



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

Year: 12/13

Subject: BTEC L3 Applied Law

Overview

This course is taught over 2 years and is assessed through both internal coursework and external examination. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A level and globally recognised, carrying UCAS points. It is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to admission requirements for many courses, if taken alongside other qualifications as part of a two-year programme of learning. The requirements of the qualification will mean that students develop many of the transferable and higher-order skills that are highly regarded by higher education and employers.

Each year learners will cover two units of work that will be assessed at the end of each unit which means you are tested as you learn rather than at the end of the 2 year course.

	External Assessment (exam)	Internal Assignment (coursework)
Year 1	Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law Exam date: Always in January	Unit 2: Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System
Year 2	Unit 3: Applying the Law Exam date: Always in January	Unit 4: Aspects of Family Law

Learning legal skills at the same time as accessing content knowledge helps to build an awareness of what is required for both the course and to your own personal development. Learners will explore topics or concepts through different methods such as independent research, questioning, analysis, deep thinking and critical evaluation. This will enable learners to apply knowledge and skills to case studies given.

Year 1:

Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law - In this unit, learners will cover the civil court jurisdiction, alternative dispute resolution, enforcement of civil law, application of judicial precedent and the law on negligence.

Unit 2: Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System – In this unit, learners will analyse and evaluate how statutory rules are made and interpreted inside and outside of Parliament, exploring the impact of EU law including any conflict resolutions, delegated legislation, the role and responsibilities of both lay and legal professionals within a criminal trial, addressing the key elements of crime and sentencing in non-fatal offence case studies.

Unit 3: Applying the Law – In this unit, learners will explore the laws governing homicide and manslaughter, understand the various offences against property, apply general defences in criminal law to case studies and have an overview of police powers.

Unit 4: Aspects of Family Law – In this unit, learners will examine the legal rules that govern the formation of relationships and the various methods used to dissolve them. Learners will also investigate legal rules governing the distribution of money and property on the breakdown of a relationship in addition to exploring how the courts resolve disputes over children.

Grades given for each assessment are Pass, Merit and Distinction, and where a learner achieves Distinction in 3 or all units of work, a *Distinction grade can be awarded. External exams are formally marked by Pearson and internal assessment is marked by teacher with a sample sent to a senior verifier at Pearson.

Work will be set and submitted through the use of Google classroom, where learners can also access resources.