

Economics A Level

Edexcel

Economics is a well-established and highly-regarded academic subject. It provides great opportunities for research and discussion of some of the major challenges facing Britain and the world today.

Course Structure

There are two core sections to A Level Economics: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Microeconomics is all about the behaviour and decisions of consumers and businesses. Questions in this area might include: Why do footballers earn so much and hairdressers so little? Who causes environmental damage and who should pay for it? Macroeconomics looks at the bigger picture, in Britain and abroad. What was the financial crisis and has it really ended? What causes unemployment and what can be done about it? Can we have economic wealth and a solution to climate change? What will happen when Britain leaves the European Union?

Skills & Knowledge

In A Level Economics you will improve your analytical and communication skills. Economists must be able to review data, observe patterns, and draw logical conclusions. Economists must be able to explain their work to others and this course will improve your critical thinking skills.

Assessment

This course is 100% exam-based, incorporating three papers.

Opportunities & Enrichment

Examples used in Economics have an overlap with several areas of the Enrichment Programme, for example, you could take part in Book club, young reporters, or debate club. In addition there are many feature films which have Economic aspects, such as The Big Short, Sorry I missed you and Margin Call. Students are encouraged to watch these. Visits have included a Field trip and fact finding mission to the Bank of England Museum and taking part in the Trading Game at a local school where students had the opportunity to buy and sell shares.

Future Careers & Pathways

Many A Level Economics students progress to become accountants, actuaries, bookkeepers, budget analysts, business managers, credit analysts, financial analysts, management analysts, teachers and lecturers.