

READ.....

- <https://www.lawgazette.co.uk/>
- <https://theconversation.com/uk/topics/uk-law-22265>
- [https://www.newLawjournal.co.uk/](https://www.newlawjournal.co.uk/)

Read a variety of articles from the links above. Try to pick articles which you feel are relevant to you and interest you.

It can also be helpful to read a good quality newspaper when there is one available as this will help to keep you up to date with current affairs. Look out for papers with a specific area for legal news.

COURSE DETAILS...

Exam Board: OCR

The specification for the course can be found here:

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

In unit 3 we study Nature of Law and Law of Contract

WATCH.....

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0016t20/panorama-the-post-office-scandal>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0015pmk/panorama-beyond-reasonable-doubt-britains-rape-crisis?page=1>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BemcOAg53eM>

GET AHEAD.....

The first topics we will be covering are:

- Criminal Law
- Legal Systems

You can find information about these topics on the following websites:

<https://digestiblenotes.com/law.php>
<http://www.e-lawresources.co.uk/>

GET ORGANISED.....

Come prepared at the beginning of term, this will help you to keep your notes and any handouts organised. You will need a ring binder folder, plastic wallets, file dividers, pen, pencil, highlighters, lined paper or an A4 notebook.

You will be given Law textbooks which you are able to use for the duration of the course.

Research the following key terms and write down the definitions:

TERM	DEFINITION
ACTUS REUS	
APPEAL	
CIVIL LAW	
COMMON LAW	
CONSIDERATION	
DAMAGES	
DOCTRINE	
EXPRESS TERMS	
GREEN PAPERS	
GUILTY	
IMPLIED TERM	
OBLIQUE INTENTION	
JUROR	
JURY	
LAY PEOPLE	
MAGISTRATE	
MENS REA	
OBITER DICTA	
OFFENCE	
OMISSION	
PARLIAMENTARY SUPREMACY	
PRECEDENT	
REMEDY	
RATIO DECIDENDI	
STARE DECISIS	
STATUTE	
STATUTORY INTERPRETATION	
SUBJECTIVE RECKLESSNESS	
TORT LAW	
TRANSFERRED MALICE	
WHITE PAPERS	

TASK.....

Research the following hot topics in Law and for each one, make notes on why it is an important issue, what the current situation is and explain your views on it:

1. Decline in availability of Legal Aid for criminal and for civil matters
2. Closure of local courts – access to justice
3. Role of a jury in criminal trials in the Crown Court – should they be used more or less in the criminal process?
4. Impact of Covid on court proceedings: should more court cases be held virtually?
5. Release of violent offenders from prison
6. Delays in the court system: what could be done to solve the problems?
7. Should the Human Rights Act be maintained, reformed or abolished?
8. Should the right to Judicial Review be restricted? (Judicial Review is the process by which members of the public can hold the Government to account for mistakes or unfairness in legislation)

QUESTIONS, QUERIES AND COMMENTS.....

Use this section to make a note of anything you would like to ask your teacher about when the course starts in September.