

A Level Economics

Why study Economics at A Level?

Economists think. You'll learn to understand the world around you and question and challenge economic controversies and disagreements between economists.

Economics helps you develop your critical thinking skills and understand the facts behind the often sensationalist headlines such as: "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*) and "Consumer confidence defiant but personal finance fears loom" (*The Telegraph*).

You will look at these and many more controversies helping you to develop an awareness of the world around you and a solid understanding of the importance of economics and its impact on our lives.

You will read widely around the subject and be interested and engaged in business and economic news. The course requires a significant understanding and use of numerical data. You will need to be confident undertaking calculations and using data presented in tables, charts and diagrams.

What will I study?

We study engaging, up-to-date content that takes into account fundamental advances and changes in recent economic ideas.

You will apply economic theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues, allowing you to appreciate the interrelationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Assessment

100% examined. There is no coursework.

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

Paper 2: Macroeconomics; data response questions and 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

6 in Maths, plus 5 in English Language and Literature.