

Brighouse High Sixth Form College Level 3 Law Induction

A Level Law: Academic Induction

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

Here are some of the topics you will be covering:

| Topic | More detail |
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| The Nature and Rule of Law | Differences between civil and criminal law Different types of law Sources of Law Rule of Law Law and Justice Law and Morality Balancing conflicting Interests Fault |
| The English Legal System | Parliamentary Law making Delegated legislation Statutory Interpretation Judicial precedent Law Reform The European Union Legal Funding Judges Barristers and Solicitors |
| Criminal law | Criminal Courts, Lay People – Juries and Magistrates Sentencing Actus Reus, Causation, Mens Rea Strict Liability, Attempt Non-Fatal offences against the person Fatal offences against the person Offences against property - Theft and Robbery Defences – Self Defence, Duress, Intoxication, Automatism |
| Tort Law | Civil Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution 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 |



Common Law
Human Rights Act 1998
European Convention on Human Rights
-Articles 2,5, 8,10 & 11
Restrictions
Enforcement
Reform

If you want to investigate further, take a look at the AQA exam board website: http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/law

Summer Task

Pick at least one of these cases (or another recent interesting UK legal case) prepare 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

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. You could also use the UK's Supreme Court's website https://www.supremecourt.uk/news/latest-judgments.html

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: Blood contamination case; 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