

**Kingsmead School**

**Law Department**

Our Law Department is currently growing and is now in its third year. The department is part of the very successful Open faculty. Law has gained excellent results year on year since its inception with no student achieving below a Distinction grade. Alongside Law, students in KS5 have the option to take Criminology and Psychology to support a potential career into the social sciences. Many of our students have joined the police force to undertake a degree apprenticeship or have entered a university to study both Law and Criminology at degree level. The department aims to focus on all students, respecting their different approaches to learning. Students are supported and motivated to achieve their full potential. Teaching concentrates on different approaches and incorporates different activities to ensure all learning styles are catered for. We use our ***“Murder House”*** for many of practical activities and have set up a small court room to accommodate “***Mock Trials***” Students ensure that they take pride in their work and maximise their learning, by working with others. Our lessons are structured with the students being our priority and allowing them to achieve beyond expectations.

***As a department we aim to:***

* Encourage and help all individuals to reach their full potential and feel proud in their achievements.
* Encouraging independent learning, preparing students for assignments and equip them with personal transferable skills, for later life.
* Consistently monitor students’ progress to ensure they are remaining on target to achieve their full potential.
* Ensure the classroom environment is conducive to learning and that students feel safe and secure within that environment.
* Develop and disseminate good practice through regular departmental meetings and Learning Walks. Supporting each other and aiming to remove variance across the department area.
* Strengthen the links with the MAT and bring in guest speakers from the workplace to link learning to the wider world and opportunities on offer.

Students should be:

* Engaged in learning, through quality teaching and being taught by specialist teachers.
* Achieving their potential, through monitoring, and appropriate feedback.
* Learning within a safe and healthy environment.
* Respecting the rights, culture and beliefs of others.
* Taught to understand the importance of the skills they obtain and how these contribute to lifelong learning.

**The Curriculum**

The curriculum is taught across Key stage 5.

**Key Stage 5**

We currently offer students the following qualification:

**BTEC National in Applied Law**

Mandatory Units

Unit 1 - Dispute Solving in Civil Law

Unit 2 ­- Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law

Unit 3 - Applying the Law

Optional Units

Unit 4- Aspects of Family Law

Unit 5- Consumer Law

Unit 6 Contract Law

Unit 7- Aspects of Tort