



Year 13 Curriculum Grid

Law

Year/Term	Unit	Content	What skills are developed?
Autumn-Spring Terms (projected completion by April of Year 13)	H418/03: The Nature of Law and Human Rights	Section A: The Nature of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law and Morality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definition and characteristics of legal rules vs moral rules. ○ The relationship between law and morality. ○ Differences in origin, enforcement, and consequences. ○ Influence of morality on the development of law (e.g., changes in attitudes to homosexuality, abortion). ○ Debate over whether law should enforce morality – including Hart–Devlin debate. • Law and Justice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The concept of justice – definitions (e.g., Aristotle, distributive and corrective justice). ○ Different types of justice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procedural justice ▪ Substantive justice ▪ Social justice ○ The extent to which the law achieves justice. ○ Evaluation of the legal system’s effectiveness in delivering justice. • Law and Society: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The role of law in shaping and reflecting society. ○ Theories from sociologists (e.g., Durkheim, Marx) on law and social control. ○ The impact of law on social change and vice versa. ○ Contemporary examples (e.g., anti-discrimination laws, environmental law). • Balancing Conflicting Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identification of conflicting interests in areas of law (e.g., rights of individuals vs public safety). ○ Theories of interest balancing (e.g., Pound’s theory). ○ How the law balances competing interests and the effectiveness of this balance. 	<i>The ability to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse • Evaluate • Think critically • Learn independently • Work in groups/teams • Communicate effectively • Debate • Research • Write extensively • Compare similarities and differences between different legal cases and precedents⁷
		Option Unit: Human Rights Law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature and Protection of Human Rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definition and development of human rights and civil liberties. ○ Role and significance of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). ○ The incorporation of the ECHR into UK law via the Human Rights Act 1998. ○ The impact and application of the Human Rights Act in UK courts. • Key Articles of the ECHR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Article 2 – Right to life ○ Article 5 – Right to liberty and security ○ Article 6 – Right to a fair trial ○ Article 8 – Right to respect for private and family life ○ Article 10 – Freedom of expression 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Article 11 – Freedom of assembly and association ● Restrictions and Derogations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal limitations on rights (e.g., in interests of national security, public safety). ○ The principle of proportionality. ○ Derogation in times of emergency. ● Enforcement and Reform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role of domestic courts and the European Court of Human Rights. ○ Remedies for breach of rights. ○ Ongoing debate about the Human Rights Act and potential UK Bill of Rights. <p>Homework: Cornell notes, Podcasts, Research projects, etc.</p> <p>Key Concepts and Skills: Description, Analysis, Evaluation, Judgement, Balanced Argument, Inference</p>	
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