role of the judge and deciding the level of liability attributable to a variety of defendants. The skills of analysis, evaluation, collaboration and independence, which the students will develop through their study of the Law course, will equip them to approach challenges in both their academic and future lives.

Our students say:

"I chose to study A Level Law, because the course is delivered by specialist teachers, who are passionate about their subject"

"Law teaches you a lot about how the legal system works and ties really nicely into the Politics A Level that CNS also offer. It is a ... very important subject – arguably for anyone – to know going into adult life."

"I chose Law because I'm interested in the legal system and how it works. So far, I'm really enjoying the course and would definitely recommend it"



Recommended Textbooks:

AQA A Level Law for Year 1 / AS - Jacqueline Martin and Nichols Price

AQA A Level Law for Year 2 Jacqueline Martin and Richard Wortley

My Revision Notes, AQA A Level Law – Craig Beauman and Clare Wilson

Human Rights for AQA A Level Law – Sally Russell

If you love Law, we really recommend you read:

1) The Rule of Law – Tom Birmingham

 Letters to a Law student – Nicholas McBride

3) Landmarks in the Law – Lord Denning

4) To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee



What future pathways are open to me if I study Law?

- Solicitor / barrister / judge;
- Academic / researcher / professor;
- Journalist / reporter;
- Politician / aide / consultant;
- Teacher / tutor;
- Author.