

LAW AT XAVERIAN!

PREPARATION FOR A LEVEL 2020

Congratulations and thank you for choosing to study Law at Xaverian! We are one of the most successful Law departments in the UK, and Mr Emmett, Miss Younge, Miss Pearson and Mr Reding are looking forward to getting to know you whilst helping you to achieve a top grade and offering excellent extra-curricular opportunities. We are



Students inside the Supreme Court in London



Students outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London

currently planning the New York trip, the London trip and preparing for the Mock Trial competition, but we set out below 3 simple steps that you could take in order to prepare sensibly for the A level course starting in September 2020.



Students in New York

STEP ONE: DISCOVER THE CASES!

UK law is heavily based on real life cases, known as case law. Explore the e-lawresources.co.uk website to read about some of the weird and wonderful cases that you will encounter as you progress through the A level course. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

R v Byrne	R v Dica
R v Ahluwalia	R v Brown
R v Clinton	R v Emmett
R v Woollin	R v Dawes
R v Aitken	R v Cheshire
R v Blaue	R v Miller
R v White	R v Stone and Dobinson
R v Wilson	R v Lamb
R v Lipman	R v Ireland

Once you have read these cases, see if you can match some of them to the following images....



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STEP TWO: EXPLORE THE MEDIA!

Law is an ever changing, topical subject. You will study the relationship between the law and morals, law and technology, law and justice, and law and society. Get into the good habit of each day scanning the headlines and list of main stories on the BBC news website –

www.bbc.co.uk/news. On most days there will be an item relating to the law which you can read in full, often relating to a particular topic that you will study. For example on 26th March 2020 it was reported that the crime of assault includes deliberately coughing on someone during the coronavirus crisis. Also

look out for law based films and documentaries. On Netflix we recommend ‘When they see us’ and ‘The People v OJ Simpson’ and on

youtube there is plenty of good material relating to cases you will study such as the Yorkshire Ripper, the Hillsborough Disaster and euthanasia campaigners Diane Pretty and Noel Conway.



OJ Simpson showing the gloves found at the murder scene of his wife and her friend do not fit him. This, in addition to many other issues led him to being acquitted, and the phrase “If the glove does not fit, you must acquit” becoming famous

STEP THREE: GET ORGANISED!

A successful Law student is informed and organised. Read the OCR specification, which is divided into 3 exam papers, and have a look at some past exam papers. You can print this information and put it into a Law file ready for using in September. The website is www.ocr.org.uk.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AT ANY STAGE, PLEASE CONTACT

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