



ST CHRISTOPHER'S SIXTH FORM

LAW

BRIDGING UNIT



Introduction

Welcome to St Christopher's A level Law. We are going to enjoy studying this course together from September and there is no need for you to start on the actual work before then. You will be interested in and would benefit from looking at the background to Law. This is around us in our everyday lives and affects how we behave and what happens to us. Try to find time to think about and prepare to discuss the two activities below.

Preparation

Here are some suggestions for interesting ways to prepare you for AS Law:



- Read Law Reports in The Times/ The Guardian/ The Telegraph. These are usually interesting accounts of cases where people or companies have appealed against an earlier court ruling. There are two sides to each case, as always, but here they are usually both strong arguments and the decision could go either way. It is interesting to hear both sides and to read why the judges have decided which side to support. Often, the interpretations they make form the basis of future similar cases. - these can all be found online



- Listen to Law in Action on BBC Radio 4. each week two or three interesting events in the legal world from that week are explored. This will help you to realise how varied the issues of Law can be.
- Research online or in local papers reports of any crime in your area and make a note of the type of crimes that seem to reoccur the most.

Access the following:

- www.counselmagazine.co.uk
- www.guardian.co.uk/law
- www.babybarista.com
- www.oldbaileyonline.org

Activities

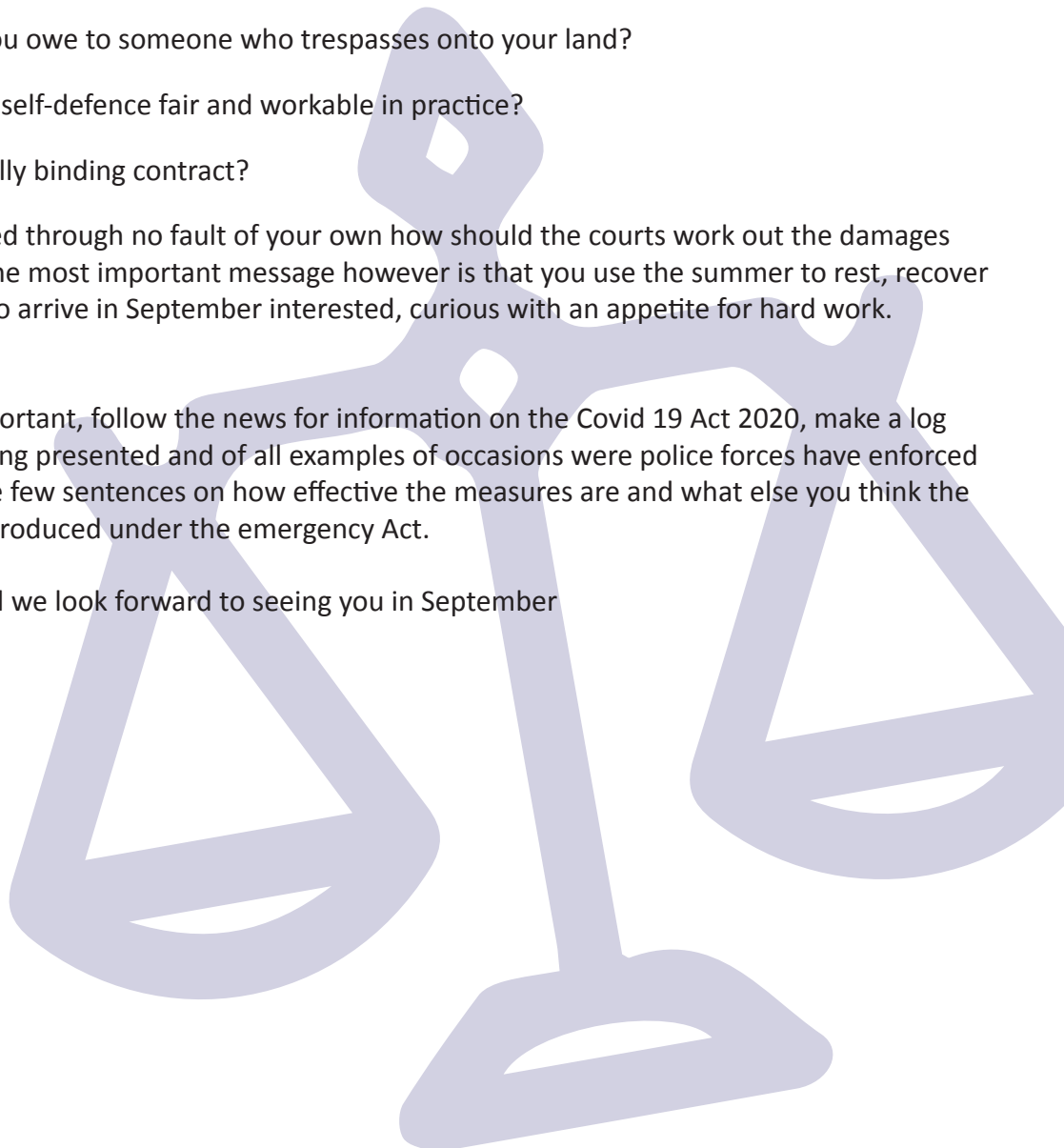
Analyse three or four of the following questions:

1. Do CCTV cameras prevent crime or infringe civil liberties?
2. It takes six weeks for both sides to prepare for a criminal trial. Should a person accused of serious assault be imprisoned for those six weeks even if he pleads Not Guilty?
3. Should our judges and Barristers wear wigs and gowns in the courtroom?
4. Are jury trial really the best way to achieve justice for someone accused of a crime?
5. What duty of care do you owe to someone who trespasses onto your land?
6. Are the current rules of self-defence fair and workable in practice?
7. How do you form a legally binding contract?
8. If you are hurt or harmed through no fault of your own how should the courts work out the damages which you are owed? The most important message however is that you use the summer to rest, recover and recuperate, ready to arrive in September interested, curious with an appetite for hard work.

Finally and this is really important, follow the news for information on the Covid 19 Act 2020, make a log of any statistics that are being presented and of all examples of occasions where police forces have enforced the Act of given fines. Write few sentences on how effective the measures are and what else you think the Government might have introduced under the emergency Act.

Take care and keep safe and we look forward to seeing you in September

Ms Farrelly and Miss Smith





**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.”**

Jeremiah 29:11

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