Entry Requirements
GCSE English at grade 4 or above.

Exam Board: OCR

Course Description
Law is a subject which touches everyone’s life in some way. Whether buying a property, starting a business, or standing up for your employee or consumer rights, the law will help you to achieve your aims. Studying law is both fascinating and empowering. At A Level you will gain an understanding of how the law works in society as well as studying the academic aspects of individual topics such as Criminal law, Negligence, Human Rights and Contract law. A degree in law is widely regarded by employers (both legal and non-legal) as highly desirable because it develops an excellent range of analytical, problem solving and evaluative skills.

Progression
Law has always been one of the most popular degree destinations for Notre Dame students. A degree in law is widely regarded by employers (both legal and non-legal) as highly desirable because it develops an excellent range of analytical, problem solving and evaluative skills. It is not essential to have studied law prior to taking a degree in the subject. However, it does help to have a firm grounding for success at degree level. Many of our former students are now graduates who practise law locally. Many also act as mentors to some of our current students.

Some students choose to go straight into training with firms under the new legal apprenticeship schemes with the opportunity for further study whilst training.

What will I Study?

FIRST YEAR OF A LEVEL
In year one you will study the Legal System, including Statutory Interpretation, Legislation and Law Reform, as well as the Civil and Criminal Court System. You also study Criminal Law, Including Offences against Property, Homicide and Defences, and the Law of Torts (Negligence).

SECOND YEAR OF A LEVEL
In your second year you will study the Nature of Law, which covers Law and Society, Justice and Law and Morality. You also study Human Rights Law which includes rights under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the ECHR, such as the Right to a Fair Trial, Privacy, and Freedom of Expression.

For all students, we arrange court visits and mock trials, and students benefit from a wide range of visiting speakers including solicitors, barristers, and judges. We also provide employability skills sessions for all students who wish to attend.