



## ECONOMICS

## Exam Board: Edexcel

### About the course

Economics A-Level gives pupils a genuine insight into the way the world works. Through exploring issues such as why unemployment exists, how governments can deal with recessions, and why firms and individuals make the decisions they do, students are able to engage with the news and develop their own opinions on dealing with challenges in the economy. Students who undertake this course have the opportunity to enhance their skills of analysis and critical evaluation, to become independent learners *and* thinkers, and to have the confidence to cultivate their own views and perspectives on the world.

### Course requirement:

A, B or above is required in English and Maths. You should have a minimum of 5 appropriate GCSEs at grades A-C.

### Year 12 - Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Economics A (8EC0)

The course is structured into two themes and consists of two externally examined papers. Students must complete all assessment in May/June in any single year.

<p><b>Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure</b> This theme introduces students to the microeconomic nature of economics, looking at economic problems and the ways economists think and work.</p>	<p>50%</p>	<p><b>Paper 1: Introduction to markets and market failure</b> <b>Paper 1 will assess microeconomics and questions will be drawn from Theme 1.</b> <b>Overview of assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written examination.</li> <li>• The paper comprises two sections.</li> <li>• Section A comprises a range of multiple-choice and short-answer questions. Students answer all questions.</li> <li>• Section B comprises one data response question broken down into a number of parts, including a choice of extended open-response questions; students select one from a choice of two.</li> <li>• Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes.</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theme 2: The UK economy – performance and policies</b> This theme introduces the key measures of economic performance and the main instruments of economic policy primarily in a UK context.</p>	<p>50%</p>	<p><b>Paper 2: The UK economy – performance and policies</b> <b>Paper 2 will assess macroeconomics and questions will be drawn from Theme 2.</b> <b>Overview of assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written examination.</li> <li>• The paper comprises two sections.</li> <li>• Section A comprises a range of multiple-choice and short-answer questions. Students answer all questions.</li> <li>• Section B comprises one data response question broken down into a number of parts, including a choice of extended open-response questions; students select one from a choice of two.</li> <li>• Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes.</li> <li>• 80 marks.</li> </ul>

**Year 13 - Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Economics A (9EC0)**

**Students must complete all assessment in May/June in any single year.**

<p><b>Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure (AS)</b></p> <p><b>Theme 3: Business behaviour and the labour Market (A Level)</b> This theme builds on the content of Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure and focuses on business economics.</p>	<p>35%</p>	<p><b>Paper 1: Markets and business behaviour</b> <b>Paper 1 will assess microeconomics and questions will be drawn from Themes 1 and 3.</b></p> <p><b>Overview of assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written examination.</li> <li>• The paper comprises three sections. Students answer all questions from Section A and Section B, and one from Section C.</li> <li>• Section A comprises a range of multiple-choice and short-answer questions.</li> <li>• Section B comprises one data response question broken down into a number of parts.</li> <li>• Section C comprises a choice of extended open-response questions; students select one from a choice of two.</li> <li>• Duration: 2 hours.</li> <li>• 100 marks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theme 2: The UK economy – performance and policies (AS)</b></p> <p><b>Theme 4: A global perspective (A Level)</b> This theme builds on the knowledge and skills gained in Theme 2: The UK economy – performance and policies, and applies them in a global context.</p>	<p>35%</p>	<p><b>Paper 2: The national and global economy</b> <b>Paper 2 will assess macroeconomics and questions will be drawn from Themes 2 and 4.</b></p> <p><b>Overview of assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written examination.</li> <li>• The paper comprises three sections. Students answer all questions from Section A and Section B, and one from Section C.</li> <li>• Section A comprises a range of multiple-choice and short-answer questions.</li> <li>• Section B comprises one data response question broken down into a number of parts.</li> <li>• Section C comprises a choice of extended open-response questions; students select one from a choice of two.</li> <li>• Duration: 2 hours.</li> <li>• 100 marks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure (AS)</b></p> <p><b>Theme 2: The UK economy – performance and policies (AS)</b></p> <p><b>Theme 3: Business behaviour and the labour Market (A Level)</b></p> <p><b>Theme 4: A global perspective (A Level)</b></p>	<p>30%</p>	<p><b>Paper 3: Microeconomics and macroeconomics</b> <b>Paper 3 will assess content across all four themes.</b> Students are required to apply their knowledge and understanding, make connections and transfer higher-order skills across all four themes.</p> <p><b>Overview of assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Written examination.</li> <li>• The paper comprises two sections.</li> <li>• Each section comprises one data response question broken down into a number of parts, including a choice of extended open-response questions; students select one from a choice of two.</li> <li>• Duration: 2 hours.</li> <li>• 100 marks.</li> </ul>