

<u>Law</u>	
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<u>Intent</u>	
<p><i>"I think it an undeniable position, that a competent knowledge of the laws of that society in which we live, is the proper accomplishment of every ... scholar; a highly useful, I had almost said essential, part of liberal and polite education."</i></p> <p>William Blackstone, 18th Century lawyer and legal scholar.</p>	
<p>The study of Law still provides students with significant cultural capital today, and forms a valuable contribution to the <i>"the essential knowledge that pupils need to be educated citizens, introducing them to the best that has been thought and said and helping to engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement."</i> ('National curriculum in England: framework for key stages 1 to 4', Department for Education, 2014)</p> <p>The study of law in key stage 5 will build upon students' experiences in the earlier key stages, in subjects such as History and Sociology, as well as extending their understanding of British values, for example as studied in their Character and Culture lessons. Law provides students with invaluable knowledge, understanding and skills, all of which they can apply to enhance both their future careers, and their place as educated citizens. The study of law will enable students to take an active and informed role in all aspects of society.</p>	
<u>Curriculum design (KS5)</u>	
<p>The course provides students with an introduction to the study of law, and is suitable both for those who are considering further study of law post-18, as well as those who have a general interest in the subject. Over the last three years, around half of the students who have studied the course at Bilton have gone on to study law at degree level, with others going on to study subjects such as Criminology, Business and Psychology.</p> <p>Students in law are provided with a broad understanding of the principles and theories of law making, including the roles of parliament and the courts, as well as the operation of the criminal and civil justice systems. Three areas of substantive law are also covered: criminal, tort and contract, across year 12 and 13.</p> <p>A Level Law is a linear course. Although students will sit the external AS exams at the end of year 12, the three exams they sit at the end of year 13 will determine their A Level grade. There is no controlled assessment component.</p>	
Year 12	
<p>By the end of year 12, students will have the ability to evaluate aspects of Law Making and the English Legal System, and the substantive law, and to apply their knowledge and understanding to find solutions to legal problems in the following areas:</p>	

- English legal system (including criminal and civil procedural law, sources of law, civil and criminal courts, judges, lay people and legal professionals)
- Criminal law (actus reus, mens rea, non-fatal offences against the person)
- Tort law (negligence leading to personal injury and damage to property, occupiers' liability in respect of lawful visitors and trespassers)

Year 13

By the end of year 13, students will have the ability to evaluate theories and principles of law in greater depth, and to apply their knowledge and understanding to find solutions to more complex legal problems in the following areas:

- Nature of law (society, morality and justice)
- Additional material relating to criminal law: theory of criminal law, fatal offences against the person, property offences (theft and robbery), the preliminary offence of attempt and defences
- Additional material relating to tort law: theory of tort law, psychiatric and economic loss, nuisance and the escape of dangerous things, vicarious liability and defences
- Contract law.

Homework

Students are provided with course guides with example exam questions to support their learning, and which students are required to use as a starting point for all homework set. Homework may include researching case law, or finding relevant examples of the law in action in the news, as well as exam style questions.

Trips and Extracurricular Activities

Students will have the opportunity to undertake a number of trips and visits to support their learning, including a trip the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court and to Warwick Crown Court. Students will also have the opportunity to support the year 9 Mock Trial Team, and to apply for the Pathways to Law Programme at Warwick University.