

## AQA A Level Law

### Why study AQA Law at The Sixth Form at Ridgewood?

Studying AQA Law offers students an in-depth understanding of the English legal system and its various components. This course provides a comprehensive exploration of criminal law, tort law, and contract law, equipping students with critical analytical skills and a solid foundation for further legal studies or careers in law, business, and public service. The structured curriculum is designed to enhance both theoretical knowledge and practical problem-solving abilities, ensuring a well-rounded legal education.

### What topics will I study in this subject?

Topic	Content
<b>Criminal law</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel involved in criminal trials.</li> <li>• Roles of the jury, judge, barristers, and solicitors.</li> <li>• Criminal courts and funding in criminal cases.</li> <li>• Magistrates and sentencing.</li> <li>• General elements of liability, fatal and non-fatal offences, property offences, general defences.</li> <li>• Problem-solving skills and practice.</li> <li>• Role of judges in making law, statutory interpretation, crime theory, law and justice, law and society.</li> </ul>
<b>Tort Law</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature of civil law.</li> <li>• Civil courts, roles of legal personnel, funding, and alternative dispute resolution.</li> <li>• Basic negligence, psychiatric injury, private nuisance, Rylands v Fletcher, and vicarious liability.</li> <li>• Problem-solving skills and practice.</li> </ul>
<b>Contract Law</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentary law making, delegated legislation, and the role of the EU.</li> <li>• Introduction to contract law, making contracts, contract terms including the Consumer Rights Act 2015, exclusion clauses, vitiating factors, discharge of contract, and remedies.</li> <li>• Problem-solving skills and practice.</li> </ul>

### What skills will I need in this subject?

Skill	What this skill involves in this subject
AO1 –	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles.
AO2 –	Apply legal rules and principles to given scenarios in order to present a legal argument using appropriate legal terminology.
AO3	Analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts, and issues.

### What will my lessons involve?

**PowerPoints:** Covering theoretical aspects of law and detailed explanations of legal principles.

**Case Studies:** Analysing real and hypothetical cases to understand the application of the law.

**Group Discussions:** Engaging with peers to debate and discuss legal issues.

**Practical Exercises:** Problem-solving sessions to develop legal reasoning and application skills.

### What will my independent study involve?

**Reading:** Assigned textbooks, legal journals, and case reports to deepen understanding.

**Research:** Investigating specific legal issues or case laws.

**Essay Writing:** Developing arguments and analysis on various legal topics.

**Revision:** Regular review of class notes and preparation for exams.

### How will I be assessed?

Percentage exam assessment - 100%	Percentage coursework assessment - 0%
-----------------------------------	---------------------------------------

Assessment	Details of assessment
Paper 1	2 hour written exam Section A: The Nature of Law and the English Legal System Section B: Criminal Law
Paper 2	2 hour written exam Section A: The Nature of Law and the English Legal System (different focus from Paper 1) Section B: Tort Law
Paper 3	2 hour written exam Section A: The Nature of Law and the English Legal System (Different focus from Paper 1+2) Section B: Contract Law

### How do I know this is the right course for me?

- You have a keen interest in the legal system and how it operates.
- You enjoy critical thinking and problem-solving.
- You aspire to pursue a career in law, criminology, public policy, or related fields.
- You are prepared to engage in detailed reading, research, and independent study.
- You are looking for a challenging and rewarding academic experience that provides a strong foundation for higher education and professional development.

Choosing AQA Law at Ridgewood will prepare you with the knowledge and skills necessary for success in both academic and professional environments.

