

Economics

Leaving Certificate Economics aims to stimulate students' curiosity and interest in the economic environment and how they interact with it.

The syllabus is a common syllabus which can be assessed at both higher and ordinary level. A research project worth 20% is completed in 6th Year. Final exam 80%.

Topics include

Demand and Supply, Government and taxation, Inflation, Sustainability, market structures, banking, EU and trade.

C.A.O Points

Higher Level Grade	Points	Ordinary Level Grade	Points
H1	100		
H2	88		
H3	77		
H4	66		
H5	56	O1	56
H6	46	O2	46
H7	37	O3	37
H8	0	O4	28
		O5	20
		O6	12
		O7	0
		O8	0

Further Information visit

<https://www.jct.ie/home/home.php>

<https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Home/>

<https://careersportal.ie/>

<https://heywood.ie/>

Careers in Business

- Accounting
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Marketing
- Management
- Enterprise
- Retail
- Sales
- Banking

“The detailed curriculum subject plans developed for the delivery of each business subject are of a very high quality”.

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Junior Cycle Business Studies

Junior Cycle Business studies focuses on improving students' understanding of the business environment and on developing skills for life, work and further study through the three inter-connected strands: Personal Finance, Enterprise & Our Economy .

All 1st year students do a taster programme after which they make their subject choices.

Topics covered include:

Budgeting, Insurance, Consumer rights, Borrowing & Saving, Basic Bookkeeping, Government & Taxes.

Assessment is as follows

All students are assessed at a common level.

Classroom based Assessment 1 in 2nd year is a group project.

Classroom based assessment 2 is an individual presentation in 3rd year.

Assessment task is a report worth 10% and is based on CBA2. (sent away to the SEC for correction)

Final written exam in June each year is worth 90%.

Junior Cycle Business Studies introduces students to the 3 business subject areas of business, Accounting & Economics. All 3 subjects are offered at senior cycle.



Grading

Distinction	≥ 90-100
Higher Merit	≥ 75 > 90
Merit	≥ 55 and > 75
Achieved	≥ 40 and > 55
Partially Achieved	≥ 20 and > 40
(not graded)	≥ 0 and > 20

Transition Year

In Transition Year all students study Business for one period per week for a full term. In this class students study interesting topical issues linked to the senior cycle course. They study topics relating to the 3 business subjects to allow them to make an informed subject choice.

Topics Include:

Employment Law, Enterprise, Marketing, Government & Taxation, Stock Market, Black Economy, Basic Bookkeeping and Computerised accounts



Student Enterprise PROGRAMME

In addition, students can opt for our Enterprise class 1 period per week for the full school year. In this class students come up with a business idea and bring it to reality. Students follow the Laois Enterprise Programme and enter their annual enterprise awards. Heywood Community School has had many successes over the years and has represented Laois in both the junior and senior categories at the National Finals. In 2022 a group of students claimed 3rd prize. Students get the opportunity to promote and sell their products in school and beyond. Students are assessed using a credit system for completing projects, assessments, presentations etc.

Senior Cycle

Accounting: provides students with the knowledge, understanding and skills in accounting and financial management necessary for managing personal and basic company accounts. The learning experiences in accounting develop students' organisational, logical thinking, planning and problem-solving skills.

The syllabus is a common syllabus which can be assessed at both higher and ordinary level.

Topics include:

Double entry bookkeeping, Bank reconciliation statements and Cash flow statements

Business

Leaving Certificate business creates an awareness of the importance of business activity and develops a positive and ethical attitude towards enterprise.

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Topics include:

people in Business, Management & Planning, Marketing & Expansion, EU & Trade.