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## Summer Preparation Work 2026

### LAW

Welcome to Law. You are required to complete some summer preparation work ready for enrolment. This task relates to some of the content and concepts that you will need to learn regarding your Law course. This activity will help you to understand the standard of work required on your course and should highlight your literacy and numeracy skills.

Preparation work is an important aspect of your induction onto all courses at Wilberforce Sixth Form College. Please complete this work **in time for your enrolment** onto your courses and **bring evidence** either on paper or electronically on your mobile phone, ready to hand in during enrolment or to your course teacher in the first week of lessons.

#### Task 1 - Research

1) Firstly, research how members of the public are selected to be part of a jury in England and Wales and explain their role in a Crown Court trial.

Try to answer the following questions:

1. How many members sit on a jury in a criminal trial?
2. In which criminal court will you find a jury?
3. State the three qualifications for jury service (age, how long they must have lived in UK and the register that the names are taken from).
4. Are some people disqualified / ineligible from sitting on a jury?
5. Do jurors receive any money? How much?
6. How long does jury service normally last?
7. What is a jury's main role in a criminal trial?
8. Explain the meaning of a unanimous decision.
9. Explain the meaning of majority verdict.

10. What do jurors have to be careful of when they are making their decision?

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### Task 2 – Research and evaluate

Research articles that discuss whether the jury system should still be used in the criminal justice system. For this, you will need to focus on the advantages and disadvantages of using a jury to decide a person's guilt or innocence.

You must not copy directly from Wikipedia or any other websites you use for research. You should produce a bibliography (list of books, journals, websites etc.) that you have used for your research at the end of your document.

The following websites may be of use, however you will need to find further articles for the evaluation:

<https://www.gov.uk/jury-service>

<https://www.inbrief.co.uk/legal-system/jury-selection-process/>

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/7180764.stm>

<https://www.theguardian.com/law/shortcuts/2013/feb/21/10-things-jurors-need-to-know>

<https://www.theguardian.com/money/2016/aug/20/jury-service-repeated-summons>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQGekF-72xQ>

[Evaluation of the jury system - YouTube](#)

Using the information from your research you must now create a report / essay. This could be handwritten or typed. You can print this and hand it in as a finished document or email it to your teacher when you start the course. [pfh@wilberforc.ac.uk](mailto:pfh@wilberforc.ac.uk)

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This is typical of both an A Level Law question and a BTEC Law assignment.