A Level Law at Budmouth Academy

Exam Board: AQA
Assessment: three two hour exams at the end of year 13
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Vision Statement
Studying A level law gives students an understanding of much of what they see and hear about in the media. From news to crime dramas, law students find their take on what is going on in the world shifts as they learn how laws are made, what various crimes involve and how the legal system operates.

Students learn invaluable skills through studying law. Analytical thinking, rigorous application of rules to facts and objective thinking are transferable to many aspects of work, study and life.

A level Law is highly academic, involving close analysis, structuring arguments, understanding and applying concepts as well as making constant links between wide ranging aspects of content.

Course Content
Each of the three papers has an element of English legal system. This includes:
How laws are made by Parliament and by judges in court
Statutory interpretation
Access to Justice (funding)
Legal personnel- solicitors, barristers, legal executives
The Judiciary
Law people- magistrates and juries
Delegated legislation

The majority of each paper focuses on substantive law:
Paper 1 - Crime
Paper 2 - Tort
Paper 3- Contract

Assessment

Students are assessed in relation to three assessment objectives
AO1 knowledge
A02- application of law to facts
A03- analysis and evaluation

Visits

Weymouth Magistrates' Court
The Old Bailey, London

Curriculum Map

Year 12 Sept-Dec	Year 12 Nov-Dec	Year 12 Jan-Feb	Year 12 Mar-Apr	Year 12 May	Year 12 Jun-Jul
ELS* for paper 1: Statutory interpretation, judicial precedent, legal personnel, lay people	ELS- sentencing Crime theory (actus reus, causation, mens rea, strict liability offences) Non fatal offences against the person	Murder and special defences Involuntary manslaughter	Theft, robbery, attempts. General defences Concepts: law and justice, fault	Revision and year 12 exam	ELS for paper 2: statute creation, law reform, judiciary, access to justice End of term: projects on famous cases Visit to magistrates' court
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Tort law: negligence including pure economic loss and negligent misstatement; occupier's liability	Private nuisance, strict liability, vicarious liability Concepts: law and morals, fault	ELS for paper 3: the rule of law, delegated legislation, judiciary including independence, access to justice, EU. Contract law: agreement, consideration, intention to create legal relations.	Terms, express and implied. Consumer Rights Act 2015 Exclusion clauses Vitiating factors Discharge of contract Concepts: balancing conflicting interests, law and morals	Revision and paper 3 mock	

ELS= English legal system