

SUMMER PREPARATORY WORK

APPLIED LAW

Central
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Sixth Form

A UNIVERSITY-STYLE SIXTH FORM

Applied Law: Transition Pack



This pack contains a program of activities and resources to prepare you to start Applied Law in September.

You are required to complete **ALL** of the activities in this transition pack ready for the first week of the new academic year.

Do not rush it. I advise that you complete different parts of the transition pack throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

Applied Law is a challenging yet interesting qualification. It will develop your reasoning skills, problem solving skills and vastly expand your knowledge of the English legal system.

Please bring your booklet to your first Law lesson.

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(Head of Law)




COURSE DETAILS:

QUALIFICATION: Level 3 Applied Law

DURATION OF COURSE: 2 years


SPECIFICATION: Pearson

COURSE WORK: coursework, and exams



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BTEC Level 3 National
Certificate in
Applied Law



Specification

First teaching from January 2017
First certification from 2018
Issue 5

The image shows the cover of a Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Law Specification. It features the Pearson BTEC logo at the top right. The main title is 'Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Applied Law'. Below the title is a large magnifying glass with a black handle and frame, focusing on a colorful fingerprint. The fingerprint is rendered in shades of red, yellow, green, and blue. The background of the cover is white with a faint green fingerprint pattern. At the bottom, the word 'Specification' is written in a large, bold font. Below it, there is a horizontal line and the text 'First teaching from January 2017', 'First certification from 2018', and 'Issue 5'.

TASK 1: THE ENGLISH LEGAL SYSTEM

Define law:



ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

QUESTION	WRITE YOUR ANSWERS HERE:
1. Why have I chosen to study this subject?	
2. What is the difference between laws and rules?	
3. Make a list of the different types of UK law?	
4. List careers in Law	

TASK 2: CIVIL and CRIMINAL LAW

DEFINE EACH KEY TERM

Highlight which key term is associated with Civil law and which is associated with Criminal law

GUILTY	SUBJECTIVE RECKLESSNESS	MENS REA	DAMAGES
ACTUS REUS	WHITE PAPER	DOCTRINE	STATUTE
RATIO DECIDENDI	CIVIL LAW	JURY	MAGISTRATES
LAY PEOPLE	REMEDY	OBLIQUE INTENTION	OMISSION
GREEN PAPER	TRANSFERRED MALICE	STARE DECISIS	PARLIAMENTARY SUPREMACY

Fill in the grid and find out the difference between how Civil law and Criminal law function in the English Legal system

Elements	CRIMINAL	CIVIL
DEFINITION		
PURPOSE OF LAW		
PESON STARTING THE CASE		
PERSON BEING ACCUSED		
LEGAL NAME FOR PERSON STARTING THE CASE		
COURTS HEARING THE CASE		
STANDARD OF PROOF		

BURDEN OF PROOF		
PERSON/DECISION MAKING		
POWERS OF THE COURT		

TASK 3 – BIZZARRE LAWS IN BRITAIN



Watch the you tube link and make a list of the weird laws in Britain:

<https://youtu.be/gwXrrLENX2E>

How are laws made in the UK?

UK laws are made by statute law and common law. Watch the following links to understand the law making body in the English legal system.

Parliamentary law making (statute law): <https://www.parliament.uk/about/how/laws/>

Common law (Judge made law): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJHTDgMRE8o>

TASK 4:

Why do prisoners only serve half their term? (bbc.co.uk)

Using a range of the information on in the source (linked in the title), produce a summary of the current operation of sentencing in England and Wales in the space below. You may present the information in any format you like, but it must cover the questions below and must not simply be copy and paste.

What influences the sentence the judge hands down?	What type of sentences may a judge hand down?	Why do most offences offer a range of options?	How does a judge decide which tariff to hand down for murder?	When are most offenders released ? and what happens to them?
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Challenge: Why do you think that people are often upset or confused by the sentences handed to offenders?

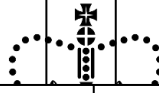
TASK 5: [What is the UK Supreme Court?](http://www.bbc.co.uk) www.bbc.co.uk

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/search?q=supreme+court&page=1>

Watch this documentary available on <https://youtu.be/PZtYENfNa7k>

Using a range of the information on in the source, complete each of the information boxes below. Remember to include relevant legal terminology accurately used.

<p>Name and Location:</p>	<p>Sum up the kind of cases and decisions that it has made over the last years:</p>
<p>What powers does it have (and what can't it do?):</p>	<p>Make up of the court: What issues do you see With <u>who</u> is on the court (pros and cons)?</p>



Exploring a Case:

Pick one of the cases which the article or documentary highlights. Summarise the facts, question and decision by the court. End with a critical comment on your view of the case and decision:

Critical Response:

Below are a range of documentaries and legally linked films...

The original PowerPoint slide you have access to contains all of the links to any open access sources – just click on the image.



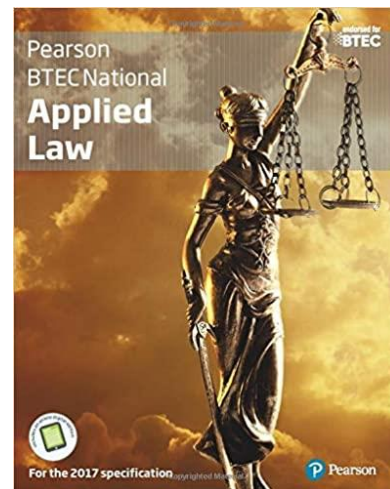
In case you need them, the suggestions and their origins are below.

Catching Britain's Killers	iPlayer (BBC)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0009dz2/catching-britains-killers-the-crimes-that-changed-us-series-1-2-double-jeopardy
The Case of Sally Challen	iPlayer (BBC)	https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000c65v/the-case-of-sally-challen
Crime and Punishment (History of the Law)	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kn1gdZMLtrk
The Briefs	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWTcg8Ye6fl
HARDtalk interview with Lady Hale	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1VozJR_jC8&t=414s
The Bar	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6d78ROXCPgl
To Kill a Burglar	YouTube	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BemcOAg53eM
The Trial: Murder in the Family	All4	https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-trial-a-murder-in-the-family

TEXTBOOKS

It is an expectation of the course that by the end of the second week in September you have purchased the textbook.

BTEC National Applied Law student book + Active book
Publisher: Pearson
Author: Ann Summerscales
ISBN: 9781292193533



Keep up to date with current affairs:

www.bbc.co.uk

<https://news.sky.com/uk>

What is happening in parliament?

Are any new laws being passed?

Which crimes have been committed ?

Has anyone been convicted or sentenced?

What is currently being debated in Parliament ?