

BTEC Level 3 National Certificate and Extended Certificate in Applied Law Preparation Guide



Welcome to Level 3 Applied Law!

You've probably been wondering how studying at college will compare to your previous studies so we have put together a quick guide and some activities to help you get ready for starting in September.

In order to be prepared for lessons

1. A high and consistent level of attendance is required as there are constant legal terms, cases and judgments for you to analyse and discuss.
2. Please bring a black pen, highlighters and lined paper. You will need a file to store all your law resources. You will also be provided with interactive work booklets, resources and activities which will be used in every lesson.

Learning to Learn

Law is a challenging but rewarding subject, giving you the opportunity to gain a detailed and practical insight into how society is governed and shaped by laws, rules and regulations made by Parliament and legal people, such as judges.

You will also be developing problem solving, analytical and research skills that will be vital in a law-based career, such as solicitor or barrister

With this in mind, to assist your learning and enable you to perform to your potential, we would expect you to:

- Review your notes by making flash-cards or other methods to assist your learning of the material.
- Complete all home works and progress assessments to the best of your ability, to support your development of the skills mentioned to be successful..
- Start your revision with plenty of time before the end of year controlled exam element, as this volume of work cannot be learnt in a few days.
- Use the college-based Canvas system to access subject resources to develop the required legal skills, such as YouTube videos and topic quizzes

Course structure

You will complete 2 long assignments written by Pearson Education, (the awarding body for this subject).

- Assignment 1 will focus on topics such as the processes of making and interpreting laws and who is involved in these processes
- Assignment 2 will focus on topics such as non-fatal offences, for example assault, alongside the factors involved in the sentencing of offenders
- The controlled assessment exam is taken in May, with a focus on civil law, such as claims for negligence

Recommended Textbooks



Recommended Websites

The most useful websites are

<https://www.barcouncil.org.uk>

Provides useful information on the training routes to qualify as a barrister alongside their roles

<https://www.lawsociety.org.uk>

Includes training routes, career progression and roles of solicitors

<https://www.judiciary.gov.uk>

Key information on the various types of judges, their roles and courts they sit

<https://www.magistratesassociation.org.uk>

Focuses on the application process, training and roles, such as sentencing decisions

<https://www.gov.uk/jury-service>

Essential information on the selection process and roles of juries

<https://www.ybtj.justice.gov.uk>

An interactive platform where you can be the judge of sentences to give to offenders from a selection of criminal offences

YouTube videos

YouTube can provide overviews of some of the elements of the course in a way that can aid memory. However, caution must be taken when watching videos online as the information can be inaccurate. Here are some videos we recommend using for their detail, accuracy and visual interest.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4ClveEDtmI>

(Title of YouTube clip- How offenders are sentenced in England and Wales)

Provides an overview of the 4 main types of offences and how they are dealt with by the various courts