

Why we teach Business & Economics

Our approach to Economics and Business is to enable students to apply Economic and Business theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues, encouraging them to appreciate the interrelationships between Businesses and macroeconomics stability and sustainable policies.

We strive as a team to make sure that students;

- Develop the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions.
- Will build upon their quantitative skills and appreciate that, both qualitative and quantitative evidence are important when evaluating arguments.
- Improve their literacy: communication and presentation skills - presenting findings and explaining complex data;
- Are able to problem solve - extracting information, drawing conclusions and making informed recommendations.

We aim to give our students the tools to understand the world around us, from the actions of governments to the decisions of people in the supermarket biscuit aisle.

Whatever the problem (and there seems to be a never ending list of them) it is clear that Economics plays an important part in understanding the issues that shape our everyday lives. Yet very few people have even an elementary understanding of these issues.

In the Economics and Business department, we aim to provide an analytical framework and a tool-box with which to begin to answer such questions and get that understanding. We aspire to develop clear and logical thinking and an analytical approach to problem-solving, as well as an ability to look for the wider implications of any event.

Your studies will lead you to recognise the similarities and differences in the economic and business problems that confront individual consumers, workers, companies and countries whatever their living standards. Although the emphasis throughout the course will be on understanding current issues and events, you will acquire a good understanding of the theoretical principles and techniques that economists and Business leaders use to make sense of those events.

How the course is taught

Each course is normally taught by two subject teachers. A heavy emphasis is placed on student participation in lessons and independent learning. The School Library is well resourced for all courses. Further learning resources are available within the Economics Department. Students are provided with thorough and systematic preparation for exams involving face-to-face revision classes and workshops.

Expectations/Homework

Subject teachers set tasks according to an agreed work programme which helps students to manage their time. All students are expected to engage fully in lessons, keep up-to-date and to read and research widely in order to support their independent learning. Students are expected to be resourceful and committed to intellectual enquiry.

Preparatory Work

It is recommended that all students read an introductory text to familiarise themselves with the periods of study before they embark on the course. They should get into the habit of regularly following news from a number of sources and develop an understanding of general current affairs rather than just those directly related to economics and business. Pupils will also be set preparation work over the summer before starting. It is essential that this work is undertaken thoroughly so that pupils can begin the course

Business Studies

We would argue this is the most relevant subject you will ever experience! Not everyone is going to be an entrepreneur and nor do they need to set up in business. However, wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be surrounded by and/or working for a business. So why not get ahead of the game?

Our course analyses UK business operations, but the scope of learning is global: from China's management success to the credit crunch of the Western world, from the BP oil spill to the exploding market of online dating. We are absolutely current. Reinforcing our global perspective, we have a strong contingent of international students.

Business Studies is a dynamic subject and our diverse Business Studies department has energetic, experienced practitioners.

We also have numerous opportunities for practical application of the concepts taught in the lessons for instance through Micro-Tyco and Investec.