

# Year 9 Law Curriculum Overview



**Autumn  
Term**

Living in the wider world

## Session Content

Introduction to Law and Courts

## Powerful Knowledge

Introduction to Law – Classifications of Law: Public vs. Private law.  
Criminal vs. Civil law  
Court Hierarchy and the UK Courts; Trial Practice (1) – The trial of Thomas Shelby  
People in the Law – Lay People; Juries; Magistrates; the Legal profession = lawyers, Judges  
Sources of English Law – Legislation; Case Law; the relationship between the different sources of law  
Criminal Courts and Processes – Pre-trial issues.

## How can you help at home?

Discuss with students the different types of law they have been learning in class

**Spring  
Term**

Health and wellbeing

Court Procedures

Procedure in Criminal Court; The Age of Criminal Responsibility & *Doli incapax*  
Post Trial Issues; Trial Practice (2): *R v Paula Rees*  
Criminal Law – elements of criminal liability  
Fatal Offences; Non-fatal offences; Property offences  
General defences  
Careers in law  
Magistrates Court Mock Trial (MCMT) – Students will learn to analyse a case, from both a prosecution and defence perspective, via the trial bundle, interrogate witnesses, write opening and closing speeches, present evidence to a court, examine and cross-examine witnesses and make submissions on behalf of their clients and the court and write a summary of the law in the case to submit to the Magistrates.

Discuss with students the Court procedures they have been learning in class

**Summer  
Term**

Relationships and sex

Civil Courts and Processes

Civil Courts & Processes - Pre-trial issues  
Procedure in County Court trials  
Post Trial Issue  
The Law of Tort – Negligence; duty of care; Trespass  
Defences & remedies in tort  
Civil Law: Family law – marriage; divorce; succession.

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