



# The Bridge to Post-16 Summer Work



Law  
AQA

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources to prepare you to embark on your Post-16 course in Law in September.

It should be completed throughout the remainder of the Summer term and over the Summer Holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.

**You MUST have this pack completed before your first lesson in the subject**

The resources include:

1. Links to websites where you can research the topics you will be exploring in the course and get a flavour of what you will be learning about in Post-16
2. Tasks on key pre-knowledge topics that will help you to be successful in your course.
3. Other relevant revision/questions to help bridge between GCSE and Post-16 courses
4. Suggested therapies to help you if you are struggling with the tasks

Overall we suggest you spend around 3 hours of total work working through the tasks for Chemistry

Therefore in total, across your 3 subjects you should be completing 9 hours of Summer Work.

## Useful Websites

AQA <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/law/a-level/law-7162>

UK Parliament <https://www.parliament.uk/>

The Judiciary <https://www.judiciary.uk/about-the-judiciary/our-justice-system/jud-acc-ind/justice-sys-and-constitution/>

The Police <https://www.police.uk/>

## Additional reading and materials

### Podcasts

The university of law Podcast [Podcasts for Schools and Colleges | University of Law](#)

BBC Radio 4-law in action podcast [BBC Radio 4 - The Law Show - Downloads](#)

Law In Action – Joshua Rozenburg

Every case tells a story – Clive Anderson

## The Media

any newspapers have specific sections for legal news:

- The Independent
- Daily Telegraph (online services require a subscription)
- The Guardian (You can also follow them on Twitter @GdnLaw)

Also, on twitter: @SecretBarrister

## Academic texts

N.J. McBride, Letters to a Law Student: A Guide to Studying Law at University (4th edition, Pearson 2017) Outlines why to study law and how!

I Moore, C Newberry-Jones, The Successful Law Student (Oxford 2018) Basic legal information and guide to studying

A. Lester, Five Ideas to Fight For (Oneworld Publications, 2016)- Human Rights law

T. Bingham, The Rule of Law (Penguin, 2011) Senior British judge (Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice and Senior Law Lord) examines the concept of the rule of law – quite a short read

G. Williams, Learning the Law (16th edition, Sweet and Maxwell 2016) An overview of the English Legal System

## Books

Eve Was Framed: Women and British Justice – Baroness Kennedy

The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken

The Secret Barrister: Fake Law: The Truth About Justice in an Age of Lies

A Bit of a Stretch: The Diaries of a Prisoner – Chris Atkins

In Your Defence: True Stories of Life and Law - Sarah Langford

## TV and documentaries

24hrs in police custody- channel 5

The real detectives- BBC

Murder Trail- BBC iplayer

## Introduction to politics in the UK.

To have an understanding of how laws are made we need to start to understand how the political parties are chosen and how this impacts on the workings of the government.

Start by completing the following tasks.

1. Define these key terms:

a. Government.

b. Democracy

c. House of Commons

d. House of Lords

e. Majority

f. General election

g. Shadow cabinet



2. What are the 4 main political parties in the UK (this can often change as smaller parties become popular and gain votes)?


3. How does a party become the government?

4. Who is the current government and what is their viewpoint on the following issues:

a. Education

b. Crime rates

c. Immigration

## Introduction to the courts in the UK.

The courts are the places that will deal with any legal disputes in the UK. You will need to have a good understanding of the hierarchy of the courts and the people who work in them, along with the types of cases that they deal with.

Start by completing the following tasks:

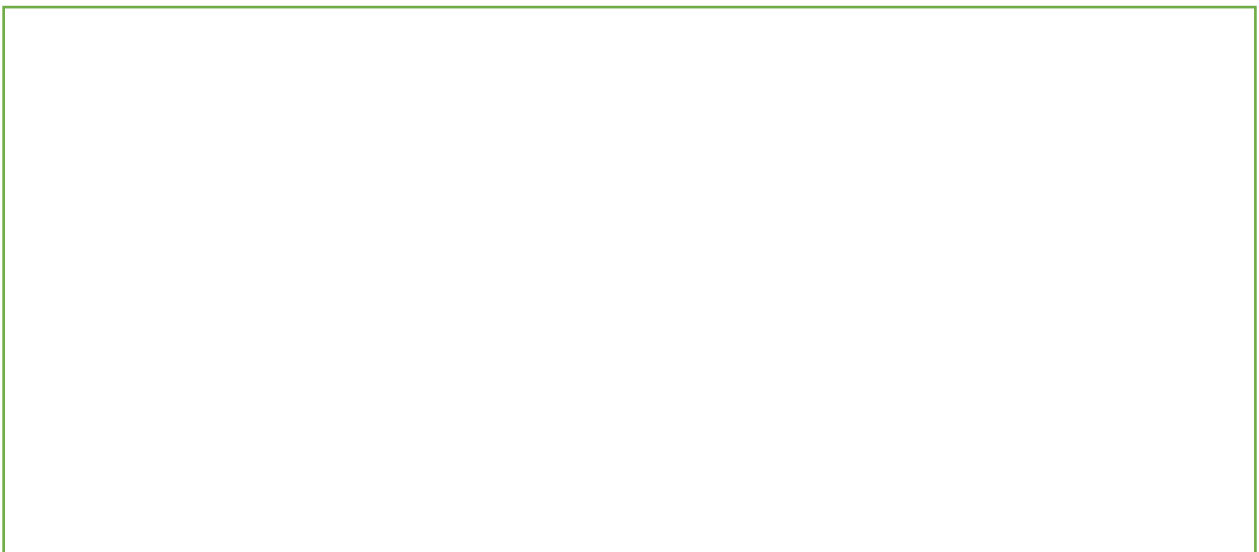
1. Define the key terms:
  - a. Defendant
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Claimant
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Prosecutor
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. Defender
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - e. Judge
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - f. Jury
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - g. Lawyer



2. Draw the hierarchy of courts that deal with criminal offences. Which ones deal with minor offences, which deal with the most serious?



3. Draw the hierarchy of courts that deal with civil issues. Which ones deal with minor issues, which deal with the most serious?



4. What is the role of the following people within the courts:
  - a. Judge
  
  
  - b. Jury
  
  
  - C. Solicitor/lawyer/barrister

Suggestions if you are struggling

Visit the websites listed at the top of this booklet