

# HNC @ HOME

## 2026



### A Level and Applied Law *Activity 2*

#### A day in court

There is no better enrichment for the study of law, than to attend court! Why not visit your local Magistrates' Court, or – if you are able to travel to either Leeds or Manchester – the Crown Court?



Apart from travel, there is no cost involved. It would be sensible to phone ahead to confirm opening hours, but you do not have to book in advance. You are able to walk in and sit in the public gallery and observe court proceedings. It might be a good idea to catch the eye of the Usher (usually identified by their black gown – no wig) and explain to them you are a Law student and here to observe. They may even have the time to explain to you who is who, and what the case/s are about.

Write up your observations and thoughts afterwards. What cases did you hear? Who was present in the courtroom? How many judges were there? What were the punishment/s?

*(please bear in mind the court buildings have airport-style security and there are a lot of items that you cannot take in. Again, it's a good idea to phone ahead to check this first).*