
A Level Economics





Economics is a challenging yet fascinating subject which has seen a rise in popularity with students in the last few years. When you read the newspaper or watch the news you will be constantly presented with economic issues.

Introduction

Everything from the latest figures for economic growth, the role of the government in providing health care, the price of a pint of milk, traffic congestion, the behaviour of consumers and businesses, the impact of business on the environment and global economic problems are all affected by economics. On this course you will gain understanding of the concepts behind these economic issues.

Level Level 3

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include GCSE Mathematics grade 5 or above (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

What will I study?

A level Economics is structured into four themes and consists of three externally examined papers. You will build knowledge and understanding of core economic models and concepts in Themes 1 and 2, and then build on this and apply your knowledge to more complex concepts and models in Themes 3 and 4. You will need to apply your knowledge and understanding to both familiar and unfamiliar contexts in the assessments and demonstrate an awareness of current economic events and policies. You will be encouraged to use an enquiring,

critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and to develop the ability to think as an economist.

You will study topics in microeconomics including: how markets work, the labour market, government intervention and business revenues, costs and profits and topics in macroeconomics including: economic growth, aggregate demand and aggregate supply, international economics, poverty and inequality and the role of the state in managing the economy. Economists explore all of these issues through the related theory and diagrams, which are then further applied to predict future behaviour and outcomes.

How will I be assessed?

100% examination

Where will this course lead me?

Students will develop transferable skills that support study in a wide range of subjects at university and the transition to employment. Students can progress from this qualification to studying economics at university. Alternatively, students may choose to study a Business Economics, Mathematical Economics or Business degree. Students can progress to a wide range of careers ranging from finance, banking, insurance, accountancy, management and consultancy, to becoming professional economists.

