

## Preparing for A Level Law

Hoping to study law at A level? Or maybe at university so want to read ahead...

There are number of things you can do:

1. **Developing as a law student** – through general reading around / watching videos / listening to podcasts etc. to develop your geographical knowledge and understanding .
2. **Preparing for the A Level Course** - Starting to explore the topics and their foundations which will be studied in the A Level course.

### Developing as a Law Student

The below includes, websites, books, podcasts, documentaries and even films which provide a great way of staying inspired and engaging with law.

#### i. Online News Articles

**The Law Gazette** [The Law Society Gazette \(lawgazette.co.uk\)](http://www.lawgazette.co.uk) - The Law Society Gazette (also known as the Gazette or the Law Gazette) is a **British weekly legal magazine** for solicitors in England and Wales published by the Law Society of England and Wales featuring up to date articles around law.

**BBC News** [Home - BBC News](http://www.bbc.com/news) – A range of articles around the law and current events

#### ii. Podcasts

**Law in Action** – A podcast which looks at developing issues in the world of law – well worth a listen!

**Criminal** – A podcast which explores people who've done wrong, been wronged or been caught a middle. A fascinating insight into the legal system and the problems that can come with it

#### iii. Books

**The Secret Barrister: Stories of the Law and How It's Broken** - From the criminals to the lawyers, the victims, witnesses and officers of the law, here is the best and worst of humanity, all struggling within a broken system which would never be off the front pages if the public knew what it was really like. Both a searing first-hand account of the human cost of the criminal justice system, and a guide to how we got into this mess, The Secret Barrister wants to show you what it's really like and why it really matters.

**In Your Defence: True Stories of Life and Law - Sarah Langford** - Sarah Langford is a barrister. Her job is to stand in court representing the mad and the bad, the vulnerable, the heartbroken and the hopeful. She must become their voice: weave their story around the black and white of the law and tell it to the courtroom.

**Eve Was Framed: Women and British Justice – Baroness Kennedy** - Eve Was Framed offers an impassioned, personal critique of the British legal system.

iv. **Legal Documentaries**

The following are all available on BBC Iplayer:

**Stephen Lawrence:** 30 years on - [BBC iPlayer - Stephen Lawrence: 30 Years On](#)

**Northern Justice** - Following the work of legal professionals working throughout the north east of England - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/m001c9fj/northern-justice>

**How to Die: Simon's Choice** - The dramatic and poignant story of one man facing the heartwrenching decision of whether to end his life at a suicide clinic after being diagnosed with motor neurone disease - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b070jm26/how-to-die-simons-choice>

The following are all available on ALL4:

**24 Hours in Police Custody** – A show that takes people through what happens when an individual is arrested for a crime – <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/24-hours-in-police-custody>

**Vardy v Rooney: A Courtroom Drama** - Michael Sheen stars in the dramatic recreation of the sensational 'Wagatha Christie' trial, the digital-age whodunnit based on the real-life events of Rebekah Vardy's bid to sue Coleen Rooney - <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/vardy-v-rooney-a-courtroom-drama>

v. **Legal Films**

**Provoked** - Based on the true story of Kiranjit Ahluwalia, a Punjabi woman, who was abused by her husband for 10 years. After killing her husband in self-defense, Ahluwalia is imprisoned as those close to her fight to set her free.

**Let Him Have It** - This drama reveals the controversial postwar 1950's London murder trial that sent an intellectually challenged young man to the gallows for a murder he did not commit.

**A Civil Action** - A tenacious lawyer takes on a case involving two companies responsible for causing several children to be diagnosed with leukemia due to the town's water supply being contaminated, at the risk of bankrupting his firm and career.

### Preparing for A Level Law at Bishop Challoner

Here, you will study OCR A Level Law ([OCR A Level Law Specification H418](#)) – this will contain 3 exams at the end of year 13. Below is a map of what the course looks like:

#### Scheme of Work for Law – Year 12

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Paper 1 – English Legal System	Paper 2 – Law Making	Paper 1 – Criminal Law	Paper 1 – Criminal Law	Paper 1 – Criminal Law Paper 2 – Tort Law	Paper 2 – Tort Law

#### Scheme of Work for Law – Year 13

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Paper 2 – Tort Law Paper 3 – Contract law	Paper 3 – Contract law	Paper 3 – Contract law Paper 3 – Nature of Law			Final Exams

**We recommend the following 2 textbooks:**

OCR A Level Law Textbook - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/OCR-Level-Second-Richard-Wortley/dp/139832647X>

My Revision Notes: OCR A Level Law - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-Level-Second/dp/1398352039>

**Fancy reading ahead?** - Have ago at some of these tasks - <https://www.tutor2u.net/law/reference/student-activity-law-summer-project>

