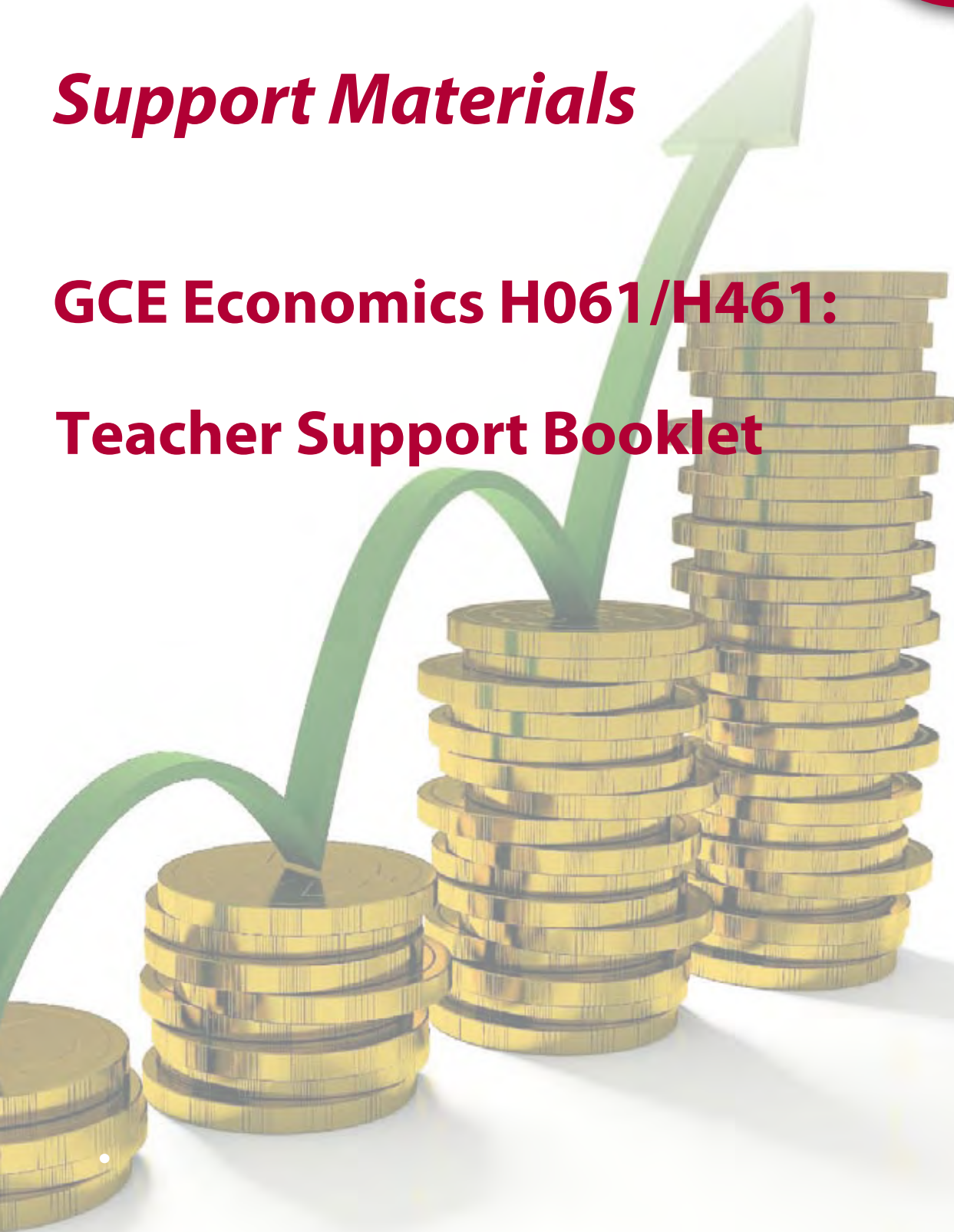




Support Materials

GCE Economics H061/H461:

Teacher Support Booklet



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1 Introduction

The new structure of assessment at Advanced level has been introduced for teaching from September 2008. The specifications are designed to provide candidates with an introduction to Economics.

These specifications are set out in the form of units. Each teaching unit is assessed by its associated unit of assessment. Guidance notes are provided with these specifications to assist teachers in understanding the detail necessary for each unit.

It is important to make the point that the Teacher Support plays a secondary role to the Specification itself. The Specification is the document on which assessment is based and specifies what content and skills need to be covered in delivering the course. At all times, therefore, this teacher support should be read in conjunction with the Specification. If clarification on a particular point is sought then that clarification should be found in the Specification itself.

OCR recognises that the teaching of this qualification will vary greatly from school to school and from teacher to teacher. With that in mind, this Teacher Guide/Notes for Guidance is offered as guidance but will be subject to modifications by the individual teacher.

2 Resources

The range of material available is extensive. The list below is by no means exhaustive. Inclusion does not necessarily mean complete suitability, unless the resource has been endorsed by OCR. The list is intended to act as a broad guide. It is also recognised that teachers may be familiar with other relevant resources that are not listed below.

Key Text Books

Two OCR endorsed Heinemann textbooks have been produced by Principal Examiners for the delivery of the AS and A Level specifications. These are:

Bamford C G and Grant SJ, *AS Economics* for OCR (Heinemann) (Publication expected in Spring 2008)

Bamford C G and Grant SJ and Walton SD, *A2 Economics* for OCR (Heinemann) (Publication expected in Spring 2008)

In addition, teachers will find parts or the whole of the following text books of use to their students. Books that have an asterisk * alongside them are more substantive and will be of more use to teachers. These books are also suitable to A2 students with respect to the “stretch and challenge” requirement.

General Texts, all units

Anderton A *Economics*, 4th edition, 2006, Causeway Press Ltd ISBN 9781902796925

Bamford C G and Munday S. *Markets*. 2002. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435332235

Bade R and Parkin M. *Essential Foundations of Economics*. 2003. McGraw-Hill. ISBN 9780321196668

Begg DK *et al.* *Foundations of Economics*. 2003. McGraw –Hill. ISBN 0077099850

Begg DK *et al.* *Economics*. 2005. McGraw –Hill. ISBN 0077107756

Burmingham D and Davies J. *Environmental Economics*. 2004. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435332266

Grant SJ. *AS Economics*. 2006. Pearson Longman. ISBN 9780582501850

Ison S And Wall S. *Economics*. 2007. Pearson Longman. ISBN 9780273681076

*Mankiw N.G. *Essentials of Economics*. 2006. South Western College Publishing. ISBN 9780324236965

Munday S. *Markets and Market Failure*. 2000. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435330507

Sloman J. *Essentials of Economics*. 2003. Financial Times Management. ISBN 978027363827

Romer S. *The Year in Review and Revision Guide*. 2006/07. Anforme. ISBN 9781905504114

Smith D. *UK Current Economic Policy*. 2003. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435332280

CD ROMS

Tutor2U (www.tutor2u.net) produce an extensive range of teaching and learning materials, including revision guides.

EconoMax, for which a subscription is required, is produced every two months or so and contains short articles on current economic issues.

Some of the general text books referred to above have accompanying CD's containing PowerPoint presentations and revision exercises.

The HSBC produce an annual guide to the performance of the UK Economy, "The UK Economy Explained". This contains a useful coherent selection of statistics. It is free of charge from the Business Economics Unit, HSBC Bank PLC, Level 31, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 5HQ.

Other Resources

Biz / ed (www.bized.co.uk) has for many years produced a range of notes and worksheets for use by GCE Economics students.

Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.com) is a huge resource of economic information. It is though unedited and may not always contain correct information.

Students should be encouraged to read a good newspaper on a regular basis.

The Economist (www.economist.com) contains short, punchy, topical articles and has an excellent search and back issues for subscribers.

"Economics Today", Anforme LTD, is published four times a year and contains accessible articles on AS/A Level topics. These are written by teachers and in some cases OCR examiners.

The BBC news website (www.bbc.co.uk) is an excellent source of information for some of the topics in the AS and A2 specification. It has a good data section and search facility.

The DeSTRESS project (<http://destress.pbworks.com/w/page/42308116/Welcome>) provides a variety of statistical resources for learning and teaching Social Sciences, including Economics.

The Royal Economic Society host an annual Young Economist of the Year Essay Competition (<http://www.res.org.uk/society/youngeconomist.asp>).

There are many websites, governmental and others, that contain relevant up to date articles and statistics of particular relevance to the A2 units and Unit F582. There are really too many to mention. Details will be provided at INSET meetings

3 Resources for A2 Units

Unit F583: *Economics of Work and Leisure*

Cramp P. *Labour Markets: The Economics of Work and Leisure*. 2006. Anforme. ISBN 9781905504084

Hale G. *Labour Markets*. 2001. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435332198

Richards J et al. *Ten Top Topics in Labour Economics*. 2005. Anforme. ISBN 9780907529934

Smith SW. *Labour Economics*. 2003. Routledge. ISBN041525986X

Tribe J. *The Economics of Recreation, Leisure and Tourism*. 2005. Elsevier. ISBN 0750661801

Unit F584: *Transport Economics*

Bamford C G. *Transport Economics*. 2006. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435332341

Cole S. *Applied Transport Economics*. 2005. Kogan Page. ISBN 0749439645

Hibbs. *Transport Economics and Policy*. 2003. Kogan Page. ISBN 0749437723

Unit F585: *The Global Economy*

Asafu-Adjaye J. *Environmental Economics for Non-Economists: Techniques and Policies for Sustainable Development*. 2005. World Scientific Publishing Company. ISBN 9812561234

Begg DK. *Global Economics: Contemporary Issues for 2002*. McGraw-Hill. ISBN 9813479643

Black I. *The UK Economy: 1994 – 2004*. 2005. Anforme. ISBN 9780902529927

Black I. *Ten Top Topics In Development Economics*. 2004. Anforme. ISBN 9780907529835

Clift P et al. *Ten Top Topics In International Trade and Globalisation*. 2004. Anforme. ISBN 9780907529859

Cramp P. *Economic Development*. 2006. Anforme. ISBN 9781905504053

Grant S and Bamford CG. *The European Union*. 2006. Heinemann. ISBN 9780435332358

Krugman PR and Obstfeld M. *International Economics: Theory and Policy*. 2006. Addison-Wesley. ISBN 0321364066

Smith C. *International Trade and Globalisation*. 2007. Anforme. ISBN 9781905504107

4 Other forms of Support

In order to help you implement these new specification effectively, OCR offers a comprehensive package of support. This includes:

OCR Training

Get Started...towards successful delivery of the new specifications

These full-day events will run from Spring 2008 and will look at the new specifications in more depth, with emphasis on first delivery.

Visit www.ocr.org.uk for more details.

Hosted Network Events

OCR runs a number of successful network events, hosted by our Customer Support Managers. These enable you to meet colleagues from other centres and share best practice. The events are about peer learning and provide an excellent opportunity to carry out standardisation activities and receive updates from OCR.

For more information, please contact the Networks and Regional Coordinator on 024 7649 6396.

Mill Wharf Training

Additional events are also available through our partner, Mill Wharf Training. It offers a range of courses on innovative teaching practice and whole-school issues - www.mill-wharf-training.co.uk.

e-Communities

Over 70 e-Communities offer you a fast, dynamic communication channel to make contact with other subject specialists. Our online mailing list covers a wide range of subjects and enables you to share knowledge and views via email.

Visit <https://community.ocr.org.uk>, choose your community and join the discussion!

Interchange

OCR Interchange has been developed to help you to carry out day to day administration functions online, quickly and easily. The site allows you to register and enter candidates online. In addition, you can gain immediate a free access to candidate information at you convenience. Sign up at <https://interchange.ocr.org.uk>

Published Resources

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OCR offers centres a wealth of quality published support with a fantastic choice of 'Official Publisher Partner' and 'Approved Publication' resources, all endorsed by OCR for use with OCR specifications.

Publisher partners

OCR works in close collaboration with three Publisher Partners; Hodder, Heinemann and Oxford University Press (OUP) to ensure centres have access to:

- Better published support, available when you need it, tailored to OCR specifications
- Quality resources produced in consultation with OCR subject teams, which are linked to OCR's teacher support materials
- More resources for specifications with lower candidate entries
- Materials that are subject to a thorough quality assurance process to achieve endorsement

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Endorsement

OCR endorses a range of publisher materials to provide quality support for centres delivering its qualifications. You can be confident that materials branded with OCR's "Official Publishing Partner" or "Approved publication" logos have undergone a thorough quality assurance process to achieve endorsement. All responsibility for the content of the publisher's materials rests with the publisher.

These endorsements do not mean that the materials are the only suitable resources available or necessary to achieve an OCR qualification. Any resource lists which are produced by OCR shall include a range of appropriate texts.