



LAW Summer Project

A Level Law

Welcome to the A Level law study guide. This guide will help you prepare for your studies with us in September. All together it should take you about **15 hours to complete**.

A brief bit about what you study.

Have you ever thought of being a judge? Perhaps you would like to be a solicitor or a legal secretary, a barrister, judicial assistant, chartered legal executive or a conveyancer. There are many careers in law and law continues to be a growing area for employment, whether you want to go to university to study a law related subject or you want to complete one of the new law apprenticeships.

A Level Law will help provide you with the foundations for your law career. There are 3 exams at the end of your 2 years that will introduce you to the foundations of law along with an examination of legal cases. The table below shows you how the curriculum is split over the 2 years and how they are assessed.

We will study the court system, the people who work in them, how people can access government funding, what are criminal offences, fatal and non-fatal offences against the person, who makes law and how law is reformed. We will also look at the law of wrongs (tort) and what happens in terms of negligence, public and private nuisance, law in society, how technology has changed law and finally we will look into either Contract law or Human Rights law depending on the career aims of students.

How to prepare for joining us.

To help you prepare for your law classes you will need to understand the English legal sentencing and get used to the language of law. Law is still a language that is very old English and much of its terminology is derived from old Latin terms.

You will need to know about the different courts in the UK. We will study Criminal and Civil law and there are different courts for each law. Within your law career you may need to advise a client or a witness about which court an offence will be held in and how the court works.

Task 1 – Criminal Court Structure

Watch the video UK Law and Court - What are the different courts? | The 4 Criminal Courts explained - YouTube

- Make notes on the different types of offences that are tried in each court.

Task 2 – Civil Court Structure

Watch the video Civil Court Structure - YouTube

- Draw the civil court structure and make brief notes about each court and where appeals are heard

Task 3

Watch the video Difference between Civil Law & Criminal Law - YouTube.

You should also use your own research to find the differences between criminal and civil law

- Identify the difference between criminal law and civil law

Task 4

You will need to know the court system and these 3 videos will introduce you to the personnel who work in the court and how they sentence people.

The Magistrates' Court - YouTube

The Crown Court - YouTube

Sentencing Council || How offenders are sentenced - YouTube

- Make notes on the different personnel that exist within the courts. You should include magistrates, juries, barristers, solicitors and judges. You may want to find out what they do in their job, the qualifications needed to be them (if any are needed), the training that is involved.

Extension task

You may want to do something extra!. This is a very famous law case and set a precedent that has existed for nearly 90 years.

- Research the case Donoghue v Stevenson. What type of law is it and where was it heard? What are the details about this case and why was it so special?

On behalf of the A level Law team, we wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in September.

If you want to extend your reading you may wish to buy the first year text books (but you do not need them until you start the course:

OCR AS/A Level Law Book 1**Author:**

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