

Ex-Varndean College Law students say

Hazera Ali (Law Degree, London City University: Awarded Law prize in Year 1)

"Thank you for all your extensive class and revision notes. I've followed a lot of what I learnt at Varndean in answering degree questions."

William Brownhill (Law Degree, achieved a 1st in Criminal Law)

"The Varndean Law Department was a great start to my legal studies."

Jodie Durrant (Law Degree, Sussex University, 2019)

"Studying Law at Varndean has given me a great foundation to studying it at University. You learn valuable skills such as analysis and forming arguments which will benefit you no matter what path you choose."

Xander Gowler (Law Degree, after a Gap year, Durham University 2020)

"The Law teachers at Varndean are as passionate about your achievement as you are; I really valued their expertise and kindness."

Natalia Miernik (Law Degree, Sheffield University 2019)

"I'm achieving firsts in all my subjects thanks to my grounding at Varndean."

Abi-Lee Moles (Law Degree, King's College, London)

"The university lecturers are not as fun as you, but I'm really enjoying Law."

Ellie Smitherman (Journalism, Bournemouth University 2018)

"Studying Law at Varndean has given me a fantastic opportunity to work collaboratively and develop independent research skills."

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Debate Day - Supreme Court



Visit to the Supreme Court

A Level Law



Why study Law?

Law affects our every waking moment. The house you live in, the bed you sleep in and the food you eat – they are all regulated by laws. In fact it is very difficult to think of any human activity which is not regulated by laws. Studying Law at Varndean will give you the opportunity to explore some of the laws in our society and internationally through explaining Human Rights.

The syllabus offers an exciting opportunity to explore fascinating aspects of English law, such as murder and manslaughter; as well as combining wider questions of morality and the meaning of justice.

Paper 1 : The Legal System and Criminal Law

Key topics include:

- Criminal Law
 - Murder, manslaughter
 - Non-fatal offences against the person
 - Property offences
- Civil and Criminal Courts
- Legal Personnel

Examined: 2 hour exam: 2 short answer questions, 1 essay and a scenario question.

Paper 2 : Law Making and the Law of Tort

Key topics include:

- Law making
- Judges creating law
- Tort
 - Negligence
 - Occupier's liability

Examined: 2 hour exam: 2 short answer questions, 1 essay and a scenario question.



Outside Royal Courts of Justice

Paper 3 : Further Law

Key topics include:

- Human Rights Law
 - Human Rights Act
 - Restriction and Human Rights
- The Nature of Law
 - law and morality
 - law and justice
 - law and society
 - law and technology



The Peace Palace, The Hague

Examined: 2 hour exam: 2 essays and a scenario question

How will I be supported in A Level Law?

The Law team offer regular catch up sessions and additional revision sessions for you. You will also receive help preparing your UCAS personal statement. A student peer mentoring scheme gives support for students by students.

What enrichment activities do you offer?

Last year, students took part in a debate at The Supreme Court and attended key courts and conferences. In addition, there was a trip to The Hague and Amsterdam to consider the issue of Human Rights. This year, students will be visiting Paris to consider the role of Human Rights in international law.

Students were also involved this year in the National Legal Apprenticeship competition. Successful teams were invited to News UK for an awards lunch and live final.

You will also have the opportunity to witness murder trials at the Old Bailey in London; attend local magistrates courts and discuss issues with magistrates; attend Law conferences on key syllabus topics; hear visiting speakers in class for example, local barristers and solicitors.

You also get the unique opportunity to take part in a whole year group mock trial competition at the end of the first year. A great opportunity to gather experiences for your personal statement. This year students competed in a virtual online mock trial with the Chair of the Magistracy as the judge.