

A Level Subject Information

Subject: Home Economics

What the subject is about:

The central focus of Home Economics education is the health and wellbeing of people in their everyday living.

Home Economics is concerned with the **management of resources** and with making informed decisions about **nutrition** and **consumer issues**. In particular it allows students to develop an understanding of spiritual, moral, ethical, social, legislative, economic and cultural issues by providing opportunities for students to explore issues such as **genetic engineering** (A21), **consumer legislation** (A21), **sexual health** (AS2), **relationship between diet and health** (AS1), risk factors for **mental** and **emotional health** (AS2).

Nb. At A Level there is no practical element.

Course content and assessment schedule:

| Paper | Duration | Season when first taken | Brief outline of main content. (Identify where coursework or practical forms part or all of a module) |
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| 1 | 1 hr 30 mins | Jan/June | <i>Nutrition for optimal health-</i> The study of macro/micro nutrients, nutritional requirements and the current dietary advice in relation to life long health. |
| 2 | 1 hr 30 Mins | Jan/June | <i>Priority health issues –</i> The study of current research in relation to diet and health, mental and sexual health. Pupils will study the targets, strategies, initiatives and campaigns for improving the nations health. |
| 3 | 2 hours | June | <i>Consumer issues –</i> Students will study consumer issues relevant to today’s society. They will consider the factors which affect consumer behaviour. |
| 4 | Coursework | Jan/June | <i>Coursework –</i> Students undertake a compulsory researched based assignment. This is an internal assessment. |

Entry requirements:

| Compulsory GCSE subjects | Grade | Desirable subjects | Grade |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| | | Home Economics | A-C |
| | | Science | A-C |

Qualities / skills needed to succeed in the course

Students must:-
 Be familiar with a range of ICT packages.
 Be able to work independently and work with others
 Be able to self evaluate with a view to improvement.
 Be able to think critically and evaluate information