



A LEVEL LAW SUMMER WORK

for students moving from Year 11 to Year 12



TASK 1

Carry out your own research into miscarriages of justice on the internet.

Choose a miscarriage of justice case that interests you (e.g., Bridgewater Four, Paul Blackburn, Andrew Evans, Guildford Four and Maguire Seven, Birmingham Six, M25 Three, Sean Hodgson and The Cardiff Three).

Design the front two pages of a newspaper which covers the following:

- 1) What offence they were charged with (e.g., murder, kidnapping)
- 2) Briefly describe the facts of the case
- 3) Describe the outcome of the case (e.g., when where they released)
- 4) Describe the punishment (e.g., prison – length of sentence)
- 5) What do you think should be done to prevent further miscarriages of justice?

TASK 2

Enjoy answering the following questions to ease your way into Year 12!

1. What is the earliest source of law
2. What is the standard of proof for criminal cases and civil cases?
3. Where does most law come from now?
4. Who interprets statutes?
5. What is Law? Why does it exist?
6. Why is law important in a democratic society?
7. What are the 3 elements that create the rule of law according to Dicey?
8. What are green and white papers?
9. Who can put bills before Parliament?
10. What are the 7 formal stages before a bill can become an Act of Parliament?
11. Name 4 influences on Parliament.
12. Name 3 aspects of parliamentary supremacy.
13. Name 2 limitations on parliamentary supremacy.
14. Name 3 types of delegated legislation (DL).
15. Name 6 types of parliamentary controls.
16. When might judicial review rule that DL is null and void?
17. Why does DL exist?
18. Name 2 advantages and 2 disadvantages of DL.
19. Name and describe the 3 types of statutory interpretation.
20. Why is statutory interpretation needed?