

Year 8 The Legal System

Keywords:

Civil laws – designed to settle arguments or disagreements between people

Criminal laws – cover behaviour that needs to be discouraged or prevented by punishment

Libel – broadcasting or writing something about a person which is not true

Crown court – deals with serious cases like murder or robbery

Magistrates court – deals with less serious crimes like speeding or drunk and disorderly

Youth court – deals with those who break the law under the age of 16, aim to restore them into the community

Death Penalty – punishment of death for a serious crime

Sanctity of Life – Christian belief that all life is precious because it is a gift from God

Murder – intending to end someone's life by causing harm

Manslaughter – being responsible for someone's accidental death

United Nations – organisation of countries around the world aiming for peace

Moratorium – a freeze or suspension of an action

