



Law is a fascinating subject that has a big impact on everyday life and is frequently referred to in the media. In BTEC Applied Law, you will be investigating how the system works and applying the relevant law to specific scenarios to reach a logical conclusion.

Here are the units you will be covering:

Unit	More detail...
<p><b>Unit 1: Dispute Solving in Civil Law</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Differences between civil and criminal law</li> <li>• Different types of law</li> <li>• Sources of Law</li>   <li>• Civil Dispute Resolution</li> <li>• Enforcement of Civil Law</li> <li>• How Precedent Works</li> <li>• Application of the Law of Negligence</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unit 2: Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parliamentary Law making</li> <li>• Delegated legislation</li> <li>• Statutory Interpretation</li> <li>• Law Reform</li> <li>• The European Union</li> <li>• Legal Funding</li> <li>• Judges, Barristers and Solicitors in criminal trials</li> <li>• Criminal Courts, Lay People – Juries and Magistrates</li> <li>• Actus Reus, Causation, Mens Rea</li> <li>• Non-Fatal offences against the person</li> <li>• Sentencing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Unit 3: Applying aspects of Criminal law</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatal offences against the person – Murder, Voluntary and involuntary manslaughter</li> <li>• Offences against property – Theft, Robbery Fraud, Criminal Damage</li> <li>• General Defences – Self Defence, Duress, Intoxication, Automatism</li> <li>• Police Powers</li> </ul>

## Unit 4: Applying aspects of Tort Law



- The calculation of civil damages
- Rules of Tort Law
- Liability for Negligence for personal Injury and damage to property
- Occupiers' Liability, Nuisance
- Economic Loss, Psychiatric injury
- Vicarious Liability

If you want to investigate further, take a look at the Pearson Edexcel website:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/applied-law-2017.html>

Pick at least one of these cases (or another recent interesting UK legal case) and produce a summary of the case detailing:

- the facts/the main issues
- the relevant law
- the main arguments on both sides
- conclude by telling me what you think

You may wish to complete this task either on Microsoft Word or Microsoft PowerPoint.

**Research Tips:** use quality law media esp. The Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph, The BBC, The Independent.

Most of these sites have sections devoted to legal issues and discussions of important topical cases and legal issues.

Possible Case Examples to use

- Potential liability of the government over the failure to provide adequate personal protection equipment (PPE) for health workers during the coronavirus epidemic.
- Charlie Gard or Alfie Evans: Should doctors allow a critically ill baby to die, even when it is against the wishes of parents?
- Hillsborough: The police and others are now facing criminal prosecution for Gross Negligent Manslaughter of 95 Liverpool fans over the 1989 Hillsborough disaster
- Grenfell Tower Fire: Who is potentially legally responsible here?
- Adoption and Cultural issues: A council that denied a Sikh couple the chance to adopt a child over their "cultural heritage".
- NHS liability contaminated blood scandal: negligent breast cancer screening, or a jaundice misdiagnosis
- Jamie Bulger case – anonymity of defendants?
- Stephen Lawrence case – 25 years on
- Potential liability of Government over the Windrush generation
- Northern Ireland Gay marriage cake case-
- What constitutes sexual harassment? – Harvey Weinstein, #Metoo