

HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW 2023-2024



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SUBJECT: A LEVEL LAW **EXAMINATION BOARD: OCR**

AUTUMN TERM - YEAR 12	SPRING TERM - YEAR 12	SUMMER TERM - YEAR 12
<p>Criminal Courts and Lay People Criminal process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magistrates Court and Crown Court Appeals and appellate courts Sentencing and court powers Lay magistrates and juries <p>Judicial Precedent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Doctrine of Precedent Stare decisis Ratio decidendi Obiter dicta The hierarchy of the courts Binding, persuasive and original precedent; overruling, reversing, distinguishing <p>Legal Personnel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barristers, solicitors and legal executives The judiciary The separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary <p>Civil Courts – Dispute Resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Court and High Court: jurisdictions, pre-trial procedures, the three tracks Appeals and appellate courts Tribunals/ADR <p>Access to Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government funding Private funding 	<p>General Elements of Criminal Liability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actus reus Mens rea Coincidence of actus reus and mens rea <p>Fatal Offences Against the Person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murder Voluntary manslaughter Involuntary manslaughter <p>Non-Fatal Offences Against the Person</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assault Battery ABH GBH/Wounding <p>Offences against Property</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theft Act 1968 Robbery S8 Burglary S9 <p>Preliminary offences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts: Actus reus, Mens rea 	<p>Mental Capacity Defences in Criminal Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insanity, Automatism and Intoxication <p>General Defences in Criminal Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent, Self Defence, Duress and Necessity <p>Parliamentary Law Making Influences on Parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political, public opinion, media, pressure groups and lobbyists Legislative process <p>Delegated Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders in Council, Statutory Instruments and By-laws Controls Reasons for DL <p>Statutory Interpretation The purposive approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The literal rule The golden rule The mischief rule Aids to interpretation European Union Law <p>Law Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law reform including the Law Commission Advantages and disadvantages of law reform bodies <p>European Union Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutions Sources and Impact
<p>ASSESSMENT Timed exam style question on topics from the English Legal System and Sources of Law Unit</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT Mock examination on the English Legal System and Criminal Law Unit After half term - timed exam style question on Criminal Law</p>	<p>ASSESSMENT Review mark schemes and past papers Scrutiny of model responses Progress / revision tests / Developing exam skills</p>

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<p>Tort Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules and theory of Tort Law <p>Negligence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donoghue v Stevenson (1932) Duty of Care Breach of duty Risk factors Damage: Factual causation, The 'but for' test, Legal causation Defences <p>Occupiers' Liability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liability in respect of lawful visitors Liability in respect of trespassers Defences <p>Torts Connected to land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private nuisance Rylands v Fletcher <p>Vicarious Liability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liability for employees, including testing employment status and torts in or not in the course of employment Liability for the crimes of employees and liability for independent contractors <p>Defences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributory negligence Volenti non fit injuria Defences specific to claims connected to nuisance Rylands v Fletcher <p>Remedies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compensatory damages Mitigation of loss Injunctions 	<p>Human Rights Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules and theory of the law of human rights <p>Articles of the European Convention of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Article 5: Right to Liberty and Security Article 6: Right to a Fair Trial Article 8: Right to a Private and Family Life Article 10: Freedom of Expression Article 11: Freedom of Assembly <p>Human Rights and English Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Order Offences Police Powers Defamation, breach of confidence Obscenity laws <p>Enforcement of Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judicial review Process of ECtHR cases <p>Introduction to the Nature of Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of English Law; custom, common law, equity, statute law Common law and civil law legal systems The rule of law: definition and importance <p>Law and Morality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relationship between law and morals and its importance The diversity of moral views in a pluralist society The legal enforcement of moral values <p>Law and Justice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meaning of justice/theories of justice The extent to which the law achieves justice <p>Law and Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The way in which the law creates and deals with consensus and conflict The realist approach to law making 	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Examinations</p>

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