



Economics

About the course

A Level Economics B develops students' understanding of how individuals, businesses and governments make economic decisions and how markets and economies operate.

The Pearson Edexcel 9EB0 course introduces microeconomic and macroeconomic concepts through real-world business contexts. Students need to understand economic theory, apply it to familiar and unfamiliar situations, analyse quantitative and qualitative evidence, and make supported judgements about economic issues.

What will students study?

- Theme 1 – Markets, consumers and firms
- Theme 2 – The wider economic environment
- Theme 3 – The global economy
- Theme 4 – Making markets work

How is the course assessed?

Paper 3 is synoptic and requires students to draw together knowledge and understanding from all four themes. It uses a pre-released broad context alongside unseen quantitative and qualitative evidence.

What does successful study look like?

A Level Economics B requires consistent work throughout the course. Students should:

- Regularly recall and revisit key economic concepts and terminology
- Keep up to date with current economic events, policies and real-world business examples
- Practise drawing, interpreting and applying economic diagrams
- Develop confidence with calculations, data and quantitative evidence
- Practise applying economic theory to unfamiliar business and economic contexts
- Build clear chains of analysis showing cause and effect
- Develop balanced evaluation and make supported judgements
- Complete exam-style questions and respond accurately to command words
- Review mistakes, examiner feedback and misconceptions

Success in Economics B comes from combining strong economic knowledge with effective application, analysis and evaluation. Students should be able to use evidence from extracts and their wider knowledge of the economy to support well-reasoned conclusions.

Component	Content	Assessment	Weighting
Paper 1 – Markets and how they work	Themes 1 and 4	2-hour written examination 100 marks	35%
Paper 2 – Competing in the global economy	Themes 2 and 3	2-hour written examination 100 marks	35%
Paper 3 – The economic environment and business	Themes 1, 2, 3 and 4 Synoptic assessment	2-hour written examination 100 marks	30%