



A-Level Course Information



Qualification: Advanced Level Economics

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Leader: Mr W. Davitt

Entry Requirements:

Minimum Entry Requirements:

5 x 5s

4 in English and Maths

Subject Specific Entry Requirements:

6 in Maths GCSE

Why study Economics?

Economics is fundamental to our world. Any news programme will almost inevitably contain several economic issues. Do you want to understand these, develop your own views on them and consider what you feel the Government should or should not do about them? If so, then study Economics.

What can I do with Economics after A-Level?

Economics provides an excellent range of knowledge and skills relevant to the study of many subjects at university and many jobs and professions. Economics is also a very popular degree subject in its own right. Many of those studying Economics at A-level decide to continue their study of the subject into higher education. Economics graduates are said to be some of the most employable graduates in the jobs' market.

Economics Extras

Economics students will be able to attend a range of visits and conferences relating to their course and wider Economics ideas and issues.

What will I study?

A level Economics requires logical thinking, and a good command of English and Maths. It's also a subject which requires social awareness, which will help develop your ability to debate, both in class and on paper. There is quite often no right or wrong answer when it comes to Economics, so you need to be able to present arguments clearly, underpinned by relevant examples.

You can't rely entirely on your textbook. Economics is the lifeblood of political debate, and you need to keep up to date with current affairs, following the daily news to pick up on economic, political, business and social issues.

Course Content:

- Microeconomic theory
- Theoretical working of the free market
- Imperfections and market failures
- Macroeconomic functions on a domestic and global level
- Policy approaches
- Changes in macroeconomics over time

Assessment:

Paper 1: Microeconomics (33.3% of A-Level)

A 2 hour written exam, based on microeconomics. Consists of a data response question and two essay questions (one of which will require a quantitative response)

Paper 2: Macroeconomics (33.3% of A-Level)

A 2 hour written exam, based on macroeconomics. Consists of a data response question and two essay questions (one of which will require a quantitative response)

Paper 3: Themes in economics (33.3% of A-Level)

A 2 hour written exam, based on microeconomic and macroeconomic themes. Consists of a series of 30 multiple choice questions. Learners will also be required to respond to a series of short answer and extended response questions based on an unseen economic theme.