

## GETTING READY FOR PACK


# A Level Law

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

### WHAT YOU WILL STUDY

<b>Unit/Topic</b>	<p><b>Welcome to Law at Haywards Heath!</b></p> <p>Law involves the study for five main areas, the UK legal system, criminal law, contract law, tort law and concepts of law. We will start with the legal system before looking into crime and negligence. We round off the first year by looking at contract law before introducing the concept of whether law should be representative of justice, morality and society.</p> <p>You will do 4 formal assessments for Law in year 1 and be given weekly independent study tasks to complete.</p>
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### WHAT YOU NEED

<b>Kit List</b>	N/A
<b>Course Supplement</b>	N/A
<b>Equipment</b>	<p><b>Laptop</b> (you can borrow one from our LRC, you don't need to own one).</p> <p><b>Lever arch folder</b> to put all your notes in and a pack of dividers to keep your file well organised.</p> <p><b>Writing pen, highlighters, and paper.</b></p> <p><b>Flashcards</b> - You will need some cards to create 'flashcards' for each topic. Alternatively, you could download a flashcard app to your phone, for example try quizlet <a href="https://quizlet.com/en-gb/students">https://quizlet.com/en-gb/students</a></p>
<b>Essential Textbook</b>	<p>Briggs N, Price N, Biggs N, <i>OCR A Level Law 2<sup>nd</sup> edition</i>, Hodder Education</p> 

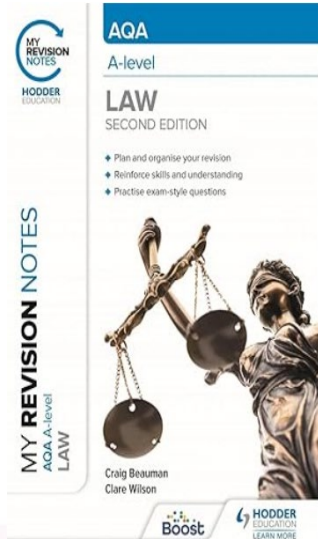
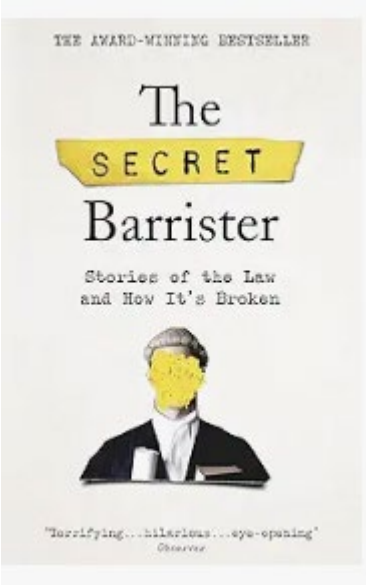
ENRICHMENT	
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Court visit:</b> During your time studying A Level Law, you will be exposed to a number of different types of cases as well as the different courts cases can be heard in. Crown Courts are open to the public where you can go and watch a live trial. This will give you the opportunity to experience what you have learnt in the classroom in real life.
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	TBA
<b>Events</b>	TBA

ADDITIONAL READING/STUDY
SUMMER WORKING TASK INFORMATION
<b>Completion Date: First Lesson Week Commencing 8/9/25</b>
<p>This pack is designed to help you get ready for learning about the UK Legal System. It will help you understand how laws are made, how laws are applied in the courts and getting some basic yet essential knowledge needed to start the A Level</p> <p>Either print your work and bring it to your first Law class, or after the first class you can submit it as an assignment to Teams (don't worry, we'll show you how!)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <a href="mailto:info@haywardsheath.ac.uk">info@haywardsheath.ac.uk</a> telling us which Getting Ready For pack you are working on and what help you need. Help is available throughout the summer holidays.</p>

SUMMER WORKING TASK	
<b>Skills Focus</b>	Knowledge and understanding of a criminal trial. Analysing the need for a court trial.
<b>Task 1</b> <b>Find a case</b> <b>Target Grade - All</b>	<p>Simple case find</p> <p><b>Why does a court exist in the first place?</b></p> <p>In most towns, there is a court, these can be a magistrates court, a crown court or a county court. Find a news article which involves a person going to court for a criminal offence, it does not matter whether they were guilty or not. Using the article, write about what happened in the case and why that person needed to go to court for what they did or did not do.</p> <p><i>TIP: To help, think about what would happen if people committed crimes but there was no such thing as a court</i></p>
<b>Task 2</b> <b>People present in the courtroom</b> <b>Target Grade - All</b>	<p><b>The role of law in society</b></p> <p>Law can play a huge role in society, it can help us decide what we can and cannot do, it can inform us of the consequences that can occur if someone was to break the law. Often, we need the advice of 'lawyers'</p>

	<p>when an issue arises either because someone has broken the law and they need to be represented in court or because someone has been affected either physically, mentally, emotionally or financially by someone else's decision to break the law. The word 'lawyers' will rarely be used during your Law A Level. Design a job advert for one of the following professions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Solicitor</i></li> <li>- <i>Barrister</i></li> <li>- <i>Judge</i></li> <li>- <i>Magistrates</i></li> </ul> <p>Ideally, you should research all of these professions and choose the profession which you are most interested by. Your job advert should contain the responsibilities they have, qualifications and experience (if any) needed and a concluding paragraph about why the job you have chosen can have a positive impact on society.</p> <p>TIP: Visit this website: <a href="https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/public/public-visitors/resources/who-does-what">https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/public/public-visitors/resources/who-does-what</a> to help you. If you want to go into law as a future career, this is the society you will be a member of!</p>
<p>Task 3 – Applying the law Case study Target grade - ALL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to apply the relevant law to solve a problem</b></p> <p><b>Law is an advice giving problem solving subject. You will often be introduced to simple or complicated situations where clients will need advice on whether they are likely to win their case. For A Level Law, a case study will often assume you are a legal professional and someone has come to you for advice having told you what happened. Your task as an A Level Law student will be to give your opinion on whether they are likely to win their case by applying the correct law, however your opinion may not always be what the client wants to hear.</b></p> <p><b>Have a go at these situations below, you will need to look at the crime/action they want to take, research the law, apply the law to their case and conclude whether they are likely to win. You are not expected to get all of the law correct straightaway but you should try to give reasons for why you have come to the conclusion you have:</b></p> <p><i>Joe wants to sue Dr Harrison for the civil action of Negligence after they did not treat Joe's child, Dylan, for an infection which unfortunately meant his leg had amputated. Dr Harrison's shift finished at 8pm but he told Joe and Dylan 15 minutes before that he would come and see them. Dr Harrison forgot and therefore did not treat Dylan. Joe wants compensation for Dr Harrison's negligence</i></p> <p><i>Stephanie and Bryan are neighbours. However Stephanie is taking Bryan to court for the civil action of Private Nuisance. This is an action taken when there has been unlawful interference with neighbouring property. Stephanie claims Bryan is unlawfully interfering with her property as Bryan kept setting off fireworks every night for 45 minutes. Some of the debris from each firework was landing on Stephanie's garden. Stephanie wants compensation for the amount of nuisance Bryan is causing.</i></p>

	TIP: <a href="https://www.e-lawresources.co.uk/">https://www.e-lawresources.co.uk/</a> this website will be useful to use as a free resource for all law students.
<b>Task 4</b> Report writing  <b>Target Grade - All</b>	<b>Law making in Parliament</b> In the UK, we have Parliament as our supreme law makers, all laws that are made by Parliament are known as Acts. An Act of Parliament must be followed and the courts must apply any relevant Acts to the cases they decide on. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>VISUAL AID</b> – create a visual aid based on the parliamentary process (sometimes referred to as the ‘Bill to Act’ process)</li> <li>2) <b>CURRENT ISSUES IN PARLIAMENT</b> – go onto <a href="https://bills.parliament.uk/">https://bills.parliament.uk/</a> and look at the list of current laws that Parliament want to debate.</li> <li>3) <b>EVALUATION OF THE LAW</b> – choose one of the Bills to look at in more detail. Read the proposal, write out what they want to change about the law and comment on what would be good and bad about the changes proposed.</li> </ol>
Hopefully you have enjoyed your first taste of Law, we look forward to teaching you in September!	

RECOMMENDED READING/WATCH LIST	
<b>Contextual Info</b> – This is a list of optional reading/watch list that will give you a head-start on Law A-Level, giving you an introduction into what we will study throughout the two years. Enjoy!	
Other books	<div>  <p>My Revision Notes: AQA A Level Law Second Edition Beauman C, Wilson C, 2022</p> </div> <div>  <p>The Secret Barrister</p> </div>

<b>Websites</b>	<a href="https://www.flippedlaw.com/">https://www.flippedlaw.com/</a> <a href="https://www.e-lawresources.co.uk/">https://www.e-lawresources.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.cps.gov.uk/">https://www.cps.gov.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.judiciary.uk/">https://www.judiciary.uk/</a>