

What is the course about?

Economics at A Level is a study of economic theory which then leads to the evaluation of current economic developments in the world. As well as this, it encourages students to appreciate the differences and relationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics. This course will help students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to analyse data, analyse it appropriately and to then think critically about how to interpret what they have found. This course would be appropriate for students who have enjoyed mathematics or history at KS4, or who have an interest in current affairs.

Course content

Topics include:

- Operations of markets and market failure
- National economy in a global context
- Microeconomic issues
- Macroeconomic issues
- Statistical and other data
- International economy

A significant aspect of this course is learning that macro and microeconomics are linked and not entirely distinct areas of study.

Assessment

Three terminal examinations.

Career pathways

Economics is a well-respected academic subject that helps prepare for a broad range of university degrees and jobs. It is especially helpful for anyone interested in working in the public sector or finance.

Employment opportunities: economist, analyst, researcher or adviser to the government, journalism, law, accountancy, management or the financial sector.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five grade 4 to 9s at GCSE, including at least a grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and a grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature.