

Economics



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Skills Required

An interest in current economic and political issues both in the UK and the wider international context.

The ability to write well and express your ideas clearly.

The ability to analyse critically and to develop arguments based on evidence.

The desire to develop your research skills.

The ability to devise, carry out, analyse and evaluate investigations.

The ability to handle economic data effectively.

The Course

Economists study many of the controversial issues surrounding us today, such as poverty, unemployment, the European Union and exploitation by businesses and governments. They attempt to explain why these situations arise and to develop potential solutions for policy makers. We aim to help students understand economic concepts by examining current economic issues and problems in a lively and informative way. Students will learn to apply economic theories to up to date situations, appreciating both the values and limitations of the theories. The course is divided into six units, covering such topics as the Market System, Market Failure and Government Intervention, the National and International Economy, the Labour Market, the Economics of Development and Economics in a European context.

Assessment is by a combination of unseen case studies, data response questions and structured essays.

GCSE Profile

Students who study Economics will have achieved a minimum of 5 A* - C grades including English and Mathematics.

Career Possibilities

An A level course in Economics is good preparation for a wide range of university courses and careers, including Business Management, Finance, Accountancy, Marketing, the Law, Education, Public Services and the Media.

