

GETTING READY FOR PACK

Applied Law

We are delighted you have chosen to study BTEC Law at Haywards Heath College

WHAT YOU WILL STUDY	
	In the first term until your January exam, we will be studying Unit
	1. This focuses on the civil legal system and the law of
Unit 1 - Dispute	negligence. You will discover how to apply the law to a real
Solving in Civil Law	scenario and how the theory relates to practice. We explore the
	foundations of law and develop your knowledge to build onto
	the other units, structuring your work and developing the skills
	needed for the course. This is an external assessment.
	After January, we move onto the coursework. Unit 2 is split in
	half, the first piece due on the legal system and the second piece
Unit 2 - Investigating	a mix of legal system and the criminal law. We look at how the
Aspects of the Legal	law is developed in the real world, the people involved, and the
System and Criminal	processes involved in enacting justice, before moving onto some
Law	basic criminal offences and how we can find someone guilty of an
	offence. These are internal assessments marked by me, then
	externally moderated.
	Once your coursework is complete, those moving onto the
	extended certificate in Y2 will start Unit 3 which is all criminal
Unit 3 - Applying the	law. We focus on homicide and more serious criminal offences,
Law	before considering potential defences and the lawfulness of the
	police in their treatment of suspects. This is an externally
	assessed Unit which is done in January of Y2.

WHAT YOU NEED	
Course Supplement	No fees for this course
Equipment	Electronic device, notebook, stationery, folder
Essential Textbooks	OCR A Level Law Second Edition I recommend this book for both courses, even though it is primarily aimed at the A level, the information is still relevant for
	Applied. A lot of our content overlaps so all students will be able to benefit from this book.



ENRICHMENT	
Trips	Trip to the local courts
Guest Speakers	We have several guest speakers over the year, including Sussex Police,
	the Crown Prosecution Service, Judges and academic speakers.
Events	There are often sessions run by the University of Law throughout the
	year which are free to access and usually delivered online.

RECOMMENDED WATCH LIST		
As part of your course you are expected to follow current events so news articles, legal developments and court cases are extremely helpful in your work. Here are a few		
University of Law	Use this to access an array of legal podcasts recommended by the University of Law.	
Honour	This 3 part documentary highlights the practice of honour killings, done by families and cultures who believe a person has brought shame on them. In the UK this is classified as murder. Available on ITV.	
Des	Another 3 part documentary on the real life case of Dennis Nilsen, the serial killer who murdered at least 12 men. Also known as the Muswell Hill Murderer, he chopped and boiled his victims.	
	Available on ITV - see also "The real Des: The Dennis Nilsen Story".	
The Ripper	The series is based on the Yorkshire Ripper, Peter Sutcliffe, who murdered 12 women in the late 70's. The series follows the investigation of the police in identifying Peter and the frenzy of the media following the murders and his later arrest.	
	Available on Netflix.	
Broadchurch	A police crime drama following the death of a 10 year old boy found at the bottom of a cliff. In total there are 3 seasons here with other crimes and investigations, great for the viewer to try and solve the mystery.	
	Available on ITV.	
Provoked	A film based on the real case R v Ahluwahlia, a domestic abuse victim who kills her husband after 10 years of abuse. The law was not equal at this time and women struggled to	



	get murder charges reduced to manslaughter. Eventually her charge is reduced and it follows her story through prison and release.
	Available on Prime
In the Name of the Father	This is a film based on the real life case of the Guildford 4. This miscarriage of justice sees 4 innocent people convicted and spending 15 years in prison, during the conflict of the IRA and Irish/English tension.
	Available on Prime.

SUMMER WORKING TASK INFORMATION

Completion Date: First Lesson Week Commencing 9/9/24

This pack will help you make the best possible start to studying this subject. The tasks in this pack should take you about 4-6 hours to complete.

The tasks are designed to get a bit more difficult as you work through them as they are preparing you for studying at a higher level and to become an effective independent learner. You should try to get as far as you can working on your own but if you do need help, please email us at **info@haywardsheath.ac.uk** telling us which Getting Ready For pack you are working on and what help you need. Help is available throughout the summer holidays.

SUMMER WORKING TASK	
Skills Focus	Internet research
	Writing a summary of findings
	Note taking
	Research
Task 1	From your own independent research answer the questions below:
	 What is the difference between the kinds of cases which come up in civil courts and the kinds of cases that come up in criminal courts? What are the different outcomes in civil and criminal cases? Who decides the outcome in civil and criminal cases? How can a case be both civil and criminal?
Task 2	Your task is to produce an A4 page on a miscarriage of justice that you have researched. These involve people who have been wrongfully convicted of offences who later are released, or investigative issues which have a negative effect on the case.
	This report should contain information about the case, any relevant details and the impact it has had on the legal system.

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	You should also include your personal opinions and links to any
	sources you have used.
Task 3 – High Grades	Find some statistics/ data on the link between prison population in the
	UK and gender, and current reoffending rates.
	You are going to make a comparison between the data and suggest
	reasons for this.
	- Do we have equality in our society?
	- What stereotypes exist when considering male and female
	criminals?
	Are there different reasons for their crimes or their reoffending?