



Getting Ahead – Pre-course Work

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Law A Level

Welcome to **Law**. In preparation for the start of the course, please complete these tasks and have them with you to hand in during your first law class in September.

These tasks should take you approximately four and a half hours to complete and are designed to give you an introduction to the subject, and the expectations we have for you to complete at least four and a half hours of independent study, per subject, per week.

Get ahead of the game!

Explore the [Exam Content](#)

Take a look at these websites:

[BBC News](#)

[Parliament Live](#)

[Supreme Court](#)

Before your first class, please complete the following activities and bring your work to class.

Introduction to Criminal Courts

Go to [the Sentencing Council](#) website for answers to the following questions.

- What is the maximum sentence that can be given to a defendant in the Magistrates' court?
- How many people normally sit on a jury in the Crown Court?
- Give an example of a summary offence.
- Give an example of an either-way offence.
- Give an example of an indictable offence.

Introduction to law making in Parliament

Parliament consists of the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch. They work together to pass new laws in the United Kingdom.

- Find out who your local Member of Parliament (MP) is and see if you can register to vote.



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Reading and Understanding the Law

Go to [this Government website](#) which gives us the Offences Against the Person Act 1861.

Scroll down the Contents Page and click on **Section 18**.

- What is the maximum sentence for this offence?

Type **Theft Act 1968** into the search box at the top of the page.

Find **Section 7** in the table of contents.

- What is the maximum sentence for theft?

Murder and Cannibalism

And, finally, can you find out whether Dudley and Stevens were hanged for murder in 1884?

Getting Equipped

You will need the following:

- [AQA A Level Law for Year 1 Textbook](#)
- A4 Lever Arch Folder with 5 dividers
- Coloured biros and highlighter pens