Year 13 Economics Curriculum Overview

Rationale.

A Level Economics is an engaging and intellectually stimulating subject that explores how individuals, businesses, and governments make decisions in a world of scarce resources. It is ideally suited for students considering future careers in areas such as Finance, Banking, Business Management, Public Policy, or Data Analysis.
The course encourages students to think critically about real-world economic issues and to develop strong analytical and evaluative skills. Through the study of both microeconomics and macroeconomics, students will examine key contemporary topics such as economic growth, inequality, globalisation, market structures, and government intervention. By applying economic theories to current events and global challenges, students gain a deeper understanding of how economies function and how decisions impact individuals and societies.

Term/Length of Time	**Outline** **Brief information about specific knowledge, skills and experiences the students will have**	**Assessment/Teacher Feedback Opportunities** **This should link to your G4Smarkbook**	**Homework and Literacy resources** **This needs to include compulsory and optional tasks** **Should include books as well as vocab/speaking/listening resources. These can either be optional or part of your SL.**
Autumn 1	**Market Structures, Labour Markets.** Students will examine the concept of efficiency, including productive, allocative and dynamic efficiency, and assess how different market structures influence economic outcomes. They will compare the characteristics and performance of perfect competition, monopolistic competition, oligopoly and monopoly, evaluating their advantages and disadvantages for consumers, businesses and the wider economy. Students will also explore pricing strategies and contestable markets, analysing how the threat of competition can affect firm behaviour. In labour markets, students will investigate the demand for labour and the factors that influence employers' decisions to hire workers. Through focused revision and Year 13 mock examinations, students will consolidate their understanding of microeconomic theory and develop the analytical, evaluative and examination skills required for success in their final assessments.	Assessment 341-345 JB Assessment 321,333 MS Year 13 Mocks Economics mock papers provide students with a realistic rehearsal for the terminal examinations by replicating the Edexcel exam format, question styles and timed conditions. They assess students' ability to apply economic knowledge, analyse data, interpret quantitative evidence and evaluate economic arguments in contemporary contexts. Feedback from each mock identifies strengths and areas for improvement, develops exam technique, and builds the confidence and resilience needed for success in the final examinations. Assessment Framework: Economics A (Edexcel)	**Homework:** • Produce a revision resource after each topic (using the revision checklist)- Topic Market structures and labour markets • Assessment preparation Optional homework & literacy resources: Reading list: **Current Affairs Source** Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Office for National Statistics (ONS) BBC Business Financial Times The Economist **Websites** Tutor2u Economics – knowledge organisers, case studies and exam support materials for Theme 3.

		The assessment framework is based on the following: Assessment Outcome 1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: • economic theories and models • key concepts and terminology • economic data and evidence • economic policies and their purposes Assessment Structure Students complete assessments on Microeconomics (Theme 1: Markets and Market Failure), which uses the command verb: This extended response question requires students to: interpret and use a data response or item apply relevant economic concepts (e.g. elasticity, market failure, government intervention) demonstrate clear chains of reasoning begin to develop analysis and evaluation (e.g. considering effectiveness of policies, short vs long-term impacts)	Edexcel Economics Revision – specification-based resources for all Theme 3 topics. **YouTube** EconplusDal Tutor2u Economics Enhance Tuition Podcasts The Economist – Money Talks BBC – More or Less FT News Briefing **Recommended Reading** The Undercover Economist – Tim Harford Fifty Things That Made the Modern Economy – Tim Harford 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism – Ha-Joon Chang Freakonomics – Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner
Autumn 2	**Labour Markets, Globalisation and International Trade** Students will examine the supply of labour and the factors that influence individuals' decisions to participate in the workforce. They will analyse how wages are determined in competitive and non-competitive labour markets, including the role of trade unions, monopsony power and labour market imperfections. Students will then explore the process of globalisation, evaluating its causes and its economic, social and environmental impacts on different countries, businesses and consumers. They will also investigate the benefits and drawbacks of specialisation and international trade, applying concepts such as comparative advantage to assess how trade can improve economic welfare and efficiency. Through Year 13 mock examinations, students will consolidate their understanding of labour and international	Assessment 346,347.351.352,353,411 JB Assessment 334,361 MS Assessment Outcome 2: Apply economic theories, concepts, evidence and policies to a range of issues. Students will be expected to apply their knowledge to both familiar and unfamiliar contexts, including real-world economic scenarios, data extracts and case study material. Students will be required to demonstrate: knowledge and understanding of economic models and terminology application to the context provided some analysis and evaluation, although this skill is further developed over time.	Homework: • Produce a revision resource after each topic (using the revision checklist)- Topic Globalisation and international trade. • Assessment preparation Optional homework & literacy resources: **Reading list:** EconplusDal Tutor2u Economics Podcasts The Economist: Money Talks BBC: More or Less **Current Affairs** BBC Business

	economics while developing the analytical and evaluative skills required for success in their final assessments.	Completed in timed classroom conditions Additional Assessment Students will also complete questions on Macroeconomics	Financial Times The Economist Recommended Reading The Undercover Economist – Tim Harford The Logic of Life – Tim Harford Economics: The User's Guide – Ha-Joon Chang 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism Ha-Joon Chang Freakonomics – Levitt & Dubner Nudge – Thaler & Sunstein
Spring 1	**International Trade and Trade Protection** Students will examine patterns of trade between countries and analyse the factors that influence the exchange of goods and services in the global economy. They will investigate terms of trade and evaluate how changes in export and import prices can affect a country's economic performance. Students will also explore the role of trading blocs in promoting economic integration and increasing trade between member nations, while considering their potential benefits and drawbacks. Finally, they will assess the use of restrictions on free trade, including tariffs, quotas and subsidies, evaluating the arguments for and against protectionist policies and their impact on consumers, producers and economic welfare.	Mocks - 412,413,414,415 JB Mocks - 362,441,442 MS Economics mock papers provide students with a realistic rehearsal for the terminal examinations by replicating the Edexcel exam format, question styles and timed conditions. They assess students' ability to apply economic knowledge, analyse data, interpret quantitative evidence and evaluate economic arguments in contemporary contexts. Feedback from each mock identifies strengths and areas for improvement, develops exam technique, and builds the confidence and resilience needed for success in the final examinations.	Homework: • Produce a revision resource after each topic (using the revision checklist)- Topic international trade and trade protection • Assessment preparation Optional homework & literacy resources: Reading list: Current Affairs Source Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Office for National Statistics (ONS) BBC Business Financial Times The Economist Websites Tutor2u Economics – knowledge organisers, case studies and exam support materials for Theme 3. Edexcel Economics Revision – specification-based resources for all Theme 3 topics. YouTube EconplusDal Tutor2u Economics Enhance Tuition Podcasts The Economist – Money Talks

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Spring 2	**Poverty, Inequality, Economic Development and Growth Strategies** Students will examine the concepts of poverty and inequality, analysing their causes, consequences and the challenges they present for individuals, economies and societies. They will explore a range of measures of development, including economic and social indicators, and evaluate their strengths and limitations when assessing living standards and quality of life. Students will investigate the relationship between economic growth and economic development, considering how increases in national income can contribute to broader improvements in welfare. They will also assess a variety of strategies that governments and international organisations can use to promote economic growth and development, evaluating their effectiveness in supporting sustainable improvements in living standards and reducing poverty and inequality.	Mock paper theme 1 ,2,3 Economics mock papers provide students with a realistic rehearsal for the terminal examinations by replicating the Edexcel exam format, question styles and timed conditions. They assess students' ability to apply economic knowledge, analyse data, interpret quantitative evidence and evaluate economic arguments in contemporary contexts. Feedback from each mock identifies strengths and areas for improvement, develops exam technique, and builds the confidence and resilience needed for success in the final examinations.	Homework: • Produce a revision resource after each topic (using the revision checklist)- Topic poverty, inequality, economic development and growth strategies • Assessment preparation Optional homework & literacy resources: Reading list: Current Affairs Source Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Office for National Statistics (ONS) BBC Business Financial Times The Economist Websites Tutor2u Economics – knowledge organisers, case studies and exam support materials for Theme 3. Edexcel Economics Revision – specification-based resources for all Theme 3 topics. YouTube EconplusDal Tutor2u Economics Enhance Tuition Podcasts The Economist – Money Talks BBC – More or Less FT News Briefing
Summer 1	**Public Expenditure, Macroeconomic Policies and Final Examination Preparation** Students will examine the role of public expenditure in achieving economic and social objectives, evaluating the impact of government spending on economic growth, employment, income distribution and public services. They	Economics mock papers provide students with a realistic rehearsal for the terminal examinations by replicating the Edexcel exam format, question styles and timed conditions. They assess students' ability to apply economic knowledge, analyse data, interpret quantitative evidence and evaluate	• Homework: • Produce a revision resource after each topic (using the revision checklist)- Topic Public Expenditure, Macroeconomic Policies and Final Examination Preparation

	will analyse the use of macroeconomic policies in a global context, considering how fiscal, monetary and supply-side policies can be applied to address economic challenges and promote sustainable growth. Students will assess the effectiveness of these policies in different national and international settings, taking account of competing objectives and external influences. Through focused revision of Papers 1, 2 and 3, students will consolidate their understanding of microeconomics, macroeconomics and synoptic themes, developing the analytical, quantitative and evaluative skills required for success in their final examinations.	economic arguments in contemporary contexts. Feedback from each mock identifies strengths and areas for improvement, develops exam technique, and builds the confidence and resilience needed for success in the final examinations.	• Assessment preparation Optional homework & literacy resources: Reading list: Current Affairs Source • Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) • Office for National Statistics (ONS) • BBC Business • Financial Times • The Economist • Websites • Tutor2u Economics – knowledge organisers, case studies and exam support materials for Theme 3. • Edexcel Economics Revision – specification-based resources for all Theme 3 topics. YouTube • EconplusDal • Tutor2u Economics • Enhance Tuition • Podcasts • The Economist – Money Talks • BBC – More or Less FT News Briefing