



Preparation for Year 12



Law

Congratulations on your GCSE successes and welcome to your post-16 studies at All Saints!

At this significant moment in your education, you have selected to study courses that reflect your own unique gifts, talents, interests and future goals.

So let's get started! These tasks are designed to introduce you to some concepts that you will be exploring over the year ahead as well as giving you the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment and sincere interest in this subject.

We look forward to seeing your preparation work and welcoming you to our department in September.

Aims	<i>Knowing why we have laws and where they come from is an essential first step for anyone wishing to study law.</i>
Deadline for submission	Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Choose **TWO** tasks to complete from the following list:

Week	Task / question	Links to help you	Notes
1	Find out what is meant by 'the rule of law' and give some examples of it in practice.	https://binghamcentre.biicl.org/	
2	You're probably familiar with criminal law but you may not have heard of civil law. Find out what civil law is and come up with five differences between civil law and criminal law in England and Wales		Make sure your sources are about England and Wales rather than any other country, especially the USA.
3	Describe three different sources of law in England and Wales: common law, statutory law and delegated		



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	legislation		
4	Listen to an episode of The Law Show on the BBC and write a short report on the topics discussed and what you have learnt	https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tgy1	

Keywords and definitions:

You will need to be familiar with the following keywords in term 1.

Keyword	Definition	Use of keyword within context
Parliament	an assembly of the representatives of a political nation or people, often the supreme legislative authority	In the UK, governments are accountable to Parliament
Judiciary	the branch of the central authority in a state concerned with the administration of justice	An independent judiciary is one of the cornerstones of the UK constitution
Statutory	relating to rules or laws which have been formally written down in a statute	Unions want a statutory right to time off for training.
Delegate	to give or commit (duties, powers, etc) to another as agent or representative	If you're too busy, learn to delegate
Scrutiny	close or minute examination	The figures are likely to come under close scrutiny.
Supremacy	supreme power; authority	This victory clearly proves the supremacy of the Brazilians in football



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Vicinity	the area near or surrounding a particular place	There are many stores in the vicinity where she can shop.
Commencement	the beginning; start	Would passengers please turn off their mobile phones before the commencement of the flight
Arbitrary	something not based on any principle, plan, or system. It often seems unfair because of this	Why did they cut your job and not mine? It seems to have been purely arbitrary.