

Subject: LAW

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Getting a head start

TASK	DETAIL	DEMONSTRATED (Student use)		
Organisation	In readiness to start your Law A-level, you will need to obtain a lever arch file and dividers together with an A4 lined notebook. Have a writing pen and highlighters in your pencil case. You will also need the A-level Law text book – see below. All other material required will be provided for you	YES	Partially	No
Summer Task	Summer Law Task			
	Part 1: Identifying Legal Areas and Offences			
	Your first task for the summer is to analyse various legal scenarios. For each scenario, you need to:			
	 Identify the specific area of law to which the scenario pertains (e.g., criminal law, tort law, contract law, etc.). 			
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Part 2: Case Study Research

For the second part of your summer task, you will conduct research on cases related to two different areas of law from: crime, tort, and human rights. Your task includes the following steps:

- 1. **Crime:** Find a recent news case involving criminal law.
- 2. **Tort:** Locate a case related to tort law from the news.
- 3. **Human Rights:** Identify a news case concerning human rights issues.

For each of the 2 cases selected:

- 1. **Case Facts:** Summarise the key facts of the case.
- 2. **Selection Reason:** Explain why you selected this particular case.
- 3. **Impact and Decision:** Discuss the impact of the case and the court's decision, if available.

Be thorough in your research and provide detailed write-ups for each case, including relevant legal principles and implications.

Text Book



It is essential that you obtain the text book for Year 1 of A-level Law. This is the 2017 copy which can be purchased from sources such as Waterstones, the Hodder Education website (www.hoddereducation.co.uk) or Amazon and currently costs between £24.00 to £27.99 depending on supplier. The front cover of the text book is pictured (left). ISBN number 978-1-5104-0164-8.

Ideally, you will have this book ready for the start of the course. However, you will have not need it until week 2.

You may wish to start reading Chapters 1 and 2 but this is neither essential nor required in advance of the course start.		
If there is a sensitive financial issue regarding this purchase, please email Nawazs@fullbrook.surrey.sch.uk or contact your tutor/head of year so assistance can be provided.		

Link to Subject Specification

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

The subject specification is produced by the exam board (in law, this is AQA) and sets out the subject content you will cover and be expected to learn for your A-level exams. You may wish to access it and print a copy for your file. However, a student friendly version will also be provided on the school SLE which you can access in September.

Suggested Reading List and Subject Resource

Reading...

Students often ask what they can read or do beyond the summer homework. There is no mandatory requirement, however, for those interested in pursuing law as a career, it is never too early to start making yourselves aware of current legal cases that interest you by reading **reports on legal issues in the news and in other publications**. There are dedicated law sections in broad sheet papers but also, under 'law' on BBC online. TV and radio news covers law daily. Familiarity with current high profile cases / new laws being introduced is expected of all lawyers and as you develop an understanding of different aspects of law-making and legal rules, you will benefit from seeing these 'in action' around you.

Listening...

There are some excellent legal podcasts available on radio, for example Law in Action. This is a series presented by Joshua Rozenberg and delivers a legal magazine style program review, discussion and interviews on a range of legal topics.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tgy1

Another Radio 5 Live series which is available on Podcast is 'Beyond Reasonable Doubt'. This is an excellent program which covers different cases, for example the murder of Kathleen Petersen by her husband Michael Petersen.

Watching...

If you prefer t**elevision**, again there are some interesting and informative catch up programmes available such as The Trial on Channel Four which provides an excellent insight into English courts. It is a fictitious trial set in a real court. https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-trial-a-murder-in-the-family

'The Prosecutors' – a 3-part series covering two interesting criminal cases featuring the Crown Prosecution Service (https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b072wyvj/the-prosecutors-real-crime-and-punishment-3- the-trial) is another alternative but there are many more to choose from.

Ideally, you should focus on English law cases in order to avoid becoming muddled when we study law together – different countries have different legal systems and use different terminology.