



GET READY TO STUDY A LEVEL LAW

Thank you for choosing to study A level Law at Barnsley Sixth Form College. This document should provide all of the information you need before you start with us in September. Please make sure you read the document in full and complete all tasks. You should bring this work with you to induction.

FAQ

What specification will I study?

You will be studying the AQA law specification.

Use the weblink to read about the specification:

[A-level Law 7162 | Specification | AQA](#)

How many lessons will I have a week?

You'll have three single lessons lasting 1 hour and 10 minutes and one 1 hour ADD session to focus on exam technique.

Who can I contact if I have a question about this subject?

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What subjects go well with law?

Law is a challenging and demanding subject. We recommend you choose other essay-based subjects such as history, politics or sociology to complete your study programme.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Over the two years you will study Criminal law (paper 1), Tort law (paper 2), Human Rights (paper 3) and the English legal system (all 3 papers). The course is examined by three 2-hour exams at the end of the two- year course.

Criminal law

The criminal law section of the course focuses on developing your understanding of what the criminal justice system is, how it functions, the roles within it and how the system deals with numerous offences. During this section of the course, you will develop your critical thinking and application skills. The offences we focus on include:

- Assault
- Battery
- ABH
- GBH
- Murder
- Manslaughter
- Property offences
- Criminal attempts

Tort law

The tort law section of the course focuses on developing your understanding of civil law and how matters are dealt with in the civil courts. You will develop your exam skills in greater dept and will participate in debates on current topics. The topics covered include:

- Negligence
- Psychiatric harm
- Economic loss
- Occupiers' liability
- Nuisance
- Rylands v Fletcher
- Vicarious liability
- Defences and remedies

Human rights

This is the final topic area that is covered. During this section of the course, you will develop an understanding of your rights that are protected by the European Convention of Human rights. You will see how the state is challenged in court and what the outcomes of these hearings are. The topics covered include:

- Right to life
- Right to liberty
- Right to family and private life
- Right to freedom of expression
- Right to assembly
- Judicial review

WHAT WILL I NEED?

To study A level law, you need to purchase a **pencil case** and fill it with the following essential equipment:

- **Black pen (more than one)**
- **Coloured pens (green, blue, red, etc.)**
- **Ruler and highlighters**

You also need to purchase a **lever arch file** and **ring binder** for each of your subjects. You will be given worksheets, course notes, and booklets to complete over the two-years and these must be stored in a well-organised file with **dividers**. Unlike school where you may have been given exercise books to write in, for A level study, you will need to bring lined paper to write on.

Students studying A level law also find it useful to have:

- **Blank flashcards (or coloured cards)**
- **A mini-whiteboard and pens**

FIND OUT MORE

Use the suggested links in this section to find out more in preparation for studying with us.

Careers	Lawyer, Solicitor, Barrister, Paralegal, Judge, Legal Secretary, Chartered legal executive, Legal Cashier, Researcher at Law Commission, Politician, Teacher, Lecturer	
Social Media	A level Case Law Instagram Account	

YouTube	Law in Action BBC 4's programme features reports and discussions on all matters relating to law, an interesting listen is the interview with the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales Sir Ian Burnett. Serial Investigating the murder of 18-year-old Min Lee in 1999. Investigates the evidence and interviews people involved. The Hearing Podcast Hosted by lawyer Kevin Poulter where he interviews those in the legal profession, uncovering the latest legal innovation, covering hot topics in the legal profession.	  
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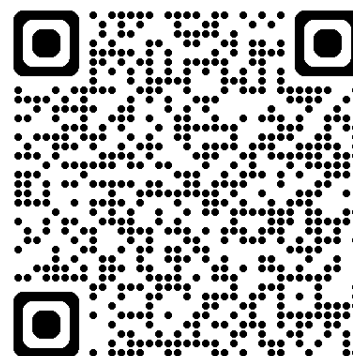
Further Reading / Useful websites	The Rule of Law and the Prosecutor This government article gives a summary of Tom Bingham's book, The Rule of Law, discussing his 8 key principles of law	
TikTok	Username: annakbek This user acts out different legal cases for the whole 2 years of law A level. You will need these cases for your exams, so we strongly recommend listening to these.	

INDUCTION TASK

Choosing which combination of A Levels to study can be a challenge for many students. Completing these activities will give you a greater insight into what is expected at the start of A level law.

Your tasks are as follows:

1. Follow the QR code to the UK Parliament website and create a timeline of how a bill is made into a law. This should include: Green and White papers, the house of Commons stages, the house of Lords stages and Royal Assent. For each stage you need to include a brief summary of what happens in this stage. Please make sure that these look presentable as we will be picking the best one for our displays.



2. Complete the following essay question. You should spend 5 minutes on this question.
 - a. Outline the parliamentary law-making process (5 marks)

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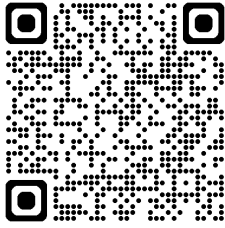
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3. Complete the mind maps below with advantages and disadvantages of Parliamentary law making. You should have at least 5 for each mind map.



4. Follow the QR code/ link to a YouTube video and answer the following 6 questions:



[Discovering democracy: What is parliamentary sovereignty? | The Dickson Poon School of Law \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

a. Give a definition of parliamentary sovereignty/ supremacy.

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b. How does Parliamentary sovereignty link tot every day life in the UK?

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- c. Who is Dicey and what did he say? You may need some further research for this question.

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- d. How can the media overrule Parliament's decisions?

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- e. Define the term 'democracy'.

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f. How does Parliamentary Sovereignty demonstrate democracy?

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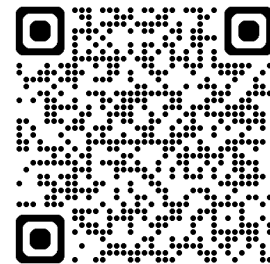
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5. Follow the QR code to Sarah's Law Campaign and answer the following 3 questions:



a. Why was this campaign set up?

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b. How did they influence the Government?

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c. What does this mean for Parliamentary Sovereignty?

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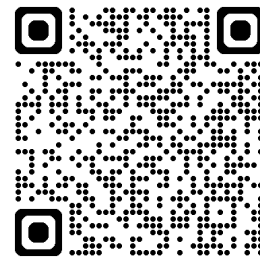
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6. Follow the QR code to the Law Commission and answer the following 3 questions:



a. What is the law commission's role?

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b. How does the law commission influence Parliament?

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c. What does this mean for Parliamentary Sovereignty?

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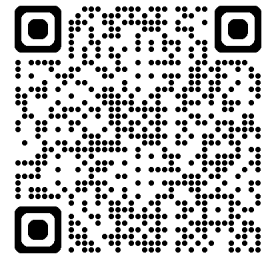
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7. Follow the QR code to pressure group ASH and answer following 3 questions:



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a. What is ASH's aim?

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b. How has ASH influenced Parliament?

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c. What does this mean for Parliamentary Sovereignty?

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8. Research into the Human Rights Act 1998 and answer the following 4 questions:

a. What did this act aim to achieve?

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b. Give one example of a Human Right outlined by this act.

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c. How does this act influence Parliament and law-making?

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d. What does this mean for Parliamentary Supremacy?

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9. Answer the following question to the best of your ability. Remember to use correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar. Make sure you include examples. You should spend 15 minutes on this task.

a. Explain what is meant by parliamentary supremacy and outline limitations of it (10 marks).

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THIS WORK IS DUE FOR:

**Your Induction Lesson.
Please ensure you bring it
with you!!**

**If there are any questions about this
work, you can email:**

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