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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope that your son/daughter was pleased with their Economics mock result. The marks ranged from high A grades to a few U grades and the average was a grade B. These marks will form the basis of their UCAS prediction (or their prediction for an Apprenticeship or job) but I will take their performance across the year into account too. The actual predicted grades will be decided in September/October and so there is time for students to demonstrate independent work across the next five weeks which could be used as evidence that they will do better next year. I will also consider how well they have grasped the Year 13 concepts: we started the first Year 13 module (theme 3) in June and we will have completed a significant part of theme 3 by the end of September.

Economics was one of the first courses to become a linear course and so we have a lot of experience with the work required by the students. Next summer they will take three exams (all two hours long) which test the work covered in Year 12 as well as the work covered in Year 13. Therefore the Supervised Study and Homeworks which are being set this term aim to start the consolidation process required. It is very important that these are completed to a high standard as they will be very useful when revising next year.

For students who achieved below their target grade we recommend that they purchase a workbook for theme 1 and also for theme 2 (details below) and work through it at their own pace. The answers are supplied on line and the students should ensure that they complete both workbooks in good time. However, these workbooks are useful for any student who wishes to reinforce their understanding of Year 12 work.

Edexcel A-Level/AS Economics A Theme 1 Workbook: Introduction to markets and market failure Peter Davis **£5.99** Paperback Hodder ISBN 9781471844577 published 26/06/2015

Edexcel A-Level/AS Economics A Theme 2 Workbook: The UK economy - performance and policies Andrew Sykes **£5.99** Paperback Hodder ISBN 9781471844584 published 26/06/2015

Past papers, along with mark schemes and sample answers (with examiner's comments), are all saved on the school website and these are very useful for students. Reading a quality newspaper once a week and following the Economics Twitter feed are both helpful to link the academic concepts with real-world examples.

Finally, the EZY Economics videos and quizzes along with other sites such as <https://www.youtube.com/user/pajholden> or <https://www.youtube.com/user/EconplusDal> or <http://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/> are all excellent sources of revision.

Upgrade will start in September on Tuesdays (4-5pm) and any student who achieved below their target grade is expected to attend. In the past I have also had students attending who are aiming for an A* grade too and I hope that this will happen this year.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Wilson
Head of Economics and Business