



A LEVEL LAW

Course Overview

The law underpins everything we do. Studying law at A level enables you to understand how your country works and how we are governed. You will develop a greater understanding of the English Legal System, Criminal Law, Civil Law and Contract law. You will analyse murder cases, property offences and non-fatal offences whilst also considering the legal defences that might be available to the defendant in court.

Course Content

In Year 12, you will study the foundations of the English Legal System such as courts, criminal custodial sentences and the people who work in the justice system. You will also study Criminal Law, including the offences of murder, manslaughter, robbery and theft. In Year 13, you will study the Civil Law of Torts such as negligence and many other reasons someone can sue another in court. Finally, you will study Contract Law, including the terms that make up a contract and what happens if a contract is breached.

Skills Developed

The study of law improves your powers of reasoning, clarity of thought, analysis skills and allows you to evaluate the law. You will build a knowledge of cases and statute and have an excellent understanding of what Parliament does.

Educational Visits and Opportunities

1. Our biggest trip is to London for 2 nights! We will visit the Houses of Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice, The Supreme Court and much more.
2. We visit Preston Crown Court where the most serious criminal cases are heard in the Northwest. Here you will meet judges, visit the cells and watch live trials in action.
3. Barrister in Residence! Many of our ex-students have joined the Bar and become barristers so we always ask one to come and visit to talk to our students.
4. Mock Trials – we have a very successful history of mock trials so why not polish up your public speaking skills and have a go at preparing a criminal case for court!



Student Testimonials

"I just want to say thank you for teaching me law. They were my favourite lessons of the week. You inspired me to do law at university and I got into my dream university in London! Thank you so much!"

Harriot 2023

"Thanks for all the support for the exams. All three papers have gone well and that wouldn't have been the case without your support. Thanks again." **Patrick 2023**

Example of Class Activities

Murder Mystery Escape Room. A series of activities that lead you to clues that will allow you to escape the room.

Who said that? Case recall game.

Advise your client! Write a letter to your client setting out the law and applying it to his case.

You be the Judge and jury! Apply the law to a set of facts and decide guilt or innocence then decide a suitable sentence for those that are guilty.

Assessment

	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Content	English Legal Systems and Criminal Law	English Legal Systems and Tort Law	English Legal Systems and Contract Law
Structure	Multi choice questions, short answer questions and extended scenario questions.	Multi choice questions, short answer questions and extended scenario questions.	Multi choice questions, short answer questions and extended scenario questions.
Weighting	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%

Where to Next?

Degree Courses	Careers
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law L.L.B• Politics• Business• Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solicitor• Barrister• Social Policy• Criminology• Business management



Entry Requirements

No prior knowledge of the subject is required to study law at BRGS.