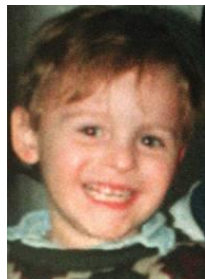


SUBJECT HANDBOOK

2021 - 2023

Name.....



As a Law student you get to study one of the most exciting and intriguing subjects available at A-Level. In order to excel you must equip yourself with the necessary tools; a folder, pens, paper, a clear head! The key to being a successful lawyer is to be ORGANISED!



At Vandyke, we expect our Law students to:

- **Attend every lesson** - (Please let us know in advance if you will be on trips, appointments, if possible etc.)
- **Catch up** any missed work if you miss a lesson **BEFORE** the next lesson
- Arrive **on time** and ready to work (**late arrivals will be reported to the Sixth Form**)
- Refrain from talking when a teacher or student is talking to the group as this disrupts others' learning
- **Complete all assignments/homework** by the deadline given - (If this is impossible, ask for an extension in advance)
- Ask permission to eat or drink during the lesson
- **Take an active role** in lesson activities and don't be afraid to ask if you don't understand something!
- **Ask for help** when needed and attend extra revision sessions if necessary
- **Complete Independent study** – You should study Law for at least **5** hours per week outside of timetabled lessons. This includes additional reading and any homework. You should use the Library and computer based learning resources to supplement your lesson notes
- **Reflect on each lesson** – 'What have I learned today'?
- **Always try your best!**

What will an A-Level Law do for you?

You will:

- develop knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and areas of both public and private law within the law of England and Wales
- develop an understanding of legal method and reasoning as used by lawyers and the judiciary
- develop and apply the techniques of logical thinking and the skills necessary to analyse and solve problems by applying legal rules
- develop the ability to communicate persuasive legal arguments and construct conclusions with reference to appropriate legal authorities
- develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of law in society
- AND more importantly, with an A-Level in Law, you should fly through the 1st year of your Law degree at University!

Imagine how impressive your CV will look with the above skills! *Remember to refer back to these when writing your personal statements for university or personal statement applications.*

On the A Level Law, reading is *absolutely fundamental* to success and understanding. Here are a number of suggestions for materials and sources:

- OCR A Level Law Textbooks 1 & 2 by Jacqueline Martin, Richard Wortley, Nicholas price
- My Revision notes: OCR A Level Law by Craig Beauman (*this covers the WHOLE course and is reasonably priced*)
- www.e-lawresources.co.uk for case law summaries
- www.legislation.gov.uk for legislation
- 'Vandyke Law tutorials' on Youtube for my recordings!



OUTLINE OF THE LAW COURSE

The course is **OCR GCE Law H415**

– You will sit EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS at the end of year 13.

Unit 1 - The Legal System and Criminal Law

33^{1/3} % of A-Level

Written Paper, 2 hours.

The Legal System – 20/80

Criminal Law – 60/80

80 marks

Exam: June 2023 (TBC)

Unit 2 – Law Making and Law of Tort

33^{1/3} % of A-Level

Written Paper, 2 hours.

Law Making – 20/80

Law of Tort – 60/80

80 marks

Exam: June 2023 (TBC)

Unit 3 – The Nature of Law and Law of Contract

33^{1/3} % of A-Level

Written Paper, 2 hours.

The Nature of Law – 20/80

Law of Contract – 60/80

80 marks

Exam: June 2023 (TBC)

SCHEDULE OF LEARNING

Term/dates	Unit	Content
Autumn part 1` (inc. Study week/Half term) <u>7 weeks</u>	Legal System (01)	Intro to Law Criminal Courts, Sentencing & Appeals Magistrates & Juries Solicitors, Barristers & Legal Executives Judges Civil Courts, Civil Appeals ADR & ODR Tribunals
Autumn part 2 (inc. work set over Xmas) <u>7 weeks</u>	Legal System (01) & Law making (02)	Overspill of Legal System Legislation Delegated Legislation Statutory Interpretation Judicial Precedent Law Reform
Spring term (inc. work set over Easter) <u>12 weeks</u>	Criminal Law (01)	Principles of criminal liability Fatal offences Non-fatal offences Property offences Defences
Summer term (inc. work set over study week/half term) <u>14 ½ weeks</u>	Tort Law (02)	Negligence Occupiers Liability Nuisance & Rylands v Fletcher Vicarious Liability Defences Remedies
Autumn term Yr 13 <u>14 weeks</u>	Further Law (Contract) (03)	Formation of a contract Terms of a contract Vitiating factors (misrepresentation & duress) Discharge of contractual duties Remedies
Spring term <u>7 weeks</u>	Further Law (Nature of Law) (03)	Law and morality Law and justice Law and society

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

	Assessment Objective
AO1	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the English legal system and legal rules and principles.
AO2	Apply legal rules and principles to given scenarios in order to present a legal argument using appropriate legal terminology.
AO3	Analyse and evaluate legal rules, principles, concepts and issues.

	Basic Descriptors	Approx. grading	AO1	AO2	AO3
Level 4	<u>Excellent</u> knowledge and understanding, application or evaluation An accurate, fully developed and detailed response Excellent citation of fully relevant case law/legislation (5/6 citations) Fully appropriate legal terminology used	A*	7-8	10-12	10-12
Level 3	<u>Good</u> knowledge and understanding, application or evaluation Good presentation, but not fully developed in places Good citation of relevant case law/legislation (3/4 citations) Appropriate legal terminology used	A-B	5-6	7-9	7-9
Level 2	<u>Basic</u> knowledge and understanding, application or evaluation Basic presentation, lacking detail and partially developed Some appropriate legal terminology used	C-D	3-4	5-6	5-6
Level 1	<u>Limited</u> knowledge and understanding, application or evaluation Limited presentation, minimal detail, unstructured and/or unclear	E	1-2	3-4	3-4
Level 0	No response or no response worthy of credit	U	0	0-2	0-2