

Economics

Entry requirements: Grade A* to B in English language

Exam board: WJEC

Teachers (Subject to change): Mr D Jones & Mrs Thompson

Link to Specification: https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/economics-as-a-level/#tab_overview

Transition tasks: <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/hwsrg8>

Other useful links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9IjktFC9Tg>

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Business and Communications Faculty

Economics

What is Economics? Imagine that you are one of twenty people stranded on a desert island. A number of issues will arise immediately -

- How will you decide what to make?
- What will influence your decision?
- Should everyone receive an equal share of the weekly produce?
- How will you decide which person should do which job?

Now imagine that you are dealing with an island containing sixty million people.....!

Economics concerns itself with the system we use to answer these challenging questions. The system we choose then generates new problems – what about unemployment, inflation, illegal drugs, minimum wages, the environment etc? As good economists, we must understand these problems and seek solutions.

Economics provides an extremely interesting way to develop skills valued by higher education and employers. You will be trained to be analytical – you will become better at considering problems, solutions and the implications of those solutions. You will learn to evaluate – to weigh up the pros and cons of a solution. This leads to countless job opportunities.

Independent research suggests economists earned more than almost all other graduates. One study found that after 10 years, male economics graduates earned more than all other graduates except dentists.

Business Studies

Entry requirements: Grade A* to B in Business Studies GCSE (if studied) or A* to B in English language

Exam board: WJEC

Teachers (Subject to change): Mr D Jones & Ms Parkes

Link to Specification: https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/business-as-a-level/#tab_overview

Transition tasks: <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/hwsrg8>

Other useful links: <https://www.tutor2u.net>

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Business Studies

The A Level Business course provides learners with an introduction to the dynamic business environment and the importance of entrepreneurial activity in creating business opportunities and sustaining business growth.

You will gain a holistic understanding of business in a range of contexts and a critical understanding of different types of organisations and their ability to meet society's needs and wants. You will have the chance to generate enterprising and creative approaches to business problems and issues and to acquire a wide range of business and generic skills, including decision making, problem solving, the challenging of assumptions and critical analysis.

The AS accounts for 40% of the total A Level, it is divided into two examinations: Unit 1 covers Business Opportunities, including business start-ups, SMEs and other types of business organisations. Unit 2 covers Business Functions and involves data response questions covering the full AS course content.

The A2 units account for 60% of the A Level and are also divided into two examinations: Unit 3 covers business strategy and analytical techniques used in decision making. Unit 4 is an essay based exam covering the full A level content.

Applied Business

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at Grade C or above GCSE Business Studies Grade C or above (if studied).

Exam board: WJEC

Teachers (Subject to change): Mrs Parkes & Mr M Davies

Link to Specification: https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/business-level-3/#tab_overview

Transition tasks: <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/hwsrg8>

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Applied Business

Applied Business is a dynamic and challenging course that can lead to university, employment or help you take the first steps to being an entrepreneur!

The course will allow you to study all aspects of running and working in a business, including: business decisions, dealing with customers, communication, marketing and market research.

The units of study will allow you to put business theory into practice and develop transferable skills which will equip you for employment or further study.

You will consider the problems that businesses face, solutions to these problems and their consequences. You will become better at making decisions - a skill highly sought by employers and universities.

50% of the course is assessed by Exam, 50% by Internal Assessments. The course is likely to suit students who are good at organising their work effectively, meet deadlines and prefer to spread their assessments out over the course of a year. You will be given the opportunity to meet successful business people and visit companies to gain an insight into the business world.

ICT

Entry requirements: GCSE ICT at Grade C or higher or GCSE English Language at Grade C or higher (if GCSE ICT not studied)

Exam board: WJEC

Teachers (Subject to change): Mr Lloyd and Mrs G. Hughes

Link to Specification:

Transition tasks: <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/hwsrg8>

Other useful links:

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ICT

This Level 3 course continues the themes of the level 2 course studied in Years 10 and 11. It provides learners with the opportunity through applied learning, to develop the core principles and specialist knowledge and understanding required in the IT sector. The two year course covers five units of work, two of which are external examinations and three portfolios which are externally moderated.

In Year 12 you will study the following topics: The Fundamentals of IT, Global Information and Cyber Security.

In Year 13 you will study Mobile Technology, Project planning and a third topic: the Internet of Everything. This course is very practical and is graded on your ICT skills. It is ideal for students who enjoy using ICT and intend to take ICT or related courses at a higher level at college or university. It will give you transferable skills to help you through the rest of your working life. You need to be well motivated, have a passion for ICT, be a good communicator and be well organised.

Health and Social Care

Entry requirements: A desire to work in Health and Social Care And 4 GCSEs at C grade or above

Exam board:

Teachers (Subject to change): Mrs C Hughes and Mrs Kenworthy

Link to Specification:

Transition tasks: <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/hwsrg8>

Other useful links:

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Health and Social Care

Health and Social Care provides you with a unique opportunity to study a vocational course at A level standard. The way in which it is delivered and assessed allows you to explore topics through research and work related placements.

A variety of tasks enable you to use methods such as presentations, posters and leaflets. There is also the opportunity to carry out practical tasks in care settings such as residential homes and early years' environments. You will develop skills to work independently or as part of a team. ICT and communication are also integral to the course.

The Introductory Diploma includes a mandatory unit in communication skills. Optional units include voluntary activities, complementary therapies, anatomy and physiology.

The Diploma requires the completion of a number of mandatory credits. In addition there is a large choice of optional units including life stages, anatomy and physiology, Sociology, Psychology, dementia care, challenging behaviour, special needs, voluntary work and research skills.

If you are thinking of a career in health, social care or early years, this is the course for you. You can progress to university or work related qualifications in primary teaching, nursing, social work, occupational therapy, the probation service, youth work, counselling or human resource management.

Tourism

Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade C or above.

Exam board: WJEC Level 3 Applied Certificate

Teachers (Subject to change): Mr M Davies, Mr D Jones & Mr Lloyd

Link to Specification: https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/tourism-level-3/#tab_overview

Transition tasks: <https://hwb.gov.wales/go/hwsrg8>

Other useful links:

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Tourism

Fancy a career in Event Management?

Want to join one of the UK's biggest industries employing over three million people and worth £126.9bn to the economy?

If you have answered 'yes' to either of these questions then this is the course for you.

This exciting qualification will help you to prepare for employment in this truly global industry. You will study a range of tourist destinations throughout the world, investigate the impacts of tourism on different regions and gain experience of managing actual events.

The Tourism course consists of coursework and an examination.

You will also have the opportunity to organise a visit to a city of your choice in the second year of the course.

There are a vast range of courses available at university in order to further your studies. These range from BSCs in Tourism Management to BAs in Event Management.