

Why this subject?

Would you like to know about criminal law including murder and robbery, and the impact on society?

Would you like to know how civil disputes such as accidents are settled, and where to seek advice when things go wrong?

Would you like to know how family disputes are resolved, and who we can approach for help?

We need law to regulate society, to protect people, to enforce rights and to solve conflicts. We need law to prevent or deter people from behaving in a way that has a negative impact on the lives of other people. We need law so that people understand the consequences of their actions.

Course Outline

Year 12

Unit 1 – Dispute Solving in Civil Law

- This unit introduces students to civil law including the structure of the court system, alternatives to court such as mediation, sources of advice such as Citizens Advice, the cost of legal action, sources of funding such as pro bono, and the concept of precedent.
- Students will explore in detail the law regarding negligence. This includes the duty of care that must be applied, what constitutes a breach, and what damages could be awarded.

Unit 2 – Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System

- This unit introduces students to how statutory rules are made, including influences on parliament, and the law-making procedure in parliament.
- Students will explore the various legal personnel involved in a criminal trial including solicitors, magistrates, and juries.
- Students will investigate the key elements of crime and sentencing in non-fatal offences such as assault, ABH and GBH. This includes sentencing and mitigating factors.

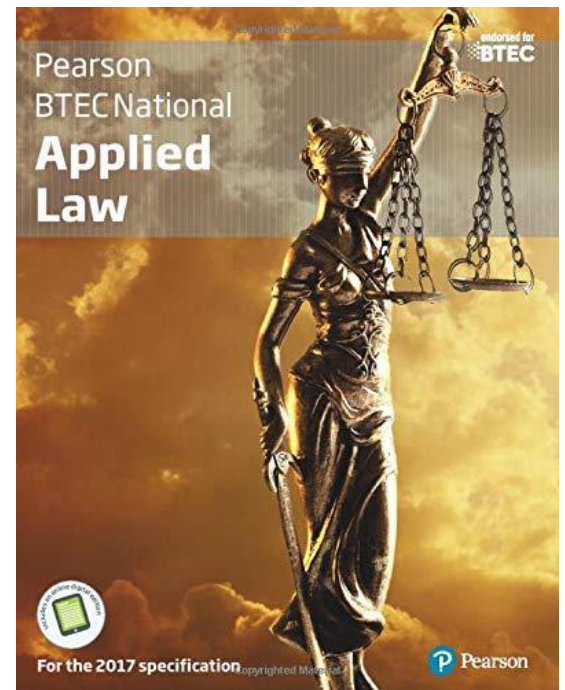
Year 13

Unit 3 – Applying the Law

- This unit introduces students to the laws relating to homicide including murder, voluntary manslaughter, and involuntary manslaughter.
- Students will explore offences against property including theft, robbery, burglary, fraud and criminal damage.
- Students will investigate general defences including duress, insanity, intoxication, and self-defence.
- Students will explore the powers that are given to the police including stop and search, arrest and questioning.

Unit 4 – Family Law

- This unit introduces students to the legal rules governing the formation of marriages, civil partnerships, and cohabitation.
- Students will explore the various methods for dissolving a relationship nullity, divorce, and dissolution.
- Students will investigate the legal rules governing the distribution of money and property when a relationship breaks down.
- Students will explore how the courts resolve disputes over children.



Key Information

Exam Board	Pearson (Edexcel)
Qualification Type	BTEC National
Entry Requirements	
Head of Department	Mrs Hillier

Assessment Outline

Unit 1 – Set Task

- This unit is assessed by a task set and marked by Pearson.
- Learners will be given information about a case 1 week before a supervised assessment period so they can carry out research.
- The supervised assessment period is 1.5 hours in length.
- The number of marks for the assessment is 60.
- Students will receive a score for the set task which is then converted into points towards the overall qualification.

Unit 3 – Set Task

- This unit is assessed by a task set and marked by Pearson.
- Learners will be given information about a case 2 weeks before a supervised assessment period so they can carry out research.
- The supervised assessment period is 2 hours in length.
- The number of marks for the assessment is 72.
- Students will receive a score for the set task which is then converted into points towards the overall qualification.

Units 2 and 4 – Internal Coursework

- These units are assessed internally.
- Assignments are written by Pearson and assessed by teachers.
- A sample of work will be verified by Pearson.
- Students will receive a grade of Pass, Merit or Distinction for each unit depending on their performance. This grade is then converted into points toward the overall qualification.



Careers and next steps

What skills will I get from studying Applied Law?

A large part of Applied Law is producing professional coursework portfolios including presentations, reports and formal letters. When producing these you will develop your ICT skills in many different software programs.

You will develop problem-solving skills and legal research skills. You will use these research skills to investigate the way in which the law is developed and applied. You will have the opportunity to apply the relevant law to scenarios.

You will develop your decision-making and communication skills, as you may have to decide how to advise clients.

What careers can I do with Applied Law?

The course is recognised by higher education providers and will help to support entry to many higher education courses. The qualification can also support progression to employment directly or via an apprenticeship.