CAREER PATHWAY

LAW

LEVEL 2

GCSE OPTIONS AT THORNLEIGH

Good grades in core subjects
Modern Foreign Languages
Social Sciences

LEVEL 3

COURSE OPTIONS AT THORNLEIGH

Law
Government and Politics
Philosophy and Ethics
Social Sciences
History
Criminology L3 Applied Diploma

A-LEVEL EQUIVALENT ALTERNATIVE COURSES

Uniformed Public Services Extended Diploma
Policing NCFE Diploma
Legal Services T-Level

SCHOOL LEAVERS APPRENTICESHIPS

Paralegal Apprenticeship (L3 CILEx)

LEVEL 4-6

HIGHER APPRENTICESHIP COURSES

Advanced Paralegal Apprenticeships (L5 SQE)

UNI / APPRENTICESHIP DEGREES

Chartered Legal Executive Apprenticeship (L6)
Solicitor Apprenticeships (L7)
Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship (L6)
Law Degree
Criminology Degree
Political Science Degree

LAW

A career in law in England and Wales centers around three primary legal roles—Solicitor, Barrister, and Chartered Legal Executive - with average qualified solicitor salaries ranging from about £48,000 to £60,000+ depending on the region.

A Solicitor gives legal advice directly to clients, drafts documents, manages cases, and handles either transactional work (such as business sales) or contentious litigation. A Barrister focuses on specialist legal advice and courtroom advocacy, representing clients before judges. A Chartered Legal Executive specializes in a specific branch of law (like conveyancing or family law) with independent practice rights. Support & Alternative Roles include paralegals, legal secretaries, patent attorneys, company secretaries, and roles within the Crown Prosecution Service or government legal departments.