

BTEC Applied Law



Summer Work Booklet



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As part of your extended learning, you will be expected to complete tasks about legal cases, both nationally and internationally, and the role of legal personnel in the UK system.

Throughout summer the Law team would like you to undertake 3 tasks;

- Enroll and complete a mini course on 'The role of judges in the legal system'
- Complete a worksheet based on 3 non-fatal (The victim doesn't die) offences in your local area
- Undertake a media project on a real life criminal case



All of these tasks will support your learning as a first year law student at Wyke, giving you solid basis on which to build.

Please bring these completed tasks with you to enrolment.

TASK 1: Media Project

There are many TV Shows, Films, Books, Magazines and Websites about illegal activity - it will be your task to watch, read and research different areas of Law and write a short report reviewing their impact.

Below is not an extensive list - but some options of documentaries and films that investigate real life crime both in the UK and USA.

We are excited to read these reviews, explore your opinions... we will be discussing these cases as part of the course.

**You do not need to watch or read everything on this list, these are just recommendations!*

FILMS

The Murder Trial (Channel 4) - Youtube

For the first time, remotely operated cameras are placed inside a British criminal court to capture a murder trial in its entirety for this brand new feature length documentary. After three years of negotiation, the Scottish High Court gave permission for this extraordinary and unique access - to film the case of a man accused of murdering his wife. Her body has never been found, there is no weapon, no crime scene and her husband appears to have a cast iron alibi.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK9s8mBqyWY> (Watch until 1:37)

TV SHOWS / DOCUMENTARIES

Gypsy's Revenge - Youtube

The story of the mother and daughter relationship of Dee Dee and **Gypsy** Rose Blanchard

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RjF6ckrtcA>

BBC 2 – Crimes that changed us (Double Jeopardy – Series 1 episode 2)

Beginning in 1989, this episode tells the story of a murder in Billingham in Teesside that would lead to one mother challenging an 800-year-old law.

I love you now die (Sky Crime/Now TV)

The two-part documentary follows the death of Conrad Roy, a teenager who ended his own life following a tumultuous relationship with his girlfriend Michelle Carter.

VIDEOS

Type true crime into youtube and take your pick. There are TED Talks, CrashCourse videos and so much more. If you can, copy and paste the URL into your Media Project Review.

Below are a few videos of specific events which are interesting and relevant to the law course we study.

Jamie Bulger

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jamie+bulger+documentary

There's a number of documentaries and reviews on this case

OJ Simpson –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugdTdHiVfYI&t=3s>

if you have Netflix, please watch <https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/80083977>

Law Media Project

Title:

Type of media:

Link to Law:

Media outline and image:

Review with links to impact on the Law:

Accuracy	Enjoyment	Relevance to the subject	Has it improved your understanding?	Would you recommend it?
/10	/10	/10		

Step-by-Step Guide to How to Write a Film Review

<https://edusson.com/blog/how-to-write-movie-review>



Beginnings are always the hardest. This is the point where you set the pace and determine how to approach this assignment in the most efficient manner. Here are some useful tips to kick-start the movie review writing process:

- Watch the movie or documentary with your full focus and take notes of both major and minor events and characters. It's a mistake to rely on the power of your memory only, there's always something we overlook or forget.
- Carry out a thorough research. Watching the movie isn't enough, research is equally important. Look for details such as the name of the filmmaker and his/her motivation to make that film or documentary work, locations, plot, characterization, historic events that served as an inspiration for the movie (if applicable). Basically, your research should serve to collect information that provides more depth to the review.
- Analyze the movie after you watch it. Don't start working on the review if you aren't sure you understand the film. Evaluate the movie from beginning to an end. Re-watch it, if necessary, if you find some parts confusing. Only when you understand events that happened on the screen will you find it easier to create the review.

How to organise your review:

- Introduction (with title, release date, background information)
- Summary of the story
- Links to Law, with examples.
- Opinion (supported with examples and facts from the story) ie are they guilty in your opinion?
- Conclusion (announcing whether the filmmaker was successful in his/her purpose, re-state your evidence, explain how the motion picture was helpful for providing a deeper understand of course topic)

Task 2:

Enroll on this completely free course:

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/the-modern-judiciary>

The Modern Judiciary: Who They Are, What They Do and Why it Matters

Explore the role of judges in the UK and learn about the daily business of judging, from common law to judicial diversity



Top Tip: Create a Law folder for you notes and bring them with you to your law lessons.

Task 3: Local Research of Non-Fatal Offences

It is important you are aware of what is going on in your local area and the types of cases local courts are dealing with. Over the summer take note of crimes occurring in Hull and the local area using newspapers/newspaper apps/Hull live on Instagram and complete the table below. Remember these cases should be non fatal (ie the victim doesn't die).

	Source ie Hull Daily Mail	Review of crime	Sentence
Case 1: R v			
Case 2: R v			
Case 3: R v			

