



LAW

A LEVEL

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT:

Welcome to A Level Law at Angel Sixth Form. As an introduction to the course please complete the following tasks. The work needs to be completed over the summer and handed in on your first lesson.

Please remember this piece of work allows you to make the first good impression. You must complete the work to the best of your ability. We would recommend completing the tasks below on separate sheets of paper.

Task 1

Complete the following questions:

Criminal definitions

Most criminal offences contain an element of Actus Reus and Mens Rea.

- Define Actus Reus
- Define Mens Rea
- Provide three examples of crimes that you are aware of, include the Actus Reus and Mens Rea for each of the three offences
- Identify the maximum sentence for the three offences you have provided

Murder is a topic that you will study on the A Level Law course.

Task 2

Complete research from the CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) website and answer the following questions:

Criminal offence

Define Murder, some of the elements have already been done for you:

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- unlawfully kills (i.e. not self-defence or other justified killing);
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- under the King's Peace (not in war-time)
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Our law is drawn from many sources – it is not all contained within one place. Parliamentary law-making and judicial precedent are both key topic areas that you will study within Law A Level.

Sources of Law	Explanation	Example
Statute	A written form of law created by our primary law-maker and legislature, Parliament	Theft Act 1968. Law criminalising the acts of theft, robbery and burglary
Common Law		
Delegated Legislation		
European Union Law		
International Law		
Custom		



Additional suggestions: tasks and reading

If you complete any of the following, you should write a summary of what you have learnt. Add this to your collated work to make that excellent first impression.

- A good book full of advice on the skills needed to study law and an introductory overview to the legal system: **'Glanville Williams: Learning the Law'** – A.T.H Smith
- An insightful and amusing read is **'The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How it's Broken'** – this provides a great insight into the English Legal System
- A further excellent and informative read: **'In Your Defence'** by Sarah Langford.
- Attend a Magistrates' Court or Crown Court for the day



Suggested legal viewing:

Title/origin	Link (if available)	
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 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