



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Economics

Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel A

Course Specification: Edexcel Economics A 9EC0

Qualification obtained: Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Level GCE in Economics A

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Subject Overview:

A-level Economics will give you an excellent understanding of how economies allocate their scarce resources to meet the needs and wants of their citizens. You will develop a greater understanding of the economic problems which face individuals, firms and governments on a local, national and global level and the alternative ways these problems can be resolved. You will investigate microeconomic topics such as how individual decisions impact economic outcomes, the importance of competition, how markets operate and why they fail and how the distribution of income and wealth is affected. At the same time you will learn about macroeconomics, looking at the 'big picture' of how our national economy fits into the global context, the global impact of financial markets and monetary policy and the operation of the international economy.

Assessment percentage Exam: 100%

Progression Routes:

An A-level in Economics will benefit you if you are looking to go on to study economics, business or finance at university. The skills you acquire will help you no matter what degree course you choose. You may choose to pursue a career in a directly related field such as banking or finance.

The A-level course in Economics will stand you in good stead by giving you an insight and understanding of the economic forces that impact your day to day activities. Alternatively, you may decide to follow a career path which isn't directly related to your course of study. The analytical and evaluation skills that you will have developed will be useful whatever path you choose in the future

Subject requirements:

- Grade 5 in English Language
- Grade 5 in English Literature
- Grade 6 in Mathematics

Subject complementary learning:

The subject is very diverse and therefore compliments many subjects.

Student Quotes:

"Economics helps us to understand how decisions are made by firms, the government and households. The usage of economics has helped me to apply concepts to my everyday life."

"For me, economics is about the world around us, it is the study of humankind; the study of how individuals, firms and governments interact with each other to allocate scarce resources. My journey through economics over the two years has developed my understanding of how increasingly the world has become interconnected. It has placed an importance on constantly evolving economic issues such as unemployment, inflation and growth, as well as providing me with valuable knowledge for making well informed choices in our everyday life. "

Year 12 & 13

Topics covered:

- Theme 1 - Introduction to Markets and Market Failure
- Theme 2 - The UK economy- performance and policies
- Theme 3 - Business behaviour and the labour market
- Theme 4 - A global perspective

Assessment:

Is 100% Exam.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Guided Learning Hours	Assessment Details	Weighting
1	Markets and Business behaviour- (Theme 1&3)	120	Written Exam: 100 marks, 2hr	35%
2	The national and global economy- (Theme 2&4)	120	Written Exam: 100 marks, 2hr	35%
3	Microeconomics and macroeconomics – (all themes)	120	Written Exam: 100 marks, 2hr	30%

Additional information

Course specific equipment:

- Calculators
- Pens
- Pencils
- Rulers
- Files
- Dividers

Essential Reading Material:

Pearson Edexcel A Level Economics A Fourth Edition (tbc)

ISBN 9781510449596

Economics Review Magazine

Daily newspapers and The Economist

Useful Websites:

<http://www.tutor2u.net/>

<https://www.economicsonline.co.uk/>

<https://edexceleconomicsrevision.com/>