



St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Sixth Form

Year 11 Into Year 12 Transition Task

Subject: Law OCR

SMRT Sixth Form takes students from a wide range of schools who have studied a variety of GCSE syllabuses. We want to ensure that everybody is equally able to access the content of the A Level and so the following tasks give you a chance to ensure you are fully prepared.

To ensure you are ready to fully access the A Level Syllabus you should attempt these tasks:

Content Overview	Assessment Overview
<p>H418/01 The legal system and criminal Law</p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: The legal system• Section B: Criminal law	<p>Written paper: 2 hours 33.3 % of total A Level 80 marks</p> <p>Section A is worth 20 marks. There will be a choice of medium tariff questions.</p> <p>Section B is worth 60 marks. There will be legal scenario and extended response questions.</p>
<p>H418/02 Law making and the law of tort</p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: Law making• Section B: The law of tort	<p>Written paper: 2 hours 33.3 % of total A Level 80 marks</p> <p>Section A is worth 20 marks. There will be a choice of medium tariff questions.</p> <p>Section B is worth 60 marks. There will be legal scenario and extended response questions.</p>
<p>H418/03 The nature of law and Human rights</p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: The nature of law• Section B: Human rights law <p>or</p> <p>H418/04 The nature of law and the law of contract</p> <p>This component will assess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: The nature of law• Section B: The law of contract	<p>Written paper: 2 hours 33.3 % of total A Level 80 marks</p> <p>Section A is worth 20 marks. There will be a choice of extended response questions.</p> <p>Section B is worth 60 marks. There will be legal scenario and extended response questions.</p>

Task 1: The difference between Criminal Law and Civil Law

Throughout the course, you will be studying elements of both the criminal and civil law so it is vital that you are able to distinguish between the terminology used. Using the internet and any other sources available, complete the table below.

Remember: only the Legal System of England and Wales are relevant. Be careful not to use American terminology.

Element	Criminal Law	Civil Law
Definition		
Purpose of the Law		
Name of person who starts the case		
Name of the person who the case is against		
Courts hearing the case		
Burden of proof		
Standard of proof		
Person making the decision		
Powers of the court		

Task 2: How are laws made in the UK?

UK laws are made by statute law and common law. Watch the following links to learn about the law-making bodies in the English legal system and summarise each in the space below.

Parliamentary law making (statute law):

<https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/>



Common law (Judge made law):

[What is Common Law?](#)



Task 3: The Supreme Court

[What is the UK Supreme Court?](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=supreme+court&page=1>

Watch this documentary available on [UK Supreme Court: The Highest Court in the Land - Documentary](#)

Using the sources above, complete each of the information boxes below.

Name and Location:

Sum up the kind of cases and decisions that it has made over the last years:

What powers does it have (and what can't it do?):



Make up of the court: What issues do you see
With who is on the court (pros and cons)?

Exploring a Case:
Pick one of the cases which the article or documentary highlights. Summarise the facts, question and decision by the court. End with a critical comment on your view of the case and decision:

Critical Response:

Wider reading and preparation for A Level Law.

Books

Title	Author
OCR A Level Law Second Edition	Jacqueline Martin
My Revision Notes OCR Law	Clare Wilson
The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and how it's broken	The Secret Barrister
Fake Law	The Secret Barrister
Under the Wig	The Secret Barrister
In Your Defence	The Secret Barrister
Eve Was Framed: Women and British Justice	Helena Kennedy
Eve Was Shamed: How British Justice is Failing Women	Helena Kennedy
The Rule of Law	Tom Bingham
Is Eating People Wrong?	Alan C Hutchinson

Films/documentaries/Radio

Title	Origin	Link (if available)
Catching Britain's Killers	BBC iPlayer	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0009dz2
Murder Case	BBC iPlayer	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0005sv5/murder-case
The Briefs	YouTube	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m0005sv5/murder-case
HardTalk Interview with Baroness Hale	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1VozJR_jC8&t=414s
To Kill a Burglar (The Tony Martin Story)	BBC	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BemcOAg53eM
The Trial: A Murder in the Family	Channel 4	https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-trial-a-murder-in-the-family
24 hours in Police Custody	Channel 4	https://www.channel4.com/programmes/24-hours-in-police-custody/episode-guide
Provoked	Film	
12 Angry Men	Film	
McLibel	Film	

When They See Us	Netflix	
Judge John Deed	Series	
The Law in Action	BBC	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tgy1/episodes/player

What else could I do?

Keep up to date with current affairs: www.bbc.co.uk

What is happening in parliament? <https://www.parliament.uk/>

Are any new laws being passed? <https://bills.parliament.uk/>

What is currently being debated in Parliament
<https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/business/debates/>

Which cases are being heard in the Supreme Court? <https://www.supremecourt.uk/current-cases/index.html>

What cases are being heard in Bristol Crown Court? <https://www.thelawpages.com/court-hearings-lists/Bristol-Crown-Court.php>