

GCSE Economics (AQA) Revision Plan 2026

Exam Dates 2026

Economics 8136

8136/1 Paper 1 - How markets work
8136/2 Paper 2 - How the economy works

1h 45m
1h 45m
08 May 2026
22 May 2026
pm
am

Primary Revision Resources: GCSE Economics knowledge book



GCSE Economics revision guide Past Exam Papers and Mark Schemes



Revision Sites: The following sites are useful for revision for key terms and multichoice questions:



GCSE Revision Guide – All students have a copy of Tutor2u AQA 9-1 GCSE Economics Knowledge Book. All students have also been emailed a copy of the GCSE Economics revision guide.

Useful websites for content

- www.tutor2u.net
- www.economicsonline.co.uk

Useful YouTube channels for application

- EconplusDal
- Tutor2u Economics

You should start your GCSE Economics revision now to ensure that you cover all the topics prior to the mock. We have outlined a recommended revision plan for the weeks leading up to the exam.

Paper 2 – How the Economy Works

Date	Topic	Content	E-book pages
Week 1 23 Feb	Government Objectives	Economic Growth Employment and Unemployment Inflation and price stability Balance of Payments Distribution of Income and inequality	114-123 124-134 149-165 228-239
Week 2 2 March	How the government manages the economy	Fiscal Policy – types of indirect and direct tax. Progressive and regressive taxation Supply Side Policy – advantages and drawbacks	166-184 196-205
Week 3 9 March	How the government manages the economy	Monetary Policy Interest rates The impact of interest rates on Savings and Borrowing Managing inflation	185-195
Week 4 16 March	Market Failure Government Policies to reduce market failure	Misallocation of Resources Externalities – private, external and social costs Policies to correct positive and negative externalities (government intervention)	206-218

Week 5 23 March	International trade and the global economy	Why countries trade and the importance of international trade to the UK Free trade agreements including the European Union Globalisation: benefits and drawbacks to consumers, producers and workers. Exchange Rates	220-224 225-227 251-264
Week 6 30 March	The role of money	The role of money Financial Markets	97-99

Paper 1 – How Markets Work

Date	Topic	Content	E-book pages
Week 7 6 April	Economic Foundations Resource Allocation Specialisation	Economic Activity The Factors of Production & Economic Sectors Making Choices – needs and wants Economic Agents – Producers, consumers, government Specialisation and Division of Labour Benefits and drawbacks of specialisation	2 – 31
Week 8 13 April	How prices are determined (demand, supply, elasticity)	Supply and Demand Factors that shift Supply and Demand Equilibrium Price	32- 64
Week 9 20 April	Elasticity	Price Elasticity of Demand Price Elasticity of Supply	
Week 10 27 April	Production, costs, revenue and profit	The importance of cost revenue and profit for producers Production and Productivity Economies of Scale	75-87
Week 11 4 May	Competitive Markets Concentrated markets	Competitive Markets Non- Competitive Markets (monopoly and Oligopoly) The Labour Market	66-74 88-96

And finally, remember that revision is not just about learning the subject theory. You must know how to write your exam answers. When you revise remember to learn the theory (AO1 Content), Link it to real businesses / case study examples (AO2 Application) and explain advantages and drawbacks, plus make a recommendation (AO3 Analysis / Evaluation)

Assessment objectives (AO)

	Assessment objectives	Command words
AO1 35%	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and issues	Identify, State Explain
AO2 35%	Apply knowledge and understanding of economic concepts and issues to a variety of context	Calculate, Complete Explain
AO3 30%	Analyse and evaluate economic evidence and issues to demonstrate understanding of economic behaviour, make judgements and draw conclusions.	Analyses, Discuss, Evaluate, Recommend



Use the QR code to watch a video to help achieve A03 Evaluation in your answers: