



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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Autumn Term	<p>Criminal Law Paper 1 Section B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 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 ■ 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 ■ Mental Capacity Defences Insanity, automatism, intoxication ■ General Defences Self-defence, duress by threats, duress of circumstances and necessity Consent ■ 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 	Assessment
		<p>20 mark exam questions that focus on applying your knowledge and understanding of criminal law to a given scenario.</p> <p>20 mark discussion questions that focus of analysing and evaluating the impact of criminal law.</p>

Spring Term	<p>Human Rights Paper 3, Section B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Protection of Human Rights The history of the European Convention on Human Rights and the European Court of Human Rights. The impact of the Human Rights Act 1998 The entrenched nature of the Human Rights Act 1998 in the devolution settlements of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 	Assessment
		<p>20 mark exam questions that focus on applying your knowledge and understanding of Human right to a given scenario.</p>

Spring Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Key Provisions of ECHR Human Rights and English Law Article 5: the right to liberty and security Article 6: the right to a fair trial Article 8: the right to respect for family and private life Article 10: the right to freedom of expression Article 11: freedom of assembly Restrictions permitted by the European Convention on Human Rights Evaluation of Human Rights ■ Human Rights and English Law Public order offences, Police powers, Interception of communications, Duty of confidentiality, Obscenity, Torts of defamation and trespass, Harassment ■ Enforcement of Human Rights Role of domestic courts, The process of judicial review, The role of the European Court of Human Rights ■ Evaluation Critical evaluation of human rights protection in the UK: Articles 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the Human Rights Act 1998, ideas for reform <p>The nature of Law, Paper 3 Section A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Law and Morality The distinction between law and morals, The diversity of moral views in a pluralist society, The relationship between law and morals and its importance, The legal enforcement of moral values ■ Law and Justice The meaning of justice, Theories of justice, The extent to which the law achieves justice 	<p>20 mark discussion questions that focus of analysing and evaluating the impact of ECHR.</p> <p>20 mark discussion questions on the nature of the law.</p>
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Summer Term	<p>The nature of Law, Paper 3 Section A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Law and Society The role law plays in society, The law as a social control mechanism, The way in which the law creates and deals with consensus, The realist approach to law making <p>Revision Study Leave</p>	Assessment
		<p>20 mark discussion questions on the nature of the law.</p>

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>