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Lawnswood School Social Science Department

A-Level Law

Course Outline and Summer Tasks

We are delighted you have chosen to study Law A Level with us!

We are with the exam board OCR, which has more detailed information on the course.

The exam board specification - <https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/315216-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-law-h415.pdf>

Here is a quick outline so you know what to expect.

Over the course of the next two years you will prepare for three exams.

OCR Website – go to H418 Law A level syllabus. Read through the six modules:

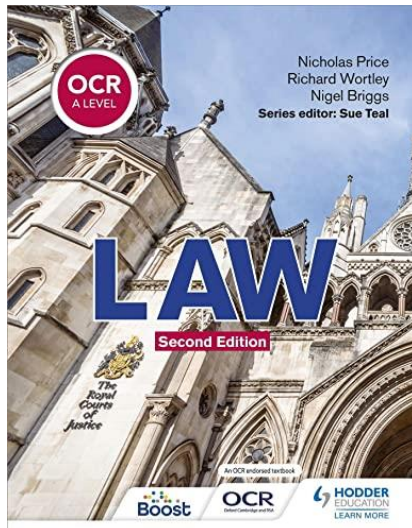
- English Legal System
- Criminal Law
- Making of Law
- Tort Law
- Human Rights Law
- Nature of Law

Use a dictionary/internet to look up any terms that you do not understand.

Our main course text books are listed below

OCR A Level Law Second Edition by Richard Wortley

ISBN-10 139832647X



Suggested reading list:

OCR AS/A Level Law – Jacqueline Martin and Nicholas Price

The Secret Barrister – The Secret Barrister

Presumed Guilty- Michael Mansfield QC

Memoirs of a Radical Lawyer – Michael Mansfield QC

To Kill a Mockingbird- Harper Lee

Stories of the Law and How it is Broken – The Secret Barrister

Defending the Guilty- Alex McBride

The Children Act – Ian McEwan

The Cracker Series (criminal psychologist) – Jimmy McGovern

Law and Disorder: Funny Moments from the Courts – Charles M Sevilla

Under the Wig: A Lawyer's Stories of Murder, Guilt and Innocence by William Clegg

Some examples of films to watch:

Inappropriate Adult (the West murders)

In the Name of the Father

To Kill a Mockingbird

Provoked

Minority Report

Fracture

Twenty Four Hours in Police Custody – plus many other tv programmes

Podcasts:

BBC Sounds has a large range of law focused podcasts e.g. Law in Action, I am the Law...

Bit of a Stretch – Chirs Aikins

Websites:

www.ebay.co.uk (civil law disputes)

www.judiciary.gov.uk

www.justice.gov.uk

www.ccrcc.gov.uk/case-library/. (miscarriages of justice)

www.theguardian.com/uk/2009/dec/14/jail-brothers-burglar-cricket-bat
(householder v burglar)

www.e-lawresources.co.uk

www.lawteacher.net

To do:

- 1) Look up topics within the syllabus on English Legal System on the internet to gain understanding – e.g.:
 - English Criminal Courts
 - English Civil Courts
 - Issues to do with sentencing in the criminal courts
 - Issues to do with legal personnel i.e. solicitors, barristers, judges
 - Issues to do with lay personnel i.e. juries, magistrates
- 2) Use internet to browse main news stories that are law related usually they are plentiful.

3) Criminal or Civil Law?

There are many different types of law, no lawyer could possibly be an expert in all law. Understanding the difference between Civil and Criminal law is key to understanding the workings of the English Legal System.

Watch 'What is the distinction between Civil and Criminal Law?' with Professor Jo Delahunty QC [What is the distinction between Criminal and Civil Law? - Professor Jo Delahunty QC](#)



a) A number of words and phrases are listed below but do they relate to civil or criminal law. Write a definition of each word and identify whether it belongs to civil or criminal law.

Word	Definition	Civil/ Criminal
Prosecute		
Defendant		
Claimant		
Compensation		
Beyond reasonable doubt		
Balance of probabilities		
R V (Regina v)		
Small claims court		
County court		
Criminal court		
CPS		

b) Familiarise yourself with the different hierarchy structures of both the Civil and Criminal courts.

Read through the jumbled Civil and Criminal court structures and then create a with notes which shows the hierarchy of the structure – Which cases would be heard at each type of court? Are there any limitations?

County courts

High Court

House of Lords

Supreme Court

Magistrates' Court

Court of Appeal (civil division)

Court of Appeal (criminal division)

Crown Court

As well as your text book you may find the following useful to help you:

<https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/the-justice-system/court-structure/>

<http://www.justcite.com/kb/editorial-policies/terms/uk-court-structure/>

If you finish the summer project below will give you an excellent introduction to a brilliant topic – sentencing!

If you have any questions about the course before we start, please email me on holly.prosho@elawnswood.co.uk

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

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