Why Study AQA Law at The Sixth Form at Ridgewood?

Studying AQA Law at Ridgewood's Sixth Form offers 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?

In the AQA Law course at Ridgewood, you will cover the following key areas over two years:

Year 1:

- **Paper 1: Criminal Law**
  - Personnel involved in criminal trials
  - Roles of the jury, judge, barristers, and solicitors
  - Criminal courts and funding in criminal cases
  - Magistrates and sentencing
  - General elements of liability, fatal and non-fatal offences, property offences, general defences
  - Problem-solving skills and practice
  - Role of judges in making law, statutory interpretation, crime theory, law and justice, law and society
- **Paper 2: Tort Law**
  - Nature of civil law
  - Civil courts, roles of legal personnel, funding, and alternative dispute resolution
  - Basic negligence, psychiatric injury, private nuisance, Rylands v Fletcher, and vicarious liability
  - Problem-solving skills and practice

Year 2:

- **Paper 2: Tort Law (continued)**
  - Revision and in-depth evaluation of tort law concepts
- **Paper 3: Contract Law**
  - Parliamentary law making, delegated legislation, and the role of the EU
  - Introduction to contract law, making contracts, contract terms including the Consumer Rights Act 2015, exclusion clauses, vitiating factors, discharge of contract, and remedies
  - Problem-solving skills and practice

What Skills Will I Need in This Subject?

To succeed in AQA Law, you will need:

- **Analytical Skills:** Ability to analyse legal texts and case law critically.
- **Research Skills:** Proficiency in researching legal precedents and understanding complex legal principles.
- **Communication Skills:** Clear and concise writing for essays and problem-solving questions.
- **Critical Thinking:** Evaluating legal scenarios and applying relevant laws to various situations.
- **Time Management:** Balancing coursework, independent study, and revision.

What Will My Lessons Involve?

Lessons will be a mix of:

- **Lectures and Seminars:** 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?

Independent study will include:

- **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?

- **Examinations:** The course is 100% exam based.
- **Mock Exams:** Regular mock exams to prepare for the final assessments.

How Do I Know This is the Right Course for Me?

Consider this course if:

- 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.