

A-LEVEL / EDEXCEL / 2 YEARS

ECONOMICS

The aim of the course is to develop an understanding of the workings of the UK economy. This course investigates how firms operate in different markets, the impact of economic activity on the environment and society as a whole.

Students will:

Develop economic concepts and theories through a critical consideration of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life

Select, interpret and use appropriate data from a range of sources

Analyse, explain and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it

Develop a critical approach to economic models and methods of enquiry

Study the national and international economy to develop an understanding of the European Union, China and India and the impact they could have on our future;

Study the social and economic impact of globalisation.

TEACHING & LEARNING METHODS

Students are introduced to Economics through building knowledge of core microeconomic and macroeconomic concepts, and by investigating economic theory through real-world businesses and the environments in which they operate. Breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding with applications to more complex concepts and models are developed in the second year of study. Students will need to apply their knowledge and understanding to both familiar and unfamiliar contexts in the assessment and demonstrate an awareness of current economic events and policies.

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 (2 hours, 35%): Markets and how they work.

Paper 2 (2 hours, 35%): Competing in the global economy.

Paper 3 (2 hours, 30%) : The economic environment and business.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Subjects that complement Economics include Accounting, Law, Geography, History and Government and Politics. Please be aware some universities will only accept one A-level from Economics and Business.

CAREERS/HE INFORMATION

As we know from recent times, Economics is a challenging and relevant subject and it combines well with most subjects. The study of Economics is ideal for those who wish to pursue careers in business, accountancy, financial services, management and journalism.