

THORNLEIGH SIXTH FORM

AQA A-LEVEL

LAW

Pre-course materials

Paper 1 2 hours, 100 marks	The nature of law and the English legal system Criminal law
Paper 2 2 hours, 100 marks	The nature of law and the English legal system Tort
Paper 3 2 hours, 100 marks	Law of contract or Human rights The nature of law and the English legal system

Task 1 - Introduction to the English legal system

Research the English legal system and answer the following questions:

What is the difference between civil law and criminal law?

What are the main courts in England and Wales?

What is the role of:

The police?

Solicitors?

Barristers?

Judges?

Juries?

Task 2: Research a legal case

Research one of the following cases:

- R v Dudley and Stephens
- Donoghue v Stevenson
- Carlill v Carbolic Smoke Ball Co

Write a 500 word evaluation of the outcome of the case and consider the following questions in your answer:

What law was involved?

What was the decision?

Was the outcome fair?

Task 3: Reading task

Read the following policy paper:  Courts and Tribunals Bill: factsheet

Produce a 500 word report debating the strengths and limitations of introducing the Crown Court Bench Division, consider the following questions in your report:

- The ethical issues surrounding a juryless trial
- The impact on rights to appeal
- Whether it would solve the backlog of cases in the criminal justice system

Recommended resources

Textbooks

AQA A-Level law for year 1/As by Jacqueline Martin and Nicholas Price

AQA A-Level Law for year 2 by Jacqueline Martin and Nicholas Price

Wider reading

- The secret Barrister: Stories of Law and how it's broken

- Eve was framed – Helena Kennedy
- How the law works – Gary Slapper
- The justice game – Geoffrey Robertson

Further information about the course

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