

# A Level Law Summer Homework

These **three tasks** prepare you for a range of topics studied on the **OCR A Level law H145 specification**. The **sentencing** of offenders is something which is covered at the start of your course as it lays the foundations for some of the biggest criticisms of the Criminal Justice System. The case which your homework is based upon opens the debate about **Human Rights** and whether it is right for these ever to be breached. This in turn leads us to consider **Law and Justice** which is a topic studied in year 13. **Miscarriages of Justice** are unfortunately a feature in our Criminal Justice System which can lead to a lifetime of issues for those who are falsely accused of crimes.

Please complete this home work over the summer so you can get a feeling for the type of topics studied upon the course and to confirm that this is the correct course for you! **This is essential for an introduction to your study of OCR Law.**



**You MUST**

You can create either a colourful poster with pictures, a mind map, a timeline or a power point presentation. Using the information, you learnt in class, provide a piece of work about James Bulgers killers- **Robert Thompson** and **Jon Venables**.

## **Include:**

- What they did
- Why this case was so horrific
- What sort of court they were tried in
- Why was the court they were tried in seen as incompatible with their human rights?
- Include what sentence the killers were given and discuss the aim on sentencing behind the sentence.
- Finally tell me why it could be argued that this aim of sentencing did not work. Provide a conclusion whether you think rehabilitation works as an aim of sentencing.



## You SHOULD



Produce a **handwritten piece of evaluative work** no more than one side of A4 where you weigh up the arguments about whether James Bulgers' killers **Human Rights** were breached. Legally we know that the law says that they were, but **morally** what do you think? Should they have been treated differently because of their age? Also **consider whether you think the age of criminal responsibility should be lowered or increased from the age of 10.**

MINIMUM AGE  
OF CRIMINAL  
RESPONSIBILITY

**14**

in China and  
Germany

**13**

in France

**12**

in Holland

**10**

in the UK

## You COULD

As part of your A Level Law course you study **Law and Justice**. Sometimes the law does not manage to achieve justice and people are wrongfully convicted of crimes which they did not commit. This can lead to a life time of problems for someone who has been wrongfully accused.

Research one of the **miscarriages of justice** below. You can create either a colourful poster with pictures/ mind map, a timeline or a power point presentation.

- The Birmingham six
- Sally Clarke
- Stefan Kizco
- The Guilford Four
- or any other miscarriage of justice you can find

What was the case about?

Did the people convicted appeal against their conviction?

What has happened since these people were convicted? Have they been released from prison?



I would like you to complete the work set above over the summer and hand it in to me on your **first Law lesson back in September please or alternatively you email it to me at [Francesca.roscoe@mv16.org.uk](mailto:Francesca.roscoe@mv16.org.uk)**

Your work will then be graded to A Level standard and should take you **5 hours** in total to complete.

