

Overview	<p>The OCR A Level in Law content focuses on the English legal system and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales. Learners will be required to show knowledge and understanding of the nature of law and the English legal system. This will provide learners with the foundation for the study of both private and public law. This specification will develop learners' understanding of legal method and reasoning through the study of statutory interpretation and judicial precedent. Learners will be introduced to the concept of legal liability through the study of criminal law and the law of tort. This will enable them to develop and apply the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to legal problems, based on legal rules and principles and develop the ability to construct and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities. The A Level in Law will develop learners' knowledge of law through advanced study of an additional legal subject human rights law or the law of contract. They will develop their critical awareness of the law through the study of the nature of law.</p> <p>The English legal system and the nature of law is split into three sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The legal system and Criminal Law ■ Law making and Tort ■ The nature of law and Human Rights
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	AGI - Paper 1 Section A	SES – Paper 2 Section A	Assessment
Autumn Term	<p>The Legal System, Paper 1 Section A</p> <p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Criminal Courts and Lay People Jurisdiction of the Courts, Pre-trial procedures, Appeals, Aims of Sentencing, types of sentencing for adults, Role of Lay magistrates, Role of Juries, advantages and disadvantages of Juries. ■ Legal Personnel Role and regulation of Barristers, solicitors and legal executives; The judiciary, The separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary, Evaluation of the judiciary, including the advantages of judicial independence. ■ Civil Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution County Court and High Court: jurisdictions, pre-trial procedures, the three tracks Appeals and appellate courts, Employment tribunals and Alternative, Dispute Resolution, Advantages and disadvantages of using the, civil courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution to resolve disputes 	<p>Topics covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Parliamentary law making Legislative process – Green and White Papers, different types of Bill, legislative stages in the House of Commons and the House of Lords, and the role of the Crown, Advantages and disadvantages of the legislative process ■ Delegated Legislation Types of delegated legislation: Orders in Council, Statutory Instruments and By-laws, Controls on delegated legislation by Parliament and the courts, and their effectiveness, Reasons for the use of delegated legislation, Advantages and disadvantages of delegated legislation. ■ Statutory interpretation Rules of statutory interpretation: the literal rule, the golden rule and the mischief rule, The purposive approach, Intrinsic and extrinsic aids to interpretation, Impact of European Union Law and the Human Rights Act 1998 on statutory interpretation, Advantages and disadvantages of the different rules and approaches to statutory interpretation 	<p>Paper 1 Section A 8 mark questions that focus and describing an element of the legal system 12 mark exam questions that focus on assessing the advantages and disadvantages of the legal system</p> <p>Paper 2 Section A 8 mark questions that focus and describing how laws are made or interpreted 12 mark exam questions that focus on assessing the advantages and disadvantages</p>

Autumn Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Access to Justice Government funding for civil and criminal cases, Private funding, conditional fees, other advice agencies, Evaluation of access to justice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Judicial Precedent The Doctrine of Precedent including stare decisis, ratio decidendi and obiter dicta, The hierarchy of the courts including the Supreme Court, Binding, persuasive and original precedent; overruling; reversing; distinguishing, Advantages and disadvantages of precedent ■ Law Reform Influences on Parliament: political, public opinion, media, pressure groups and lobbyists including the Law Commission, Law reform by the Law Commission, Advantages and disadvantages of influences on law making 	
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	AGI – Paper 1, Section B	SES – Paper 2, Section B	Assessment
Spring Term	<p>Criminal Law, Paper 1, Section B</p> <p>Topics Covered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ General elements of Criminal Law Definitions of crimes, elements of criminal liability, Actus reus and mens rea. ■ FOAP: Murder, Manslaughter Murder: actus reus and mens rea, Voluntary manslaughter: defences of loss of control and diminished responsibility under Coroners and Justice Act 2009, Involuntary manslaughter: unlawful act manslaughter and gross negligence manslaughter ■ NFOAP: Assault, Battery, ABH, GBH Common assault: assault and battery under s39 Criminal Justice Act 1988, Assault occasioning actual bodily harm, wounding and grievous bodily harm under s47, s20, s18 Offences Against the Person Act 1861 	<p>Tort, Paper 2 Section B</p> <p>Topics Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Introduction to Tort An overview of the theory of the law of tort ■ Liability in Negligence Liability in negligence for injury to people and damage to property, The duty of care: Donoghue v Stevenson (1932) and the neighbour principle, the Caparo test and Robinson v Chief Constable of West Yorkshire (2018) Breach of duty: the objective standard of care and the reasonable man; risk factors, Damage: factual causation; legal causation ■ Occupiers Liability Liability in respect of lawful visitors (Occupiers' Liability Act 1957), Liability in respect of trespassers (Occupiers' Liability Act 1984) 	20 mark exam questions that focus on applying your knowledge and understanding of criminal law to a given scenario.

	AGI – Paper 1, Section B Continued	SES - Paper 2, Section B	Assessment
Summer Term	<p>Criminal Law, Paper 1, Section B continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Property Offences Theft under s1 Theft Act 1968, Robbery under s8 Theft Act 1968, Burglary under s9(1)(a) and s9(1)(b) Theft Act 1968 	<p>Tort, Paper 2 Section B Continued</p> <p>Topics Covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Torts Connected to Land Private Nuisance and Rylands V Fletcher 	20 mark exam questions that focus on applying your knowledge and understanding of criminal law to a given scenario.

<p>Topics to be completed at the beginning of year 13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Mental Capacity Defences ■ Insanity, automatism, intoxication <p>General Defences Self-defence, duress by threats, duress of circumstances and necessity Consent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Preliminary Offences Attempts: the actus reus and mens rea; impossibility ■ Evaluation Critical evaluation of: fatal offences against the person, defences: intoxication, self-defence and consent, ideas for reform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Vicarious Liability Nature and purpose of vicarious liability, Liability for employees, including traditional tests of employment status, 'akin to employment' tests, liability for torts committed in or not in the course of employment, Liability for torts 'closely connected' to employment ■ Remedies Compensatory damages, Mitigation of loss, Injunctions ■ Defences Contributory negligence, Volenti non fit injuria, Defences specific to claims connected to private nuisance and Rylands v Fletcher 	<p>20 mark discussion questions that focus of analysing and evaluating the impact of criminal law.</p> <p>End of Year 12 Exams Full paper 1/2</p>
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Useful Resources for Supporting Your Child at Home:	Homework:
<p>Law Review magazine A-level Law Review Magazine: Hodder Education Newspapers OCR Law Specification OCR A Level Law Specification H418 OCR Law Revision guide My Revision Notes: OCR A Level Law Second Edition Boost eBook (hoddereducation.com)</p>	<p>Flip learning task, consolidation questions, research tasks, planning answers for exam questions.</p>