

Law

The OCR course offers a comprehensive overview of a range of aspects of English law; Paper one covers the Legal System (how it works and the roles of different people in it) and Criminal Law (fatal offences, non-fatal offences, property offences and defences), Paper 2 looks at Law Making (parliamentary processes including passing new laws and reforming old ones) and The Law of Tort (liability and negligence) and finally Paper three is based on The Nature of Law (theories and concepts such as law and morality) and The Law of Contract (how they are formed and what happens if they are broken).

Law will improve your writing and verbal communication skills as well as develop your analytical and critical thinking skills; all in demand with universities and employers.

If you take Law you will be asked to report back on visits to Reading Crown Court and Reading Magistrates' Court, where you will witness lawyers in action. You will meet Magistrates who will tell you all about their work dealing with 90% of the criminal cases in England. As well as this there will be an opportunity to participate in question and answer sessions.

WHERE TO NEXT?

Studying law will help you to become a solicitor, barrister, legal executive, police officer or criminologist. However, knowledge and application of the law extends to many further roles within the wider world of business, charity work and the media.

Former students have studied law at Southampton and Reading universities, business at the University of Westminster, history at Exeter, computer science at Nottingham and another has worked for a legal firm with day release for CILEx exams leading to a qualification as a Legal Executive and Solicitor. Former



students have gained work experience in local law firms which has led to job offers in several cases. Previous law students have helped to train Year 8 and 9 students taking part in The Magistrates' Mock Trial competition.

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Assessment

100% exam; three exams each worth 33.3%

"Even if you are not considering law as a career path it gives a wonderful insight as to how the legal system works as well as what rights you are entitled to"

"The course is dynamic and interesting, especially useful as a foundation for transitioning into law as a career path"

"No matter what career path you choose, there will always be a legal aspect to it and this course will give you an edge as you will be able to spot mistakes in the law and maybe even some loopholes"

"The case studies are always intriguing and keep the sessions lively" "Never had a boring lesson"