

LAW

CGA PATHWAY

**START YOUR JOURNEY TO
A CAREER IN LAW**

Study A Level Law combined with a law focused EPQ to stand out as a star applicant in admissions.

A LEVEL LAW

The course begins with an introduction to the philosophical & political discussion around the nature and purpose of laws and the relationship between law and morality. After this, students will move on to learn about English common law and how laws are created and passed in the English system.

Once this introductory phase has been completed and the students have an understanding of how the law works and is carried out, they will move onto how the law is applied to case studies. This aspect of the course is about problem solving and application of the law and encourages their critical thinking. They will get a taste of both criminal and civil law as well as a flavour of the commercial applications of law. For that reason, it can be helpful as a sort of super curricular option for students to understand how the law affects their chosen career path and is designed to be very useful.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The EPQ is an extended essay project that allows students to frame their own question - the only time in the A Level curriculum that they can practice truly student-led learning. This is why the universities like the EPQ, as it demonstrates the skill set required to thrive at university.

The project sees students identify a topic that they would like to explore and submit a project proposal along with their reasoning for why this topic will work. The EPQ provides a point of differentiation in admissions and shows the student's understanding of the topical issues surrounding that course.

The EPQ echoes and develops the skills required for a successful university experience; research, presentation, writing and self-led learning.

PATHWAY DETAILS

- A Level Law starts September and is a 2 year linear course
- EPQ starts November and takes 12 months to complete
- Students require advanced English language skills





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Course led by



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Law Teacher, CGA

BS - History, 2(i)

PGDL and LPC - Law

PGCE - Education

MA - Church History

Solicitor - Five years

TEACHER BIO

My name is Sam Yates and I am very excited to be joining CGA as a Teacher of History and Law, and Teacher in Charge of academic enhancement.

I have spent the last 12 years teaching in a large and successful independent school in the North of England. I have enjoyed a variety of roles including deputy head of department, sixth form tutor, head of academic extension and Oxbridge Coordinator. I have particularly enjoyed supervising students for their Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ). The EPQ is a fantastic opportunity for creative and critical independent learning that I am looking forward to introducing to CGA and sharing with you as CGA students.

Before going into teaching, I qualified as a solicitor and spent five years in private practice as a commercial real estate and restructuring lawyer. Over the coming years, I am hoping that I can inspire a future generation of bright and aspirational CGA students to grapple with the challenges of the Cambridge University law essay competitions that are on offer and appreciate the value of History as the ultimate facilitating subject for studying Law at university.

Beyond the (virtual) classroom, I enjoy walking the family dog, watching football and rugby with my older son, playing cricket with my younger son and building a collection of retro vinyl for weekend listening.