

# *Law Department Vision for Curriculum INTENT*

## Excellence through the curriculum

In the Law Department we prepare a curriculum that develops PRIDE and is inclusive through the following areas.

### **Subject knowledge and Skills development**

The law department has the intent that all students finish their Shoeburyness High School experience with a comprehensive understanding of the legal system in criminal law, civil law, and human rights law, to be able to be economically independent and have high aspirations for themselves. The curriculum design is underpinned by the AQA A Level Law specification and Pearson Btec Applied Law specification. The curriculum is intended to introduce students to five areas of study: Public Law, Criminal Law, Tort Law, Human rights Law and Concepts of Law. Schemes of work are detailed, with engaging resources. A Level Law has considerable content, and we create detailed resource packs for students as well as the use of textbooks. We aim to create opportunities for all learners, irrespective of their starting points, to make at least good progress in the subject of Law. The curriculum has been designed to provide students with the opportunity to enhance their own understanding of key areas of study through a range of teaching and learning strategies. Schemes of work are designed to prepare students for their studies in Higher Education.

### **Respectful attitudes**

Within both A level and Btec there are difficult issues that must be considered such as: family law, fatal offences, defences and human rights. This requires us to include kindness, understanding and empathy within the lessons when discussing real life experiences of these situations. Appropriate measures are taken to always encourage the development and remembrance of respectful attitudes in lessons. especially when difficult concepts are being covered.

### **Destinations and Employability**

The Law curriculum in both A level and Btec Applied Law equips students with knowledge and skills needed to support them in their future endeavours, be that university or employment. Where appropriate our schemes of work in Law will focus on not only legal careers that might be pursued and the skills needed but wider careers available to them following their study of A level Law or Btec Applied law. Many of our Key Stage 5 Law students are seeking a career in Law. Four out of the five main areas of study are part of the qualifying LLB Law degree which helps our students have a sound basis for studying Law at university. To have this impact within the Law department our curriculum is focused on the following areas: subject knowledge and development, respectful attitudes, destinations, and employability and enrichment

### **Enrichment**

The Law department ensures that the curriculum we plan to teach and the lessons we deliver to A level and Btec students develops students' cultural development. We also create opportunities for wider learning in the study of Law providing support to students who wish to pursue apprenticeships in Law or participate in the opportunities offered by universities to support the enrichment of students. In Law we build independent learners through the opportunities for further reading and study.