

A Level Economics

The Course

Economics has become high profile. Recent media headlines include:

“How would an interest rate rise of 0.25% affect me?” *BBC News*

“UK GDP growth weakest since 2013 and slower than previously thought” *The Guardian*

“Consumer confidence defiant but personal finance fears loom” *The Telegraph*

You will look at these and many more controversies helping you develop awareness of the world around you and a solid understanding of the importance of Economics and its impact on our lives. To succeed at Economics you must read widely around the subject and be interested and engaged in business and economic news. The course requires a significant understanding and use of numeric data and you will need to be confident undertaking calculations and using data presented in tables, charts and diagrams.

The Content

The new linear AQA specification is now well established and is engaging with up-to-date content that takes into account fundamental advances and changes in economic ideas. The approach to Economics is to apply economic theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues, encouraging students to appreciate the interrelationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics. Economists think. You'll learn to question and challenge economic controversies and the disagreements between economists in a way that develops your critical thinking skills and helps you understand the facts behind the headlines.

Assessment

100% examined. There is no coursework.

Paper 1: Microeconomics; data response questions, essay questions.

Paper 2: .Macroeconomics; data response questions, essay questions.

Paper 3: Economic principles and issues; multiple choice questions, case study questions.

Subject entry requirements

GCSE Maths grade 6 or above, GCSE English Lang grade 5 or above, GCSE English Lit or humanities subject grade 5 or above.

Pathways/Careers

Students go on to study or work in many fields successfully, including:

Actuarial analyst

Chartered accountant

Chartered certified accountant

Data analyst

Economist

Financial risk analyst

Forensic accountant

Investment analyst

Statistician

Stockbroker

Chartered public finance accountant