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The law has a massive impact on our daily lives and to help you get an insight into the way the legal system operates and some of the very controversial aspects of its application, have a look and think about the issues that are raised by looking at the following:

1. The collection of judges who interpret the law made by Parliament are known as the judiciary, but what do they really do? Have a look at the videos, one from the Learning Academy on the judiciary and the other with Stacey Dooley looking at the Supreme Court.

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=sv3wTOZERmY
- www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTHrynZlsBo&t=17s

It is very clear that the range of what judges do is very wide.

2. We look especially at the Supreme Court, which has grown in power over the last ten years. Look up the following decisions on the no fault divorce case of Owens v Owens 2018; Assisted dying case of Noel Conway 2014 and of Miller v Johnson 2019 over the prorogation of Parliament. Do you think these judgements were right?

- www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-44949856
- www.dignityindying.org.uk/news/supreme-court-rejects-noel-conway-assisted-dying-case-appeal/
- www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-49810261

3. You need to know about the difference in the types of law such as civil and criminal, so have a look at this short presentation:

- www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUV0HQ72-Zo



4. Once you have some idea of the legal system, we need then to see how the law is applied and in Paper 3 we come across how the concepts of justice, morality and human rights become controversial. These topics often overlap and the Examiners are keen to know you are up to date with the law, how it is made and do you think the law needs reforming. For example, see how new laws were introduced recently regarding up-skirting, better labelling of food allergies and same-sex marriage.

- www.gov.uk/government/news/upskirting-know-your-rights
- www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48754913
- www.gov.uk/government/news/same-sex-marriage-becomes-law

This is only a small sample of the kind of areas we study in A Level Law.

To finish off this little taste of what we do, consider how many civil liberties might be threatened by the Coronavirus crisis, such as the right of association/assembly, the right to family and the right to life.

