



Bridging work

A-level Law

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Law affects everything we do; it is difficult to identify an aspect of how we live that isn't impacted by Law. The course gives you the opportunity to find out how laws are made, what they are and how they impact our lives.

Law is a topical and evolving subject, and we regularly refer to current news items and events to illustrate and reinforce your studies. In Year 1 you will learn about the system of courts, both criminal and civil, how the law is made and the general principles of liability in Criminal Law and Tort.

In Year 2 you will study Contract law where you will learn about the formation of contracts, breaches of contract and further Criminal & Tort topics. In Criminal Law, you will learn about offences such as murder, manslaughter and theft, and in Tort, you will learn about negligence, occupiers' liability as well as nuisance. You will also study some of the philosophical concepts of law – for example, the relationships between law and morality and law and justice.

In short:

- Law is relevant; very old and current and topical.
- Law affects everything we do.
- Law is not just a subject; it trains you to approach problems and to find solutions. It teaches you to think.
- Law links successfully with any subject.
- Law is a useful passport to any discipline. It is recognised as a strong and rigorous subject.

We ask you to do some pre-course reading that we call 'bridging work' to help you to become more familiar with the legal topics you are going to study on your A Level Law course. Getting into the habit of looking out for law related issues and events, will help you to gain an invaluable insight into the subject.

Please complete the tasks below as they will also help you to become more confident when you start the course.

Task 1: A good place to start is to look at the A level specification and to familiarise yourself with what you will be studying on the course: subject content (each topic that you will study) is across pages 9-17, for the Paper 3 option – we teach Contract Law.

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/law/specifications/AQA-7162-SP-2017.PDF>

Task 2: Why are you intrigued by law?

Your answer:

Task 3: We will study the Nature of Law where we look at the features of a legal system and the Criminal Courts; all of the areas below link to these, open each link, work through it and **write a brief summary paragraph or draw a diagram for each topic:**

What is Civil and Criminal law? <https://www.inbrief.co.uk/legal-system/difference-between-civil-criminal-law>

Judiciary and the Rule of Law

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hh5pIZtv1gw>

What is the Supreme Court?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lz1NSeazk7g>

What is the court system of England and Wales?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25_zRAr4wV4

Sentencing – why do some prisoners serve half of their term?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-49886053>

Task 4: Do you dream of becoming a solicitor or a barrister? What do they do? Please research this and write your answer below.

Your answer:

Task 5: How does studying law link to careers? Where can you study law after A-level? Please provide as many different examples as possible.

Your answer:

Thank you for completing the law bridging work. I look forward to reading your submission and discussing it with you. Please print it off and bring it to your first law lesson.