

SUBJECT: Economics A Level

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:Dr R Frampton

EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER: WJEC Eduqas: A520QSL / QAN: 60141037

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Students will develop an understanding of economic concepts and theories through critical consideration of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life, drawing on local, national and global contexts.

Students will develop in-depth understanding of the role of markets and how governments seek to manage them, gaining awareness of contemporary developments in macroeconomic policy.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Economics is an exciting, dynamic subject that allows students to develop an understanding of the complexities and interdependence of economic activities in a rapidly changing world. At the heart of economic theory is the problem of scarcity. Owing to scarcity, choices have to be made. The economics course, uses economic theories, models and key concepts to examine the ways in which these choices are made in individual markets ,at the level of the government and the national economy and at an international level, where countries are becoming increasingly interdependent.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

Anderton A Level Economics textbook

Financial Times – free mobile app subscription (see student shared drive for instructions)

Economist – free mobile app subscription (See student shared drive for instructions)

School library Business/ Economics novel section

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Economic Principles. 1h 30m. 30%. Section A compulsory multiple choice questions. Section B compulsory structured questions.

Paper 2: Exploring Economic Behaviour. 2h 30m. 30%. Compulsory data response questions.

Paper 3: Evaluating Economic Models and Policies. 2h 30m. 40%.Section A Microeconomics. Section B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

All Lower Sixth Students attend a "City of London Experience" day, visiting institutions such as Investec, Bank of England, Lloyds of London and Blackrock.

Economics is a highly respected subject that leads naturally not only to careers related to Finance and Business, but also in government departments, charities and large global multinational companies

As part of the International Enterprise Academy, students

Macroeconomics. Section C Trade and Development. One essay from a choice of two in each section.	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, students must have at least one GCSE grade 6 or above in a Humanities subject and a grade 5 or above in Mathematics. Please note that both essay writing and core mathematical skills are assessed in this course.
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