

Why study A Level Economics?

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.

What will I study?

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 and 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.

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.

Study trips, visits and events

We regularly enter business and economics related competitions such as Tycoons for Schools.

Subject entry requirements

5 in Maths, **plus** 5 in English Language or Literature.

Student Perspective

“Studying A Level economics at has aided my understanding of both microeconomic and macroeconomic decisions, and the impact these have on individuals in everyday life. I feel as though this A Level has prepared me to take a degree in economics, which is my ultimate ambition.”

Tommy, A Level Economics student