



Calday Grange
Grammar School

Year 12 Pre-Course Material

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| Faculty | Humanities & Social Sciences |
| Subject | Law |
| Entry year | 2023 |

Welcome

Welcome to the Law department. On these pages you will find background reading suggestions and details about the specification we study.

We hope you will find this a useful introduction to the course and it gives you the opportunity to gain an insight into this A Level subject.

We look forward to meeting you in September.

Mrs Henney and Mr Hall

Law Teachers

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS ABOUT TO STUDY A LEVEL LAW

The new, reformed A level Law course includes modules in criminal law, tort law and contract law.

To study Law, you should have gained grade Level 6 in English Language, English Literature, or another essay writing subject. Law requires good analytical and problem solving skills. Expectations will be high; we have had a number of target D students who have achieved a grade 'A' at A level. Good grades can be achieved through hard work and Law is very much the kind of subject where you get out of it what you put in.

Law combines very well with a wide variety of other A level subjects, and is an excellent subject for those considering the study of Law at a higher level, but also for those who simply wish to choose it as an additional subject. Law A level is not just for lawyers.

There will be plenty of extra-curricular events for you to take part in, including Mock Trial Competitions, Primary Law with local primary school children and court visits to the Magistrates' and Crown Courts in Liverpool.

At this stage you should be thinking about how the justice system works in this country. In terms of research, it is very easy to gain an insight into law and justice, so prior to commencing the course it is recommended that you do the following –

- Watch the news daily – BBC news will provide good, impartial information. When you see something that interests you, follow that up with internet research.
- Newspapers can also be useful, but remember that journalism can present a particular angle on a story, or may involve for instance political bias which will depend on the newspaper you have selected. You can of course access newspapers online also, e.g. www.thetimes.co.uk
- Google searches about the criminal and civil courts and particular cases of interest will lead you to a variety of interesting sites.
- You will be studying areas of both criminal law and civil law, it is important for you to know the difference between the two.
- <https://www.thelawyerportal.com/blog/civil-law-vs-criminal-law-what-you-need-to-know/>
- Later on in the course we will look at how our laws fit in with our ideas of morals and justice etc. A recent example is the case of Archie Battersbee. You might find more if you look on the internet
[Archie Battersbee: How did life support battle end up in court? - BBC News](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-57304-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-law-h418.pdf)
- Here is a link to the specification detailing what you will be studying.
- <https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/587304-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-law-h418.pdf>
- If you find any articles or stories you find interesting bring them with you in September for us to look at