

# Spalding Grammar School Sixth Form

## *Subject Information*

## Law

### Entry Requirement:

*Grade 5 in GCSE English.*

### Awarding body: AQA

**About the subject:** A Level Law attracts students of many different kinds. Many students study Law because they want to go on to study the subject at university and pursue a career as a solicitor or barrister. The subject also provides a background for occupations such as the police, social work, civil service or business. Whatever your vision, a GCE in Law is a valuable first step in achieving your ambition.

Studying Law gives students an understanding of the role of Law in today's society and raises their awareness of the rights and responsibilities of individuals. By learning about legal rules and how and why they apply to real life, students also develop their analytical ability, decision making, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. All these transferable skills are highly sought after by higher education and employers.

Topics are clearly structured and include:

- The nature of law and the English legal system
- Criminal law
- Civil law, including Tort and Contract
- Legal skills

Enrichment opportunities include trips to Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice, the Supreme Court and local courts and talks from legal professionals. Students are also encouraged to participate in the Bar Mock Trial Competition.

**Assessment:** The Law Department teaches the AQA specification for which there is no coursework element, and no previous knowledge of the subject is required. This qualification is linear which means that students will sit all their exams at the end of Year 13. There are three papers, the subject content of which is set out below:

| Paper 1:                                       |              | <b>How it's assessed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Written exam: 2 hours per paper</li><li>• 100 marks each</li><li>• 33% of A-Level</li></ul> <b>Questions:</b> <p>A combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.</p> |
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| The nature of law and the English legal system | Criminal law |   |
| Paper 2:                                       |              |   |
| The nature of law and the English legal system | Tort         |   |
| Paper 3:                                       |              |   |
| The nature of law and the English legal system | Contract law |   |