

Introduction to GCSE Economics

Why study Economics?

GCSE Economics is not just a theory-based subject, it is about real life. It will give you a sound understanding of the UK and international economy. It will help you to understand current issues which are relevant in the real world. You will gain skills which will be useful in a wide range of jobs, in the further study of Economics and in your personal life.

You will study:

- * The Economic Problem – major issues relating to different economic markets;
- * The Competitive Market;
- * The Economic Role of the Government within the UK;
- * The European and International Setting.

You will learn:

- * How to analyse economic problems and issues;
- * How to evaluate evidence, and communicate your arguments clearly;
- * To work on your own and as part of a team.

Strategies include:

- * Looking at current economic issues;
- * Using the Internet to gain information about the economy.

Assessment:

There is a choice between two levels of entry: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level the grades available are G to C and at Higher level the grades available are D-A*. There is no coursework.

Examination

You will take:

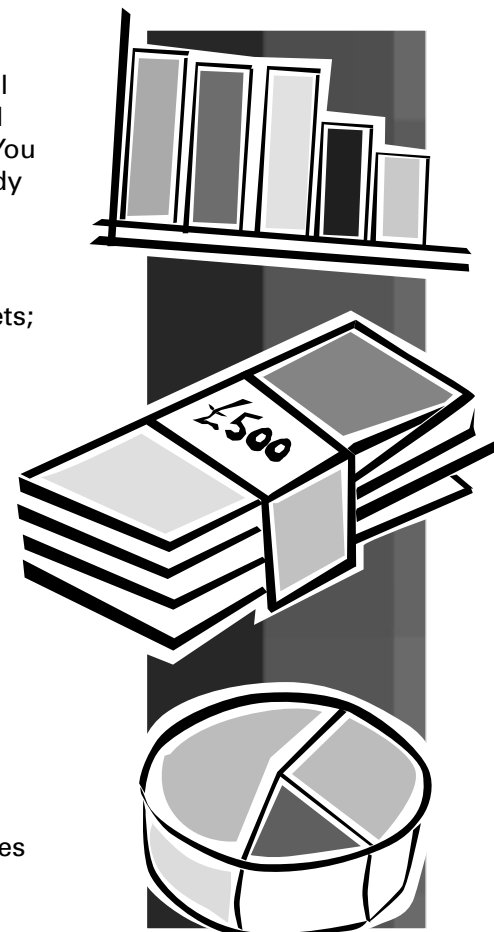
Paper 1 or 3 (1 hour 30 minutes)

This will be worth 50% of your overall result. You will answer four questions based on a scenario given in the examination paper. Some of the questions will need short answers only and some will need longer pieces of writing.

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Paper 2 or 4 (1 hour 30 minutes)

This will be worth 50% of your overall result. You will be given a Case Study based on a scenario which you will have time to study (in class) before the examination. The examination paper will be based on the Case Study. You will answer approximately seven questions, some of which will need short answers and some of which will need longer pieces of writing.



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