

ECONOMICS



COURSE DURATION: 2 YEARS

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.

- 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. Students will develop an understanding of the European Union, China and India and the impact they could have on our future;

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: Markets and how they work 35% of the total qualification. Duration: 2 hours.

Paper 2: Competing in the global economy 35% of the total qualification. Duration: 2 hours.

Paper 3: The economic environment and business 30% of the total qualification. Duration: 2 hours.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Subjects that compliment Economics include but not restricted to 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.