



A LEVEL LAW CURRICULUM MAP YEAR 12

<u>AUTUMN TERM: SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER</u> THE ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM – PAPER ONE

KEY SKILLS

AO1 - Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles.

AO₃ - Analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>CONTENT</u>	KEY QUESTIONS	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
1. Introduction to	- Civil v Criminal law	- What is Law?	- Mini assessments only on
Law	- Law and rules	- What are the differences between	all content covered.
	- Law and morality	civil and criminal law? Give	- These can be self or peer
	- Law and justice	examples.	assessed.
		- What are the differences between	
		laws and a set of rules? Give	
		examples	
		- Are all laws morals? Give examples.	
		- Does the law necessarily always end	
		in justice? Give examples.	

2. Civil Courts	- Types of civil courts	- Describe the way in which civil cases	- Mini assessments on all
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	and jurisdiction	are allocated to different tracks and	content covered.
	- Pre-trial procedures	which types of case are heard in	
	- Three tracks	each of the different trial courts. (8	mark + 1 x 12 mark.
	- Appeal routes in civil	marks)	- These can be teacher, self
	cases	- Describe the jurisdiction of the	or peer assessed.
	- Evaluation of civil	three divisions of the High Court	
	courts	and routes of appeal from this	
		court. (8 marks)	
		- Describe the different routes of	
		appeal an individual may take if	
		dissatisfied with a decision of the	
		civil courts. (8 marks)	
		- Briefly describe the pre-trial	
		procedure involved in a civil claim.	
		(8 marks)	
		- Discuss whether the track system	
		and other recent reforms have	
		improved the running of civil courts.	
		(12 marks)	
		- Briefly discuss advantages and	
		disadvantages of using civil courts to	
		deal with a claim of negligence. (12	
		marks)	
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3. Tribunals and Alternative Dispute Resolution	 Roles, organisation, composition and procedure of tribunals Evaluation of tribunals Negotiation Mediation Conciliation Online dispute resolution 	 Explain the work of tribunals as a form of alternative dispute resolution. (8 marks) Briefly discuss advantages and disadvantages of dispute resolution by tribunals. (8 marks) Describe arbitration as a form of alternative dispute resolution. (8 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.
	- Online courts - Evaluation of alternative dispute resolution	 marks) Briefly discuss advantages and disadvantages of arbitration. (12 marks) Explain the process of mediation and conciliation or negotiation (12 marks) Briefly discuss advantages and disadvantages of alternative dispute resolution (mediation, conciliation, & negotiation). (12 marks) 	

4. Criminal Courts	 Classification of offences Pre-trial procedure in criminal cases Magistrates' courts Crown court Appeals and appellate courts Appeals from Magistrates' courts Appeals from Crown court 	 Describe and give three examples of the three categories of criminal offence, including where each category of offence would be tried. (8 marks) Describe the pre-trial procedure for a summary offence. (8 marks) Describe the pre-trial procedure for an either-way offence. (8 marks) Describe the pre-trial procedure for an indictable offence. (8 marks) Outline both of the following: the courts (trial and appeal) that can hear adult criminal cases the types of cases dealt with by these courts. (8 marks) Describe the appeals procedure for challenging the outcome of a Magistrates' Court trial. (8 marks) Describe the different ways in which the prosecution can challenge a decision of the Crown Court. (8 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.
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		 Describe the different ways in which the defence can challenge a decision of the Crown Court. (8 marks) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of having a trial heard in the Crown Court. (12 marks) Discuss the factors a defendant will need to take into consideration when deciding whether or not to elect to be tried in the Crown Court or Magistrates court. (12) 	
5. Sentencing	 Aims of sentencing Factors in sentencing Types of sentences for adult offenders 	 Describe the different aims of sentencing (8 marks) Describe the different types of sentencing available. (8 marks) Describe what is meant by aggravating and mitigating factors in sentencing. (8 marks) 	mark + 1 x 12 mark.
6. Lay Magistrates	 Qualifications, Area, Commitment and Restrictions on Appointment Selection and appointment Composition of the bench 	 Describe the selection and appointment of magistrates. (8 marks) Describe the role of a Magistrate. (8 marks) Outline the training a lay magistrate will need to undergo. (8 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.

	 Role of magistrates Training of lay magistrates Magistrates' clerk Evaluation of lay magistrates 	 Discuss the advantages of lay magistrates. (12 marks) Discuss the disadvantages of lay magistrates. (12 marks) 	
7. Juries	 History of the jury system Jury qualifications Selecting a jury Role of jury in criminal cases Evaluation of using juries 	 Describe the qualifications necessary to become a juror. (8 marks) Describe how a jury can be selected and challenged. (8 marks) Describe the role of a jury in criminal cases. (8 marks) Discuss the advantages of the jury system. (12 marks) Discuss the disadvantages of the jury system. (12 marks) 	content covered Main assessments 1 x 8

8. Legal Personnel 1	 Barristers Solicitors Overlap of barristers and solicitors Queen's Counsel Legal Executives Regulation of legal personnel Evaluation of legal profession 	 Describe the different routes to becoming a barrister and solicitor. (8 marks) Discuss the benefits of having two separate legal professions. (12 marks) Describe the organisation and work of a barrister and the options available for a client to make a complaint. (8 marks) Discuss the problems facing someone wishing to train as a barrister. (8 marks) Describe the work of solicitors and how a complaint is made about the way a solicitor has handled the case. (8 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.

	- Changes and trends in legal services	 Discuss the extent to which it is easier to train and work as a solicitor than a barrister. (8 marks) Describe the different routes a person can take to become qualified as a barrister and the type of work they undertake once qualified. (8 marks) Discuss the extent to which the arguments for the merging of the legal professions are still justified. (8 marks) Discuss the education and training of solicitors (8 marks) The challenges of becoming a solicitor are deterring many able candidates from entering the profession.' Discuss (12 	
9. Legal Personnel 2	 Types of judge Qualifications, selection and appointment Training of judges Role of judges Retirement and removal Evaluation of the judiciary 	marks)	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.

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	Separation of powersIndependence of the	
	judiciary	
10. Access To Justice	Government schemesGovernment funded	- Mini assessments on all content covered.
	advice - Government funding	- Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark.
	in civil cases - Public funding in	- These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.
	criminal cases - Problems with	1
	government funding of	
	- Private funding of	
	- Other advice agencies	
	- Evaluation of advice agencies	

SPRING TERM: JANUARY – APRIL

CRIMINAL LAW – PAPER ONE

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AO₂ Apply legal rules and principles to given scenarios in order to present a legal argument using appropriate legal terminology.

AO₃ Analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>CONTENT</u>	KEY QUESTIONS	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
1. Introduction to	- Actus reus	What is meant by Actus Reus?	- Mini Assessments only
Crime	- Omissions	What is an omission?	- One large assessment
	- Causation	What are the rules on causation and	covering all topics
	- Thin skull rule	what are the rules involving	
	- Mens rea	intervening acts?	
	- Transferred malice	What is the thin skull rule?	
	- Coincidence principle	What is mens rea and describe the	
	- Strict liability	different forms.	
		What is transferred malice?	
		What is the coincidence principle?	
		What are strict liability offences?	
		Students must refer to case law	
		wherever possible.	
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2. Non-Fatal	- Assault	- Can students write out writing	- Mini assessments.
Offences Against	- Battery	frames for all offences via an act and	
the Person	- Actual Bodily Harm	via an omission?	

	 Grievous Bodily Harm Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent 	 Can students spot the relevant offence if not told what the offence is in a given question? Can students apply the law to a given scenario? Can students write a conclusion for all substantive law questions? Can students evaluate each offence comprehensively offering proposals for reform? 	- At least one 20 mark question on the substantive law.
3. Fatal Offences Against the Person	 Murder Voluntary Manslaughter Involuntary Manslaughter 	 Can students write out writing frames for all offences via an act and via an omission? Can students spot the relevant offence if not told what the offence is in a given question? Can students apply the law to a given scenario? Can students write a conclusion for all substantive law questions? Can students evaluate each offence comprehensively offering proposals for reform? 	

SUMMER TERM: APRIL - JULY

CRIMINAL LAW CONT – PAPER ONE

LAW MAKING - PAPER TWO

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>CONTENT</u>	KEY QUESTIONS	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
1. Property Offences	- Theft	- Can students write out writing	- Mini assessments.
	- Robbery	frames for all offences?	- At least one 20 mark
	- Burglary	 Can students spot the relevant offence if not told what the offence is in a given question? Can students apply the law to a given scenario? Can students write a conclusion for all substantive law questions? Can students evaluate each offence comprehensively offering proposals 	•
		for reform?	
2. Attempts	- Criminal Attempts	- Can students write out writing frames for each offence?	- Mini assessments.

		 Can students spot the relevant offence if not told what the offence is in a given question? Can students apply the law to a given scenario? Can students write a conclusion for all substantive law questions? 	- At least one 20 mark question on the substantive law.
3. Mental Capacity Defences	InsanityAutomatismIntoxication	 Can students write out writing frames for each defence? Can students spot the relevant defence if not told what the defence is in a given question? Can students apply the law to a given scenario? Can students write a conclusion for all substantive law questions? Can students evaluate each defence comprehensively offering proposals for reform? 	- Mini assessments.
4. General Defences	Self-defenceDuress by threatsDuress by circumstances	- Can students write out writing frames for each defence?	- Mini assessments.

- Necessity	- Can students spot the relevant	
- Consent	defence if not told what the defence	
	is in a given question?	
	- Can students apply the law to a	
	given scenario?	
	- Can students write a conclusion for	
	all substantive law questions?	
	- Can students evaluate each defence	
	comprehensively offering proposals	
	for reform?	

SUMMER TERM: APRIL - JULY LAW MAKING - PAPER TWO

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TOPIC	CONTENT	KEY OUESTIONS	ASSESSMENT
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1. Parliamentary Law Making	 Parliament Influences on parliament Advantages and disadvantages of influents on law making Legislative process Advantages and disadvantages of legislative process 	 in the making of an Act of Parliament. (8 marks) Outline each of the following: the meaning and purpose of Green and White Papers and the doctrine of Parliamentary supremacy (sovereignty). (8 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.
2. Delegated Legislation	Types of delegated legislationControl of delegated legislation	 Discuss why Parliament delegates law-making powers (8 marks) Statutory instruments are one form of delegated legislation. Describe how statutory instruments are made and used. (8 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.

	 Reasons for the use of delegated legislation Advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation 	legislation. (8 marks) - Explain the judicial controls on delegated legislation. (8 marks) - Describe parliamentary controls on delegated	
7. Statutory Interpretation	The three rulesThe purposive approach	- Describe The Literal Rule Of Statutory Interpretation. (8 marks).	- Mini assessments on all content covered.

-	Advantages and
	disadvantages
	of the rules and
	approaches

- Rules of language
- Internal and external aids -
- Effect of EU law
 - Effect of **Human Rights Act 1998**

- Briefly Discuss Advantages And Disadvantages Of The Literal Rule. (12 marks)
- Describe The Golden Rule Of Statutory Interpretation. (8 marks)
- of | Briefly Discuss Advantages And Disadvantages Of The Golden Rule. (12 marks)
 - Describe The Mischief Rule. (8 marks)
 - Briefly Discuss Advantages And Disadvantages Of The Mischief Rule. (12 marks)
- of Describe The Purposive Approach/Rule. (8 marks)
 - Briefly Discuss Advantages And Disadvantages Of The Purposive Approach. (8 marks)
 - Outline Internal (Intrinsic) Aids To Interpretation. (8 marks)
 - Outline External (Extrinsic) Aids To Interpretation. (8 marks)
 - Briefly Discuss Advantages And Disadvantages of Internal Aids. (12 marks)
 - Briefly Discuss Advantages And Disadvantages of External Aids. (12 marks)
 - Outline the effect of EU Law on Statutory Interpretation And Include In Your Answer The Effect Of The Human Rights Act 1988. (8 marks)

- Main assessments 1 x8 mark + 1 x 12 mark.
- These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.

8. Judicial Precedent	 Stare decisis, ratio decidendi, obiter dicta Hierarchy of courts Supreme court Court of Appeal Binding, persuasive and original precedent Advantages & disadvantages of precedent 	 Outline the main features of judicial precedent. (8 marks) In the context of judicial precedent, explain what is meant by hierarchy of courts. (8 marks) Describe how judges can use both distinguishing and overruling and consequently not follow a binding precedent. (8 marks) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of judicial precedent. (12 marks) 	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.
9. Law Reform	 Need of an independent law reform body Law Commission Advantages and disadvantages 	-	 Mini assessments on all content covered. Main assessments 1 x 8 mark + 1 x 12 mark. These can be teacher, self or peer assessed.

of Law	
Commission	
- Royal	
Commissions	
- Review by	
judges	

Literacy/numeracy/SMSC/Character

LITERACY

Explain or describe is to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles (AO1).

Advise is to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of legal rules and principles (AO1), and, in combination, apply legal rules and principles to given scenarios in order to present a legal argument using appropriate legal terminology (AO2).

Discuss is to analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues. Learners are not expected to give a conclusion (AO₃).

Discuss the extent to which is to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles (AO1), and, in combination, analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues. Learners are expected to give a conclusion (AO3).

SMSC

The specifications provide an opportunity for students to gain an understanding of the moral and ethical issues in society through consideration of legal

	principles, rules and sanctions and how these are affected by changing morality and values in society. They also provide opportunities for students to gain an understanding of social and cultural issues by the study of the role of legal institutions in society, e.g. English Legal System, Sources of Law, Criminal Law, Law of Contract, Law of Torts, Police Powers, Law Making and Law of Torts. The spiritual matters are limited in nature but some are considered in terms of whether laws have any religious connotations attached to them and whether the law has any right to intervene when it comes to religious matters – see The Nature of Law, in particular Law and Morality.
Enrichment opportunities and futures	Futures in the subject embedded across lesson plans and presentations both directly and indirectly. Career options displayed on the display board including further education options. In-house visits are from Worcester University and Brunel University. Trips carried out to Parliament and local Crown Court and where possible to the Old Bailey.