

GETTING AHEAD



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Start to develop skills that are relevant to your course before you join HSDC this September!

Law – A Level

TASK 1 - LAW IN THE NEWS

1. Keep up-to-date with the news, whether through online sources, TV or radio or by reading a broadsheet newspaper.
2. Print off this sheet.
3. Locate or research UK news stories relating to key topics and record them on the table, identifying any key terms.

FIND A NEWS STORY FEATURING:	DATE of news item	SOURCE: Where did you read, view or hear the news item? E.g. BBC News at 10.	BRIEF DETAILS in one sentence of 12 words or less.	TICK ANY KEY WORDS contained in the stories:
UK Government or Parliament (check the difference!)				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Act of Parliament• Prime Minister• Member of Parliament (MP)• House of Commons• House of Lords
Murder or manslaughter in England and Wales (criminal law)				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• victim• defendant• sentence• jury
Theft or robbery in England and Wales (criminal law)				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• property• force• intention• dishonesty
Injury or property compensation (negligence), contract or other civil law matter in England and Wales				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• claimant• defendant• duty of care• claim• damages• agreement

TASK 2 – CRIMINAL LAW – the offence of robbery

Section 8 of the Theft Act 1968 states: A person is guilty of robbery if he steals, and immediately before or at the time of stealing – and in order to steal - he uses force on any person or puts or seeks to put any person in fear of force.

This means that **robbery concerns a theft where the offender is using physical force (or a threat of it) so they can steal.**

Crimes usually have:

- a physical element – the actus reus (or guilty conduct)
- a mental element – the mens rea (or guilty mind)

- WATCH this short video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8A6bm8Dth4w

- LOOK out / LISTEN for references to the actus reus and mens rea of robbery

- ANSWER the following questions (all answers are in the video):

- a. How much force was used in the case of Dawson and James?
- b. When does the force have to be used?
- c. The defendant (offender) in Lockley stole beer. Who did he use force against in order to steal?

We look forward to seeing you all in September!

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