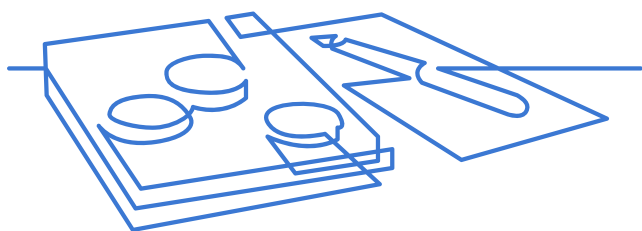


About the course

A-level Economics gives you an understanding of how economies allocate their scarce resources to meet the needs and wants of their citizens. You will analyse the economic problems that face individuals and firms (microeconomics) and look at the 'big picture' of how our national economy fits into the global context (macroeconomics). Economics is a social science and by the end of the course, you will look at the way the world works in a very different way. As an economist, you will develop excellent analytical and evaluative skills that will be valued in whatever path you choose for your future.



Assessment

At the end of the two-year course, you will sit three two hour written exams – each exam will be worth one third of the A-level. Paper one will cover markets and market failure, paper two will cover the national and international economy and paper three will draw on material from the whole course. The papers will feature a range of question styles however a high proportion of the marks are based on extended writing/essay responses.



Careers

You may choose to pursue a career in a directly related field such as banking or finance. The A-level course in Economics will stand you in good stead by giving you an insight and understanding of the economic forces that influence your day-to-day activities. Alternatively, you may decide to follow a career path, which is not directly related to your course of study. The analytical and evaluation skills that you will have developed will be useful whatever path you choose in the future, as they are highly valued skills by many employers.



Entry Requirements

Students must achieve at least a grade 6 in maths and English language or literature. This is due to the increased focus on quantitative skills and extended writing that are featured in the exam. Other than your grades an interest and curiosity in the world around you is also very desirable.



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