

Bridging the Gap...

Activities to help you prepare for A-Level Law at New College Durham



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All areas of society involve law in one way or another. During your studies at NCD you will learn about human rights, criminal law and how you enter a contract every time you buy something online or in a shop, as well as how the criminal justice system works.



To give you a taste of what is to come, please have a look at the activities below!

Task 1

One of the topics that you will study is the role of our judges. Have a look at this recent picture of our Supreme Court Judges. What are your first impressions? What do they all have in common?

Everyday in England and Wales, judges decide how to sentence offenders – whether that is sending them to prison, forcing them to work unpaid in the community or handing them a fine. Visit this website to see how the system works and try your hand at sentencing! (<http://ybtj.justice.gov.uk/>)

Task 2

Watch this video clip about an atrocious crime that took place in 1993. The abduction and murder of toddler James Bulger by two 10-year-old boys shocked the country. They were imprisoned for 'life' but in reality, were detained in a secure children's home for 8 years. What do you think of this sentence? Do you think their names should have been released by the judge? Usually the names of young offenders (aged 17 and under) are not released to the public. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fSdPABIfnhw>)



Think about gender, ethnicity, age

Task 3

Go to <https://www.wooclap.com/YEAR11>. Alternatively you can take part by texting @YEAR11 to (0113) 320 9662. Thinking about the three activities, choose ten words to describe life in Britain at the start of the twentieth century. Add these to the word cloud.

