

KS5 Curriculum Overview: Economics

Rationale: In Y13 we endeavour to build on the learning in year 12 in a synoptic manner developing their breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding as well as introducing new more complex concepts. We will also continue to build their skills particularly their ability to evaluate and make sound supported judgements.

Term / Length of Unit	Outline	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Knowledge/Skills End Points	Reading
Autumn term 1	<p>Micro: <u>1. Individual economic decision making</u> Consumer behaviour: - Rational economic decision making and economic incentives. - Utility theory: total and marginal utility, and the hypothesis of diminishing marginal utility. Utility maximisation. The importance of the margin Imperfect Information: - The importance of information for decision making. The significance of asymmetric information. Rational decision making Behavioural economics - Bounded rationality and bounded self-control. Biases in</p>	<p><u>Macro and Micro</u> Exam paper based assessment: - context based questions - Essay based questions</p> <p>Aiming for evidence of: -- knowledge consolidation - building of key skills</p>	<p><u>Macro and Micro</u> Past A level exam papers focusing on the topics being covered: - 10 & 15 mark short essays - 25 mark essays - Stat's and data based questions</p> <p>Weekly HL – topic based Essay questions</p>	<p><u>Macro and Micro</u> Staff Resources</p> <p>Business and Economics A level Micro A level Macro Full SOL PowerPoints by topic/lesson Resources by topic PLC's</p>	<p><u>Micro</u> Develop K&U of Individual economic decision making: - based on rational utility maximisation - based on irrational behavioural influences</p> <p>Build knowledge on theory of the Firm, costs, revenues and profit. The importance of the margin and the difference between SR and LR production issues. Through concepts of law of diminishing returns and returns to scale. Extend knowledge on different market structures, characteristics and models that</p> <p><u>Skills</u> Using S&D analysis to illustrate how individual decision making impacts on demand.</p>	<p>Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth and Happiness by R Thaler & C Sunstien</p> <p>The Invisible Gorilla by C Chabris and D Simons</p> <p>Misbehaving by Richard Thaler</p> <p>Predictably irrational by Dan Ariely</p> <p>The Wealth of Nations by A Smith Economics Review</p>

	<p>decision making: rules of thumb, anchoring, availability and social norms Altruism and perceptions of fairness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trad econ theory v behavioural theory <p>Behavioural economics & Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choice architecture and framing - Nudges - Default, restricted & mandated choices. <p><u>2. Production costs and revenues</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SR production theory-law of diminishing returns - LR production theory-returns to scale - Marginal costs and revenues - Profit – normal and abnormal - Technological change <p><u>3. Competitive & concentrated markets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Market structures - The objectives of Firms – profits v others - Perfect competition-features, LR v SR 				<p>Impact of behavioural factors on demand</p> <p>Analysis and evaluation skills.</p> <p>Developing AS and AD analysis to analyse inter- relationship between objectives and conflicts.</p> <p>Developing analysis and evaluation of monetary policy tools.</p> <p>Data analysis – macro and micro data</p>	<p>Economics Today</p> <p>The Economist</p> <p>The Financial Times</p> <p>The General Theory of Employment, Interest and Money By J M Keynes</p> <p>The purchasing power of money by R Irving</p> <p>The Economist Guide to the Financial Markets by Mark Levin</p> <p>Modern Financial Markets & Institutions : a practical perspective by G Arnold</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monopoly, monopoly power, monopsony - Monopolistic competition – characteristics - Oligopoly – interdependence – collusive and non-collusive. - Price discrimination - Contestability of markets 					
Autumn term 2	<p>Micro :</p> <p><u>4. Market failure and Government intervention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Causes of market failure - Environmental market failures - Property rights - Industrial policy – competition policy, public ownership, privatisation, regulation & deregulation. - Government failure and CBA <p><u>5. Distribution of income and government failure</u></p>	<p>As above + Timed answers 10/15 mark questions</p>	As above	As above	<p><u>Micro</u> Develop and deepen knowledge of market failure, issues that this causes and how the government intervenes to put right. Look at specific current issues lie environment and key concepts around property rights. Different types of micro economic policy, use of CBA and possibility of government failure. Distribution of income and wealth and the issue of poverty. Labour market, demand from firms and supply from individuals, key models and impact of organisations like TU's and government.</p> <p><u>Skills:</u> Chains of reasoning – analysis</p>	<p>The Fundamentals of Production Theory by Rolf Fare</p> <p>The Problem of Production: A New Theory of the Firm by PL Bylund</p> <p>Platform Revolution: How Networked Markets are Transforming the Economy--and How to Make Them Work for You by Geoffrey G.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The distribution of income and wealth - The issue of poverty - Government policy and the issues of moral hazard and unexpected consequences. <p>6. Labour market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demand for labour MPL and MRPL - Supply of labour - Perfectly competitive labour markets - Discrimination in the labour market - Imperfectly competitive labour markets - Influence of TU's on labour market - National minimum wage 				<p>Use of diagrams – application</p> <p>Questioning the analysis - evaluation</p>	<p>Parker & Marshall W. Van Alstyne</p> <p>Fiscal Policy and the Natural Resources Curse: How to Escape from the Poverty Trap (Routledge Studies in Development Economics) by Paul Mosley</p> <p>THE SUPPLY SIDE REVOLUTION IN BRITAIN by Patrick Minford</p>
Spring term 1	<p>Macro:</p> <p>1. Developing Macroeconomic theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The main objectives of government macroeconomic policy - Conflict between objectives 	<p>PPE papers</p> <p>Practicing timed answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10 & 15 mark - 25 mark 	<p>As above</p> <p>+</p> <p>Start of revision programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing different revision resources 	As above	<p><u>Macro</u></p> <p>Develop K&U of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Macroeconomic objectives, conflict between objectives and development of issues and theories that link these objectives. - Financial markets, policies and regulation 	<p>Market or Government Failures?: An Asian Perspective by A. S. Bhalla</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Other objectives - Circular flow and economic growth - unemployment issues - Inflation and Philips curve - Quantity of Money Theory – Fisher equation <p><u>2. Financial Markets and Monetary policy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The structure of financial markets and financial assets - commercial banks and investment banks - Role of central banks - Monetary Policy - Regulation of the financial system <p><u>3. Fiscal and Supply side policies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key element of fiscal policy - Demand side nature of fiscal policy - Cyclical and structural deficits and surpluses - Supply side improvements v policies 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying personal preferences <p>Weekly essays topic based</p>		<p>Develop and deepen understanding of Fiscal and Monetary policies how they work and the impact that can have on the economy and the different macroeconomic objectives through impact on AD and AS</p>	<p>Free Markets Under Siege by Richard Epstien</p> <p>CAPITAL by Thomas Piketty</p> <p>Donut Economics by Kate Raworth</p> <p><i>Edge of Chaos: Why Democracy Is Failing to Deliver Economic Growth – and How to Fix It</i> by Dambisa Felicia Moyo</p> <p>The world Trade Organisation – law, Economics & Politics by B M Hokeman</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply side policies & growth - Supply side policies and the labour market 					
Spring 2	<p>Macro: 4. International Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balance of payments - Impact of surpluses and deficits - Calculation of BoP - Trade - Comparative and Absolute Advantage - Marshall Learner & J curve effect - The of specialisation and trade - Changing patterns of trade over the years - Protectionism and protectionist policies - International trade organisations – WTO - Exchange rates 	<p>Completing whole papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic based - Timed and untimed <p>Weekly essays topic based</p>	<p>As above + Continuation of revision programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set tasks with deadlines - Use of PLC to identify areas of weakness 	As above	<p><u>Macro</u> The international economy starting with the 4th macroeconomic objective balance of payments. International trade, specialisation through comparative and absolute advantage and changes in patterns of trade over the years.</p> <p><u>Skills</u> Developing own bank of application points through watching the news and listening or reading about current affairs. Developing evaluation points from single point to multiple points through use of chains of reasoning. Exchange rate systems, globalisation and economic growth and development.</p>	<p>Labour Market Economics by D Benjamin</p> <p>Labor Economics by Stephane Carcillo</p> <p>Economics of the Labour Market - Unemployment, Long-Term Unemployment and the Costs of Unemployment</p> <p>Editor: Junankar, P. N.</p> <p>Essays on Rational Expectations and</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Different exchange rate systems and their pro's and cons - Globalisation - Causes and consequences of globalisations - Role of MNC's and TNC's - Impacts on LEDC's and EDC's - Economic Growth and Development - Measures of Growth and development - Study of some less developed and developed countries - Barriers to growth - Government policies and Aid 				<p>How exchange rates impact on the economy and how government can use as part of monetary policy.</p> <p>The causes and issues around increased globalisation and the impact on LEDC's and EDC's. The difference between economic growth and development.</p> <p><u>Skills</u> – linking evaluation and application to core skill of analysis</p>	Flexible Exchange Rates (Routledge Library Editions: Exchange Rate Economics) 1st Edition, Kindle Edition by Nasser Saidi
Summer 1	Revision of topics and building exam skills for both Macro and Micro	Timed essays/papers Essay planning Multiple choice for assessing breadth of knowledge	Revision	Revision resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plc's - Mind maps - Exam questions 	<u>Knowledge</u> – of all A level content as detailed in the plc <u>Skills</u> required in order of importance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation - Analysis - Application 	The Economist The Financial Times The Broadsheet newspapers Economics Today Economics Review

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