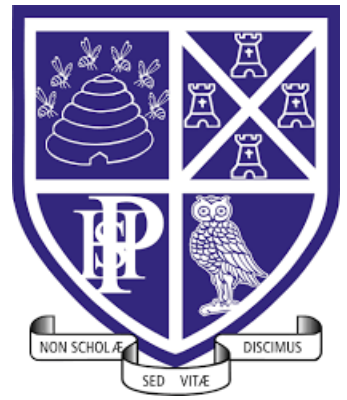


A Level Law

Yr11 into yr12 suggestions



Equipment required for the subject:

A4 ringbinder file to retain class notes
A4 lined paper with margin
Subject dividers for file
Black biro pens
Different colour biro pens
Highlighters

Over the summer break, you are advised to do some (not all!) of the following, to give you background knowledge that will enable you to start strongly and succeed on the course:

Suggested reading

*The Secret Barrister: Stories of Law and how it's Broken
Allan Hutchinson: Is Eating People Wrong?
Nicholas McBride: Letters to a Law Student
News articles related to court cases and sentencing

Suggested viewing

*24 hrs in Police Custody
The Push: Murder on the Cliff
A Murder in the Family
The News – stories related to law-making and court cases
The Staircase (though note that US law differs from UK in some ways)
OJ Simpson Trial (though note that US law differs from UK in some ways)

Suggested listening

*The Law Show (radio 4)
Law in Action (radio 4)
The Trial (podcast)

The first topic in September is criminal sentencing.

Find out:

- Who decides the sentence?
- What do they use as guidance?
- What factors affect the length of the sentence?
- What different types of sentence are there? (not only prison!)
- Do offenders always serve the full sentence?
- Create a glossary of terminology you come across (e.g. custodial, mitigating/aggravating, suspended, plea, tariff, mandatory/discretionary...)

(You are not required to hand in evidence of your research but it will help with your first assessment in September)