

# A level Law

## Why study Law?

- Law affects virtually all aspects of our lives and regulates much of our everyday activity. During the course students will study criminal and civil law and develop their ability to analyse legal rules and principles and factual issues.
- Students will construct persuasive legal arguments to offer answers to problems and evaluate the strength of those arguments.
- Develops analysis and reasoning skills important in all aspects of work and further study.
- Varied and engaging syllabus
- Helps students to make an informed decision about entering the legal profession.

## Why study Law at Solihull Sixth Form College?

- Experienced and successful teaching team.
- Consistently positive student feedback. Our law students enjoy the subject and feel it enhances their ability to write extended, well-structured arguments, which is also useful in other subjects.
- The department has strong links with the University of Law based in Birmingham, and with Aston University.
- A study visit to the Crown Court is an opportunity to develop a better understanding of how the law is applied in practice.



## Case Study

Among the recent successful students to have taken this course is **Sachpreet Kaur**.

She came to us from Lode Heath School and achieved all A and A\* grades in A level Law, English Literature and Philosophy.



She is carrying on her Law studies at the University of Bristol and hopes to become a barrister and member of the Queen's Council.

*“The best thing about College is the fact that you get to learn about things that you are genuinely interested in; A levels are so much better than GCSEs because they’re based around things you’re passionate about. I enjoyed having one-on-one time with my teachers, as well as being able to ask them for help with literally anything.”*  
- student Sachpreet Kaur



## Course Outline

**English legal system** – this includes a study of:

- The criminal courts and the role of magistrates and the jury in criminal trials.
- The way judges interpret Acts of Parliament, e.g. are prostitutes soliciting “in” the street if they are calling out of a window?
- Delegated legislation e.g. is a local authority allowed to try to stop people singing obscene songs in private?
- Legal personnel including barristers, solicitors, legal executives and judges.

**Criminal Law** – general elements of liability including:

- The offences of assault, battery and grievous bodily harm, together with sentences a defendant may receive.

- The offences of murder, manslaughter and defences which could be raised, e.g. self-defence, consent.
- The offences of theft and robbery.

**Civil Law** – knowledge and understanding of private law including:

- Liability in negligence for injury to people and damage to property.
- Topics such as nuisance, vicarious liability and medical negligence.
- The rules of the law of contract, including warranties and conditions and breach of contract.

Success in the subject will require students to take an interest in current legal affairs, to read widely and write in a clear and concise manner. A good memory is essential because there are a lot of cases to remember. A commitment to progress your study outside the classroom must also be assumed.

### Assessment

No Coursework

Examination (100%) - There will be 3 papers at the end of the course which will include multiple choice questions, short answer questions and questions requiring students to construct persuasive legal arguments to answer a problem scenario.

Examining Board – AQA.

### Special Entry Requirements

Standard A level entry requirements apply - see [www.solihullsfc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements](http://www.solihullsfc.ac.uk/courses/entry-requirements).

### Prohibited Options

None.

### What do our students go on to do?

Law is one of the most marketable academic qualifications. It is recognised by institutions of Higher Education and complements Politics, Social Science and Business related courses. Apart from the obvious careers of solicitor or barrister, Law students are well liked by industry, commerce and local government and will be found working in retail management, publishing, journalism, the police force, social services and teaching. Recent students have progressed to the Universities of Durham, Birmingham, Bristol, Bath and Nottingham to study a degree in Law or in another subject.

### Cost Implications

The College Learning Centre subscribes to the Law Review, written by teachers, for students of A Level Law. Students will be expected to read the Law Review regularly and this can be purchased at a discounted rate through the College. Students will be provided with access to appropriate textbooks and learning materials. There is no expectation for the purchase of textbooks.

### Complementary Subjects or Enrichment Courses

A Level Law will combine with a range of advanced level courses to support non-law based progression routes. Law will complement A level Politics, which includes an element of Law, Government and judges which is the foundation of law making. Law also goes well with Criminology, as our study of criminal law complements the content on the Criminology course and is an ideal choice for students thinking of choosing a Criminology degree. Politics, Psychology, Sociology and History have traditionally been seen as desirable because of the skills they develop. Mathematics and science subjects can also be studied with A level Law, and encourage a reasoned and logical approach.

### Examination Results

In the past three years, there has been great success for students on this course, including consistently high pass rates. The full breakdown of results is as follows:

Year	Entry	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	A-E%
2018	131	5	19	37	34	25	8	3	97.7%
2019	143	6	20	35	39	23	16	4	97.2%
2020	99	5	15	27	27	16	9	0	100.0%

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