

BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS

Year 11

Topics Studied:

In the autumn term, students will be studying monopoly power, controlling big businesses, economic growth, economic growth and the standard of living.

In the spring term, students will be studying environmental issues of economic growth, sustainable economic growth and government action to protect the environment.

In the summer term, students will be completing their key knowledge by studying poverty and equality, international trade and help for LEDCs. There should be an opportunity for revision and final examination practice in the summer term before the examinations in May/ June.

Exam Board:

Pearson Edexcel.

Year 11 students follow the legacy Pearson Edexcel GCSE in Business Studies and Economics (2BE01) specification. This course uses the A* to G grading structure.

Assessment structure:

Unit 1 – 25% of qualification

Unit 2 – 25% of qualification – controlled assessment

Unit 5 – 50% of qualification

Units 1 and 5 are externally assessed units and will be examined in May/June of Year 11.

Keywords that students should know, and be able to spell, by the end of Year 11:

Monopoly, regulators, pressure groups, competition, self-regulation, privatised, gross domestic product, capital, infrastructure, GDP per capita, inequalities, externalities, non-renewable, corporate social responsibility, legislation, regulation, subsidy, taxation, poverty, quotas, tariffs, protectionism.

Subject specific websites to support revision and independent learning:

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/business

www.businessed.co.uk

www.tutor2u.net

www.bbc.co.uk

www.edexcel.co.uk



Recommended subject guides:

GCSE Business Units 1, 3 and 5 Revision Guide. ISBN 9781446903735. This is available to purchase through the school. Students studying this course are not required to know Unit 3 content.

Edexcel GCSE Business: Introduction to Small Business by Alain Anderton & Ian Gunn – Student Book. ISBN: 9781846904967.

Edexcel GCSE Business: Introduction to Economic Understanding by Keith Hirst and Jonathan Shields. ISBN: 9781846904998.

To help your child in GCSE Business Studies and Economics this year you can:

- ensure they have space and quiet to revise key knowledge, complete homework and prepare for their final examinations
- support them in learning how to spell the keywords above
- ask them to explain the keywords above by reflecting on their lessons and referring to the work in their exercise book
- encourage them to access the above subject specific websites and to undertake further reading on the topics covered and complete the tests/quizzes
- encourage them to use the GCSE Business Revision Guide, to support homework completion, revision and further reading
- encourage them to produce cue cards on each topic area and use them to revise and test their key knowledge
- help them to practise past examination papers, in timed conditions, found on the Pearson Edexcel website
- encourage them to listen/read about current news stories, especially any affecting government control, and discuss the news with them to enhance their understanding

Additional Information:

Students will be set a weekly homework task and will complete one milestone assessment each half-term.

