

## **GCSE Law Revision Plan**

### **Paper 1: British Justice System**

In preparation for the forthcoming examinations you must thoroughly understand and be able to critically analyse:

- Why we have laws
- The different classifications of law (criminal, civil & double liability)
- The hierarchy of the courts (criminal and civil)
- Pre-trial matters, classification of offences and trial at the Magistrates court
- The role of the Crown Prosecution Service
- The Crown Court, trial on indictment and sentencing
- The procedures for getting advice for a civil case, funding and remedies.
- Alternative dispute resolutions (mediation, negotiation, conciliation, arbitration)
- The use of juries in both civil and criminal cases (selection and appointment including those that are: disallowed, disqualified and those that can defer). A thorough understanding of the advantages and disadvantages is required)
- The process of applying for the role of Lay Magistrate (trial, bail and warrant applications together with their contribution to the justice system, a thorough understanding of the advantages and disadvantages is required.
- Routes and roles within the legal profession (solicitor, barrister & legal executive) it is vital that you understand the qualification routes in detail and are able to argue for and against fusion of the roles of solicitor and barrister.
- Types and roles of judges, qualifications, appointment and criticisms of the judiciary (it is essential that you thoroughly understand which court different judges preside in and what they actually do during the conduct of a trial)
- Acts of Parliament, green paper, white paper, bills together with an understanding of the concept of Parliament Supremacy and the role of the European Union.
- Judicial precedent, judgments, stare decisis, obita dicta & law reporting.