

Course Information



A Level Economics

What is A Level Economics?

Economics is about choice and the impact of our choices on each other. It relates to every aspect of our lives, from decisions we make as individuals or families to the structures created by governments and firms. An economic way of thinking can help you make better choices.

What does the course involve?

- Debating economic issues such as inequality, immigration and how we should pay for healthcare.
- Using and interpreting data to analyse economic problems.
- Keeping up to date with national and international economic news.

Entry Requirements: GCSE English & Mathematics grade 5+

What themes are studied and how is it assessed?

Lessons include the use of discussion, debate, group and individual presentations, keeping up to date with economic news, use of media, film and music, private reading, completing a stock market challenge and research.

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<p>PAPER 1</p> <p>Theme 1: Introduction to markets and market failure In this unit students study the nature of economics and how markets work. They will also explore market failure and how governments intervene.</p> <p>Theme 3: Business behavior and the labour market In this unit students study how businesses grow and compete, the labour market and how the government intervenes to make markets work better.</p> <p>Written exam: 2 hours 35% of A Level</p>
<p>PAPER 2</p> <p>Theme 2: The UK economy - performance and policies Students study measures of economic performance including national income and economic growth. Aggregate demand and supply. Macroeconomic objectives and policy.</p> <p>Theme 4: A global perspective Students study international trade, inequality within and between countries, emerging and developing economies, and the public finance. They will also consider the role and impact of the financial sector.</p> <p>Written exam: 2 hours 35% of A Level</p>
<p>PAPER 3</p> <p>Questions drawn from all 4 themes</p> <p>Written exam: 2 hours 30% of A Level</p>

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What next?

Studying economics will help you develop transferable skills that will prepare you for studying at university or moving into the world of work. These include skills in data interpretation and essay writing. Suitable higher education courses include economics degrees or degrees in applied economics. You might choose to study business economics, econometrics or a business and management degree. Economics students can follow a wide range of careers in industry commerce, finance and the civil service.