The Law GCSE Course helps students to understand more about the law and puts you in a better position to know your rights under the English legal system. Whether as a consumer or a potential lawyer. You will develop your skills and knowledge through carefully chosen cases and a range of practical activities. Presented in a lively and entertaining manner, this home study course introduces the law of England and Wales. It is equally suited to students wanting to study the subject further, possibly with a legal career in mind, and to those who simply wish to find out more about the law of the land.

This specification has been designed to encourage more than the acquisition of factual knowledge about the law. It is important that candidates should see law as a process which changes in response to society’s changing needs. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions, and there is guidance for the preparation of coursework.

There are seven tutor-marked assignments. No previous knowledge of the subject is assumed or required.

The Syllabus:

The Law GCSE course prepares students for AQA GCSE Law syllabus 4160, for exams in May/June 2018. Assessment is by two written papers (50% Each).

Please Note: This specification will be available until the May/June 2018 exams, AQA will not be renewing Law GCSE and the subject will be retired after the 2018 exam window with no option to resit.

Exam Paper 1 (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) is 50% of the total marks. The exam is in 2 sections. Section A: compulsory short-answer questions and Section B: one multi-part question from a choice of two, based on a scenario, including short-answer questions and some extended writing.

Unit 1 - The English Legal System:

- Introduction to Law
- Courts and Processes
- People in the Law
- Sources of English Law

Exam Paper 2 (1 Hour, 30 Minutes) is 50% of the total marks. The exam is two multi-part questions from a choice of four, covering the different areas of substantive law, each based on a scenario, including short-answer questions and some extended writing.

Unit 2 - The Law in Action:

- The Law of Tort
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Rights and Responsibilities
Prerequisites:
There are no prerequisites for starting this course.

Coursework:
No coursework required.

Additional Reading:
The course is fully self-contained and is designed to prepare you for the examination without the use of a textbook. However, you are strongly advised to supplement your studies by reference to one of the many specially written GCSE textbooks.

Student Support:
Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they should keep in regular contact. All tutors are fully qualified experienced teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. Most work from home and are able to offer flexible contact times. The tutor will contact students with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. They will also let the student know the best ways and times for contact.

There is no limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA’s) in every course. These help the student to consolidate their learning and prepare for examinations.

All tutors have a Freephone 0800 telephone number and most will have Skype capabilities. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:
There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates.

We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of students for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre’s are entirely the responsibility of the student.

GCSE Examination Fees:
Examination fees need to be paid direct to your chosen exam centre. Prices for exams will vary depending on the exam centre's administration costs. You can find out further information about the Private Candidate process and locate suitable exam centres from the AQA Private Candidate Page.

Studying from Abroad:
It is possible to study GCSE Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply. If you wish to study a GCSE then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most of our GCSEs have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.