## PCSHE Booklet – Year 9

## Topic 2 – The Justice System

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#### **Knowledge Organiser**

		Year 9 PCSHE Topic 2 – The	The Justice System	
F	Key Terms	KPI1: Introduction to Laws	KPI2: Types of Court:	Youth Justice System:
	Law: a system of rules which a country uses to regulate	Our law comes from legislation (laws passed by	Criminal Courts	<ul> <li>The part of the justice system that deals</li> </ul>
_	the behaviour of its citizens.	parliament) Common law and EU law. England and Wales		with young people (10- 17) The youth
		have the same legal system; Northern Ireland has a very	Midgistrates court: 93% of cases, less	justice system aims to prevent youth
	and is usually a personal matter, rather than a crime. E.e.	similar system. Scotland has its own system of laws	serious crimes $e.g.$ theft. Led by	crime.
_	divorce	Types of Law:	trained magistrates, no jury can only	<ul> <li>The UK recognise that YP who break the</li> </ul>
•	Criminal Law: When someone breaks a law. E.g. stealing		give minimal penalties.	law should be treated differently.
•	Barrister: A type of lawyer that defends the person	<ul> <li>Criminal law: A specific crime has been committed.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Crown court: Serious cases e.g.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sentences will often focus on</li> </ul>
_	charged with a crime in court.	Case between an offender and the government	murder. Led by judge, formal, jury	rehabilitation.
	Jury: is made up of 12 adults, who sit in a crown court	(acting for all citizens) These cases will go through	decides on guilt.	<ul> <li>YP must have an appropriate adult with</li> </ul>
	and decide whether the accused person is innocent or	the criminal justice system and could lead to a		them before they are questioned.
	guilty.	custodial sentence. Range in severity, not all	Courts must consider mitigating factors.	<ul> <li>Youth Offending Teams will work with YP</li> </ul>
۲ د	Judges: a person who is in charge of a trial in a court and	'serious' An Act of Parliament has been broken.	The Crown prosecution Service (CPS)	to support and educate
_	decide how a guilty person should be punished.	<ul> <li>Civil law: Disputes between individuals or group.</li> </ul>	advises the police on cases for possible	<ul> <li>Youth courts (less formal) are used but</li> </ul>
•	Magistrate's Court: All trials starts in a Magistrate's	Often linked to rights e.g. company law, adoption,	prosecution. It reviews cases submitted by	very serious crimes can be passed to a
_	court. A Magistrate can give out sentences but don't	consumer rights. A claimant can bring a case to civil	the police for prosecution and decides the	room court
	have the same power as a Judge so they only rule over	court, normally to claim damages (to sue for money)	charge in very serious or complex cases.	
_	minor offenses. More serious crimes get referred to a	Can still be 'serious' and involve very emotive		Office for national statistics:
י <del>כ</del>	Crown court, in front of a Judge.	issues.	Civil Courts:	
	The Crown Prosecution Service: They advise the police	least reconnectbilities.		<ul> <li>The organisation that collects data about</li> </ul>
	on whether they have enough evidence to prosecute	regar responsibilities.	<ul> <li>A dispute between two individuals</li> </ul>	what is happening in the UK (including
_	someone. They prepare cases for the court and can	<ul> <li>Many people in the UK take a role in the running of</li> </ul>	or groups that requires legal advice	crime).
_	decide what charge they think the accused should	the legal system. You still have rights, even if you	Disputes can be solved in civil	<ul> <li>Most YP who commit crime have low</li> </ul>
	receive.	are an offender Citizens can be on a jury	courts, but also via tribunals (less	literacy or difficult backgrounds. Rates of
	Probation Officer: they supervise offenders in the	(compulsory) train to be a magistrate (to hear cases	formal courts) Ombudsmen (expert	reoffending are high (especially with YP)
_	community when they ve been released from prison.	in courts in their community), become a special	decision makers) Mediation (talking	Violent crime has fallen over the last 20
		constable (trained volunteers who support police)	it through) these are often cheaper	years
	accused of a crime pays so that they can be released	or advise in a tribunal (as an expert) These roles	and quicker	<ul> <li>There is a growing view that prisons need</li> </ul>
	until their trial.	offer great support to justice within the community.		to focus more on rehabilitating prisoners.
	Custody: being kept in prison, while waiting to go to	<ul> <li>If you are arrested you must be told the reason for</li> </ul>	I ribunals produce rulings that are	<ul> <li>Questions what government are doing to</li> </ul>
	court for trial.	the arrest, can tell someone, able to get legal aid.	legally binding; an expert judge	address the root causes of crime (literary
•	Caution: a spoken warning given by the police to	offered medical help if needed, provided with a	takes the lead. Ombudsmen are	noor home life)
	someone who has broken the law	written notice about your rights and offered an	independent and free of charge but	<ul> <li>Origon statistics can be micloading as</li> </ul>
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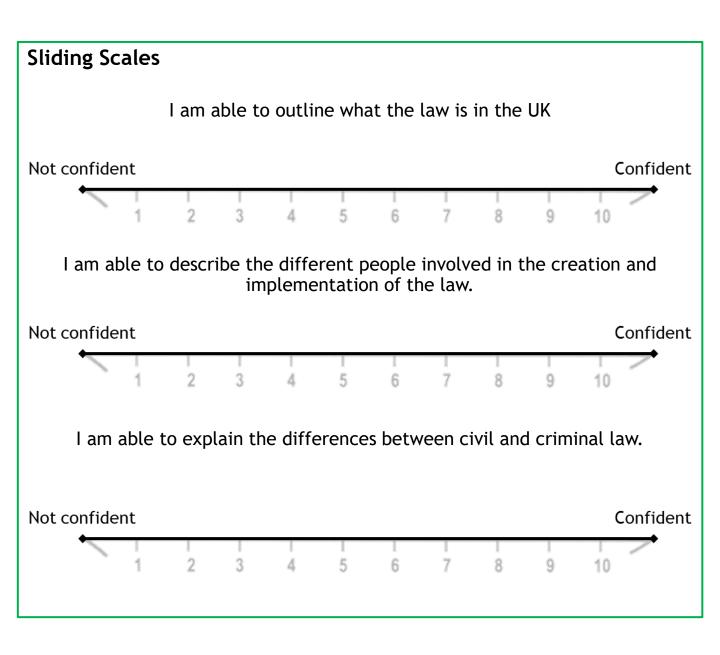
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#### Sliding Scale – Lesson 1

The Law



**Key words:** Law, court, judges, police, solicitor, barrister, magistrates, prosecution, defence, criminal law, civil law,



**Task 1:** Write down your answers independently to the following questions. We will come back to these questions at the end of the booklet.

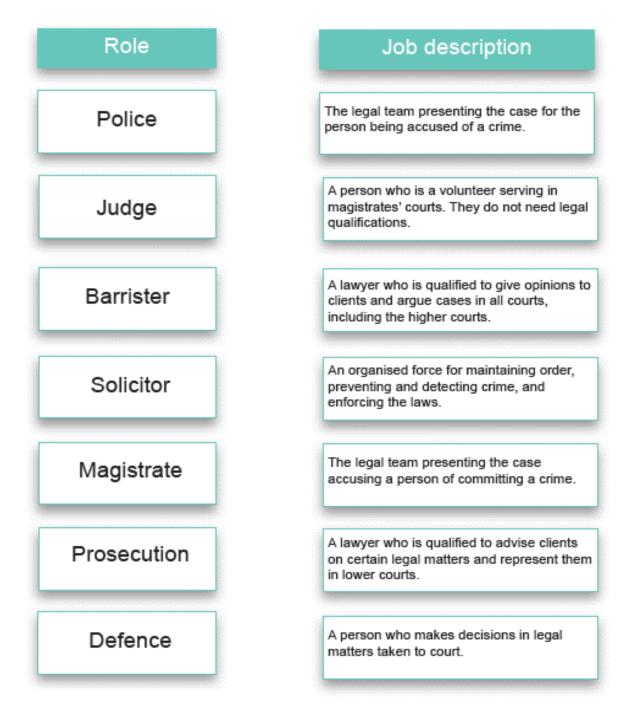
#### Why do we have laws?

Who makes the laws?

Who applies the law?

How does the law affect your life?

#### Task: Match the roles to the job description.



**Task:** Define the following terms:

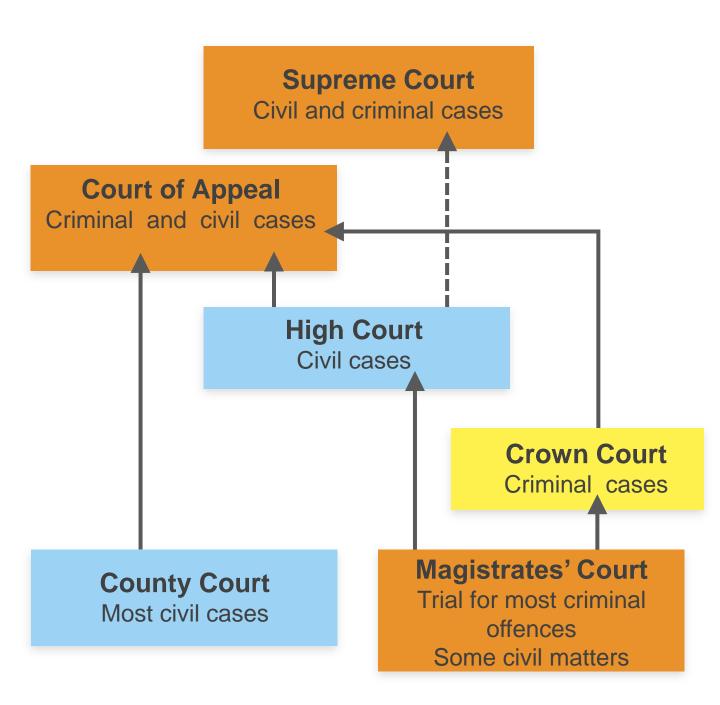
Crime:

**Criminal Law:** 

#### **Civil Law:**

#### This diagram shows a simplification of the hierarchy of courts in England and Wales

- Criminal justice system: Yellow
- Civil system: blue
- Both: Orange



### **Task:** Complete the quiz in your booklet working with your partner.

**Extension:** What court would this be tried in?

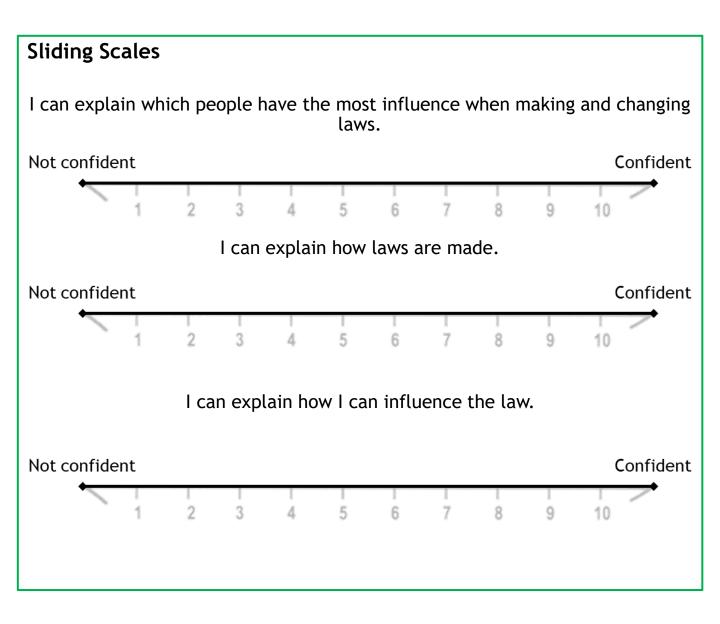
Α	Someone deliberately takes something from a shop without paying for it.  Criminal Civil
В	A bus shelter is smashed and covered in graffiti. Criminal Civil
С	You buy an MP3 player that stops working after two weeks.
D	You download a lot of music from the internet without paying for it.
E	Your neighbours play loud music at night, which stops you from sleeping.
F	You apply for a part-time job, but are turned down. You believe it is because of your ethnicity.
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#### Sliding Scale – Lesson 2

#### How are laws made?



Key words: Legislature, judge, police, house of commons, house of lords, Queen, Government, Green Paper, White Paper, Bill



**Task:** Answer the following questions in your booklet independently.

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Give some examples of laws.

Why do we need laws?

What do you think would happen if we did not have any laws in the UK?

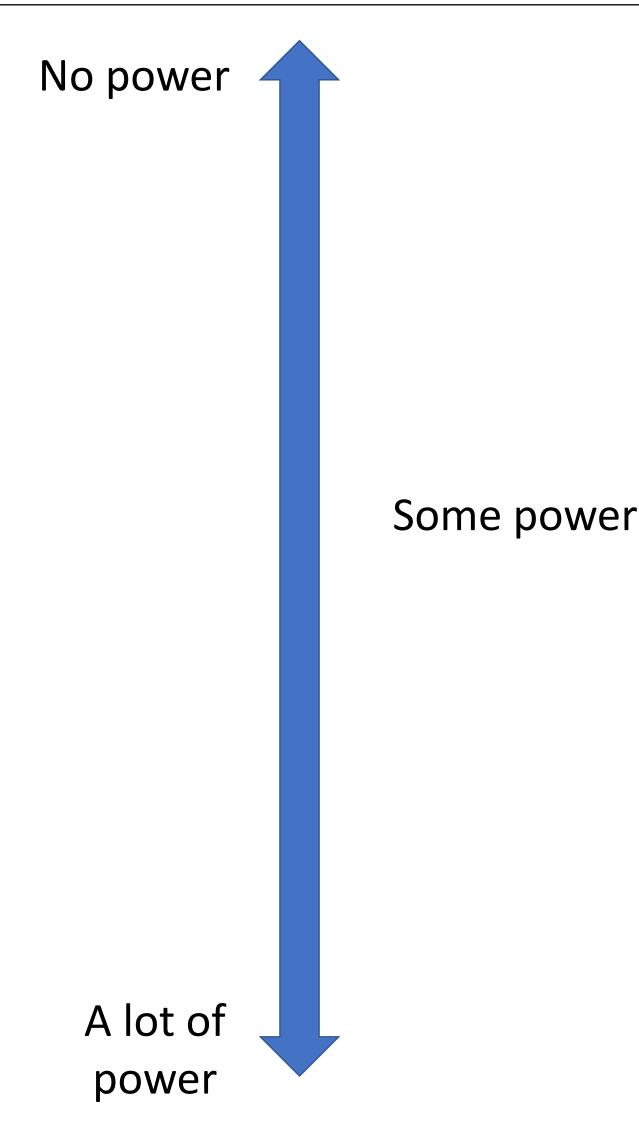


## Who makes the law?

**Task:** Read the different through the different cards showing who influences and creates laws. Match the card to the correct description.

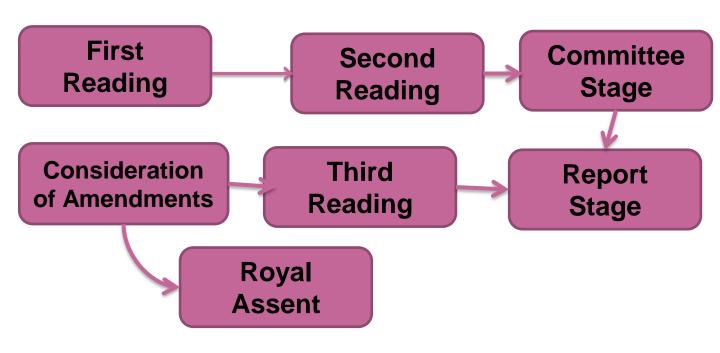
Person/Group	Des	cription
The Police	orde	ole of this organisation is to maintain law and r within our communities. This includes ecting the public and preventing crime.
The House of Lords		eone who is currently studying at an institute of er Education
The Queen		by the Prime Minister they are responsible for all y decisions across the UK.
A University Student	The H	lead of State.
A Judge	-	olic officer appointed to preside over cases in a c of law
The Media	were Prime	of Parliament, it has around 800 members who appointed by the Queen on the advice of the e Minister. Members have a number of roles, one nich is to consider and debate changes to the law.
The Government	or fin These	t for profit organisation set up to provide support nancial aid for a particular cause or purpose. e organisations must remain independent and ive their support to a particular political party or o.
A Charity		nighest ranking person in a company or nisation.
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Some	eone who is currently not in work.
An Unemployed person		ge of communication outlets through which can be spread.
An MP	peop	rson who has been elected to represent the le from a particular area in the House of mons.
A Pensioner (some who is retired)	Some	eone aged between 13-19
A Teenager	Some	eone who has retired and is receiving a pension.

**Task:** Rank these individuals/groups along the following continuum line. Explain below why you have placed them in this order.



### **Parliamentary Stages**

New Bills must be approved by both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and can be introduced into either House. A Bill will go through the following stages in Parliament:



**Task:** What are the advantages and disadvantages of this system to create a law.

Advantages	Disadvantages

### Changing the Law

**Task:** Look at the following laws which are proposed. Discuss the following questions with your partner.

- 1. What are the advantages and disadvantages of changing these laws?
- 2. Who will need to be involved if the law is to be changed?

#### Age of Criminal Responsibility Bill:

A Bill to change the age at which someone can be arrested and charged with a crime from 10 to 12 Schools Uniform Bill

#### **Representation of the People Bill**

A Bill to reduce the voting age to 16 in parliamentary and other elections; to make provision for auto-enrolment onto the electoral register for people aged 16 to 24.

#### Schools Uniform Bill

A Bill to require school governing bodies to implement affordability policies when setting school uniform requirements.

#### Wild Animals in Circuses Bill

A Bill to make provision to prohibit the use of wild animals in travelling circuses.

#### Plenary

**Q:** List three groups of people that are influential in getting laws changed

**Q:** List three of the stages that a new law must go through before it is approved

**Q:** Name one way that you can influence the law

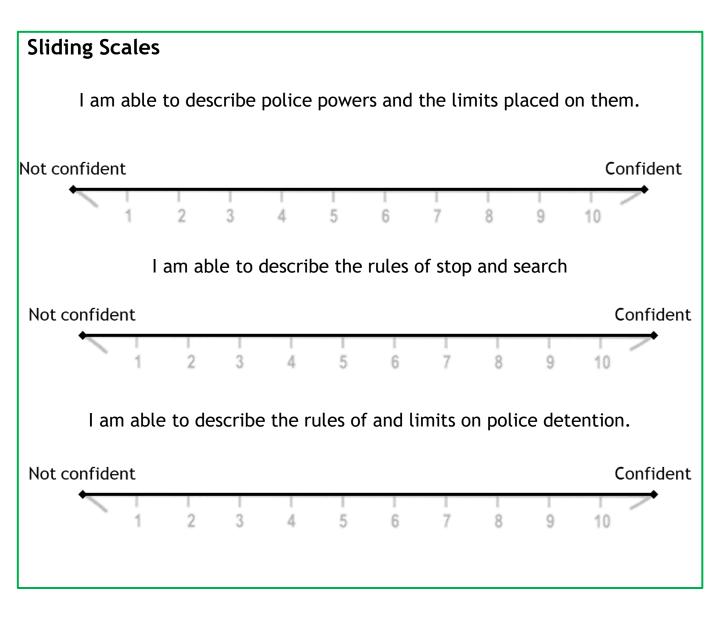
**Q:** What one thing surprised you most about what you have learnt today?

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#### Sliding Scale – Lesson 3

#### The Police



**Key words:** police, stop and search, rights and responsibilities, arrest, detention, police caution.



## What do you think about the police?

**Task:** Answer the following questions in your booklet.

Who are the police and what do they do?

2. Should the police be able to do whatever it takes to catch criminals?

3. How do you think the police should behave?

4. How could the police improve their reputation amongst young people?

## **Stop and Search**

### **Task:** Complete the quiz in pairs to test your knowledge about Stop and Search.

		True	It Depends	False
1	The police can stop me on the street because I have an unusual hairstyle.			
2	I have a right to know the police officer's name if I am stopped.			
3	I have a right to know why the police have stopped me.			
4	I do not have to give my name or address to the police.			
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5	The police have the right to search anyone they choose.			
6	The police don't have the right to search me in public.			
7	I have to be searched by a member of the same sex.			
8	Only my clothing can be searched.			
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9	I have a right to know why the police have stopped me.			



## **Arrest and Detention**

Arrest is a power that the police have to stop someone going about their daily life and to take them and hold them in a police station.

In most circumstances, the police must have a warrant to arrest someone.

Task: Create your ideal police force. What powers of arrest would they have?

1. My ideal police force is called ...

2. Who has the power of arrest in your country? The police, another group or both?

3. When should people be arrested?

4. Should people be told why they are being arrested? Why or why not?

5. Have you decided to put rules in place for the use of the power of arrest? If so, why?

**Extension:** How are police powers in your ideal police force different to police powers in England and Wales?

**Task:** Using the information and the scenarios, work in pairs to decide whether the police officer has used his/her powers lawfully or unlawfully.

Police power	Description under the Police and	Safeguards for the
	Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) 1984	suspect
	and Serious Organised Crime and	
	Police Act (SOCA) 2005	
Stop and search	The police can stop and search people and vehicles in a public place only if they have 'reasonable grounds for suspecting that the person is in possession of (or the vehicle contains) stolen or prohibited articles. Prohibited articles include offensive weapons and articles for use in connection with burglary or theft.'	<ul> <li>The police officer should:</li> <li>give his/her name and police station</li> <li>state the reason for the search</li> <li>not stop you because of your sex, age, colour, disability or any other general physical characteristics.</li> </ul>
Arrest and detention	<ul> <li>the following circumstances:</li> <li>the person is about to commit an offence</li> <li>the person is in the act of committing an offence</li> <li>the person is guilty of an offence</li> <li>the officer has reasonable grounds for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The officer must:</li> <li>inform the suspect that s/he is being arrested</li> <li>tell the suspect that independent legal advice is available free of charge.</li> <li>A consultation with a solicitor in private is allowed.</li> </ul>
Interviewing and collecting evidence	<ul> <li>suspecting any of the above.</li> <li>Strip searches</li> <li>Strip searches should happen in a police station.</li> <li>Searches should not be made in a public area and should be carried out by a police officer who is of the same sex as the suspect.</li> <li>Intimate searches</li> <li>A high ranking police officer can approve an intimate search of a suspect if there is cause to believe that:</li> <li>the person has with them an item which could be used to cause physical injury to themselves or others</li> <li>they are in possession of a class A drug.</li> <li>Such searches should be carried out by a doctor or nurse.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>'The court shall not allow statements which have been obtained through oppression to be used as evidence'.</li> <li>The interview room must be well lit, heated and ventilated adequately.</li> <li>Suspects must be given adequate breaks for meals, refreshments and sleep.</li> <li>For intimate body samples (such as urine, blood or dental samples) the police need the suspect's consent.</li> <li>An imitate search is 'a search which consists of the physical examination of a person's body orifices other than the mouth'.</li> </ul>

### Did the police officer in each scenario use his/her powers lawfully or unlawfully? Justify your answers.

**Scenario 1:** Kwame is a young black boy living in Peckham. He has not committed any offences before and so he does not have a criminal record. Kwame was walking to school with his friend Daniel, who is white, when he was stopped and searched by a police man for wearing a hoodie. Daniel was also wearing a hoodie, but was not stopped by the police.

**Scenario 2:** Saba, who wears a hijab, was driving back from the supermarket and was waiting at a red traffic light when the police stopped her and searched her for dangerous weapons. They said that someone at the supermarket had seen a gun in the boot of her car.

**Scenario 3:** A man aged 60 was shouting at two young boys down the road, 'Stop them! They've stolen my TV and CD player'. The boys, carrying a TV and CD player, kept running down the road. They bumped into two police officers who asked them to stop.

**Scenario 4:** A man in a shopping centre was acting suspiciously in a clothes store. He was opening and closing his bag, but not trying anything on. The security guard called the police and the police stopped the man as he was walking out and searched him.

**Scenario 5:** Two elderly women took some fruit from their local fruit and vegetable market. The stallholder saw some fruit was missing and called over a nearby police officer. The police officer stopped two young boys wearing hoodies instead of the old women.

**Scenario 6:** Karim was arrested as a suspect in a murder inquiry. The police took him to the police station and forced him to give a blood sample without the permission of a high ranking officer.

**Scenario 7:** Sonja was seen by police peering through the windows of a house that had been burgled recently. When the police approached her, she tried to hide and then swore at a police officer. The officer forced her to give fingerprints on the spot.

**Plenary:** Answer the following questions in your booklet:

1. What have you most agreed or disagreed with today?

2. Have any of your thoughts about the police changed? If so, what and why?

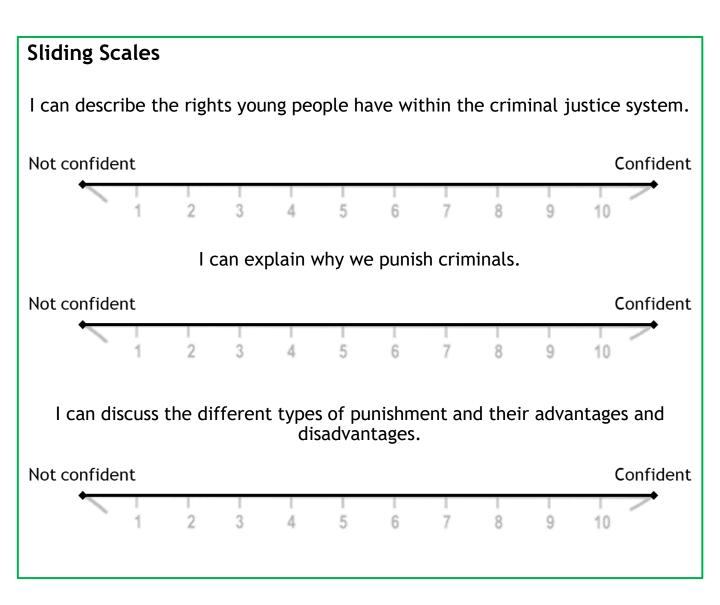
3. Would you consider a career as a police officer? Why/Why not?

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#### Sliding Scale – Lesson 4

#### **Young Justice**



**Key words:** Justice system, police station, court, criminal responsibility, fine, community sentence, criminal behaviour order, crime prevention injunctions, custodial sentences.



## What should the justice system look like?

#### **Justice**

What do you think justice should look like?

The police would be able to arrest young people if...

The police should treat young people...

In order to become a police officer working with young people, you should have to...

If you were arrested, how would you want to be treated? List your ideas below.

## From the Police Station to the Court

**Task:** Complete the quiz in pairs to test your existing knowledge of the criminal justice system.

#### From Police Station to Court Quiz

1.	Can you be arrested for a criminal offence if you are under 14?		
	Yes No Only in serious cases		
2.	Is a young person, of any age, entitled to have a solicitor present when they are interviewed at a police station?		
_	Yes No Only in serious cases		
3.	Do the police have to caution all suspects at the start of an interview?		
_	Yes No Only in serious cases		
4.	Can a young person be forced to give their fingerprints?		
	Yes No Only in serious cases		
5.	For how long can a suspect normally be held at a police station without charge?		
_	Up to 24 hours Up to 2 days Up to 4 days		
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6.	Can a young person be kept in a police cell?		
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**Task:** With your partner, write down as many reasons as possible to explain why we punish people who commit crimes.



#### What is the best way to punish a crime?

**Task:** Complete the following table in your booklet to suggest some of the advantages and disadvantages of the punishments below.

Punishment	What does it involve?	Advantages	Disadvantages
Fines	A fine is the most common form of punishment for an offence given by the criminal courts. The judge will decide how much the fine is and any other costs you must pay including compensation to the victim of your crime. You must pay the fine by a certain date.		
Community Sentence	Community sentencing can give offenders opportunities to make amends for their crime. Community sentencing includes: community service, doing challenging unpaid such as removing graffiti, cleaning up derelict areas or working for charities.		
Criminal Behaviour Orders/Crime Prevention injunctions	The order is aimed at tackling the most serious and persistent offenders where their behaviour has brought them before a criminal court. CBOs include prohibitions to stop the anti-social behaviour, and may also include requirements to address the underlying causes of the offender's behaviour.		
Custodial Sentences	Custody probation orders are for serious offences that deserve a custodial sentence of one year or more. The offender must be aged 17 or older and consent to the order. The order will involve time in custody followed by supervision by a probation officer in the community.		

**Plenary:** Answer the following questions in your booklet.

**Q:** What have you most agreed or disagreed with in this lesson?

**Q:** Do you think young people are aware of the processes involved when someone commits a crime?

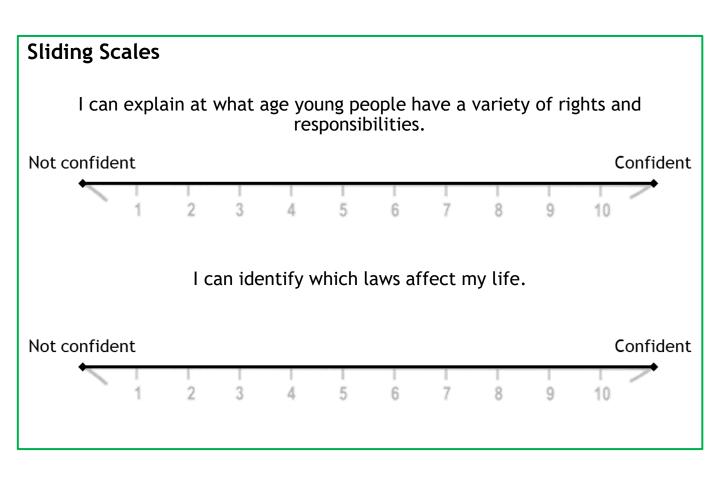
**Q:** Have any of your thoughts about the justice system changed?

**Q:** Do you think that it is important to punish someone that has committed a crime? Why/why not?

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## Sliding Scale – Lesson 5 Your Rights and Responsibilities



Key words: Age, rights, responsibilities, laws, age restrictions



## **Task:** With your partner, decide what age are you allowed to do each of the following.

	At what age does the law allow a young person to:	Answer
1	Buy cigarettes?	
2	Drive on a public road?	
3	Drink alcohol in a pub?	
4	Vote in an election?	
5	Get a tattoo?	
6	Get a job?	
7	Serve on a jury?	
8	Have sex?	
9	Be convicted of a criminal offence?	
10	Join the armed forces?	

#### Task: How fair are these laws?



## **Task:** Read through each case study and answer the questions below. You may work with your partner to complete these.

Melanie is 15 years old. She was fit and active, and enjoyed swimming and playing netball. She believed she was perfectly healthy.

In May 2015 Melanie became seriously ill and was diagnosed with heart failure. Her consultant explained to her that unless she had a heart transplant she would not be expected to live more than a few weeks. If the operation was successful Melanie would feel much stronger and it was expected that she would be able to lead a normal life.

However, she would need to visit the hospital regularly for checkups and would also have to take a combination of medication. This would involve taking between 20-30 tablets every day. Some of the medication would have painful and unpleasant side effects. Having considered the information Melanie decided that, although she did not want to die, she simply couldn't face the rest of her life on drugs. She also added that she felt very uncomfortable with the idea of having someone else's heart.

Melanie's parents disagreed and said that the operation should go ahead. The doctors did not want to operate without Melanie's agreement.

- Q Is 15 old enough to make a decision such as this?
- Q Do you think that Melanie's parents are entitled to a say in this decision?
- Q Imagine that this case is taken to court and your are the judge. Would you rule that the treatement should go ahead? Why / why not?

Sophie is 14 and has been in a secure, loving relationship with her boyfriend, Alex, for nearly a year. Alex is 17.

Sophie feels she would like to take their relationship to the next level and is ready for them to have sex.

**Sophie:** "I know I'm still young but I don't believe that my feelings will change if I wait until I am 16 so why should I wait? Two years is such a long time. It's my life and I should be able to do what I want. Anyway people grow up more quickly nowadays and young people's bodies mature at an earlier age than they used to."

Alex: "I know Sophie is young but most of the time she seems older than me. Girls always seem older as they mature more quickly than boys."

- Q Under current law what would the possible consequences of Sophie and Alex having sex be?
- Q Do you agree that the age of sexual consent should be 16?
- Q Do you think it is right that the age of consent should be decided by law?
- **Q** Do you think the views of parents should be considered?

In August 2015 the Daily Mail published an article stating that children as young as 12 were being prescribed the contraceptive pill by GPs without their parents knowledge.

The article quoted some research carried out by Kings College, London which estimated that 75,000 girls under the age of 16 were being prescribed the pill every year. This compares to around 50,000 in 2002.

- Q Do you agree that young people under 16 should be given contraception without their parents' knowledge? Give your reasons why.
- Q Do parents have the right to know if their son/daughter is involved in a sexual relationship?
- Q Some people would argue that making contraception more easily available encourages young people to have sex. Do you agree? Give your reasons why.

On the 12th February 1993 a two year old boy, James Bulger, was abducted and killed by two ten year old boys, Robert Thompson and Jon Venables.

Bulger was out shopping with his mother, having taken her eyes off of him for just a moment Thompson and Venables led him away. His body was later found more than two miles away on a railway line.

At 10 years old Thompson and Venables were considered old enough to have criminal responsibility. They were both charged and found guilty of murder. They were the youngest convicted murderers in England.

They were both given custodial sentences. In 2001 both boys were released from custody aged 18. They will remain on licence for the rest of their lives.

- Q Do you think that the age of criminal responsibility should be raised? Why / why not?
- Q Do you think you are fully aware and responsible for your actions at the age of 10?
- Q What do you think should happen to children under the age of criminal responsibility who break the law? Does it depend on the level of the crime committed?

**Task**: Use the questions from the 'At What Age' quiz to identify one age restriction that you do not agree with.

Prepare a case for why you think the age should be changed. Consider the following questions:

- 1. What does the law currently say?
- 2. What change would you like to make to the law?
- 3. What are the arguments for and against your suggested change?
- 4. Which individuals would be affected if the law was changed?
- 5. How would society be affected if the law was changed?

Key influencers: Think about who you would need to get on board to support your argument? For example... Young people; MPs; Legal professionals; Experts in the area; Media.

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## **Plenary:** Answer these questions in your booklet.

Q: What surprised you most about what we discussed today?

Q: Are there any laws that you particularly agree or disagree with?

Q: How do the laws we discussed impact your life?

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