

Connell Co-Op College

OCR A Level Law Summer Project 2026

Task 1: BBC Radio 4's The Law Show

Go to radio 4's The Law Show webpage and choose an episode which interests you. The episodes can be streamed or downloaded as a podcast. After listening to the episode, write a short (500 words) summary of the key issues raised in the episode.

Some recommended podcasts include: Investigating the dead; Why are we short of judges; Should justice move online; Acid attacks and the law; Terrorism, extremism and the law.

Task 2: TED Talks

Choose a TED talk to watch online. Visit www.ted.com and watch a lecture on something that links to an aspect of your course. Write a short summary (500 words) containing the main ideas that are addressed in the lecture.

Some recommendations include: Daniel Reisel- The neuroscience of restorative justice; Deanna Van Buren- What a world without prisons could look like; Kimberly Motley- How I defend the rule of law; Michael Sandel- The lost art of democratic debate; Bryan Stevenson- We need to talk about an injustice; Andrew Arruda- The world's first AI legal assistant.

**Note: some lectures are US focused but still raise useful points regarding the nature and rule of law.*

Task 3: Future Learn online course

Go to the Future Learn website and choose a course to complete over the summer. Write a short summary (500 words) containing the main ideas that are addressed in the course.

Some current offerings are: Antiquities Trafficking and Art Crime; Crime, Justice and Society; Security, Terrorism and Counter-terrorism; From Crime to Punishment- an Introduction to Criminal Justice; Corporate Lawyers- Ethics, Regulation and Purpose; Introduction to the UK Parliament- People, Processes and Public Participation; From State Control to Remote Control- Warfare in the 21st Century.

Task 4: To hand in during your first law lesson in September:

- 1) Complete an essay for the following question: "Describe the differences between civil and criminal law" [10 marks]
- 2) Research a famous case from English Law (one which is in all good legal textbooks or was newsworthy). Explain, on half a page of A4, the key facts, the significance of the case and if possible, how it changed or developed the law.
- 3) Write half a page on why you chose to study A Level Law (think interest, future goals/career etc.)