

Law Summer Homework

Produce a document, typed if possible giving the answers to the following tasks.

Task 1 - Glossary of key words

Find out the legal meaning of the following words:

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| 1. Defendant | 2. Prosecution |
| 3. Trial | 4. Charged |
| 5. Convicted | 6. Sentenced |
| 7. Advocacy | 8. Statute |
| 9. Common Law | 10. Sentencing |

Task 2 - Investigate the job roles directly involved in Criminal Law

There are a wide range of jobs directly involved in the criminal law process. As part of the A level you will learn about:

Judges

Barristers

Solicitors

Legal Executives

Magistrates

For each of the jobs above a) explain what the job involves AND b) identify the skills and qualities that you already have which would be useful in each job.

Task 3 – Write a paragraph on one of the following issues expressing your opinions:

Tips for creating an effective argument:

- Consider answering the question as though you were forming a defence as a barrister.
- Provide some analysis, real life examples you might be aware of, show your thought process.
- Reach a conclusion which shows sensible lines of reasoning.

A person convicted of murder should never be released from prison.

Someone who has killed their partner after suffering years of domestic violence should be helped not punished.

The verdict of guilty or not guilty in a Crown Court trial of the most serious crimes is reached by the jury – 12 ordinary men and women. This is more fair than if the verdict was reached by judges.

A Magistrate has power to make life changing decisions but they are not legally qualified and this can lead to miscarriages of justice.