

# Why study Economics?

The Economics curriculum aims to provide our students with an understanding of their place in a dynamic and evolving global economy. We encourage students to challenge the Classical hypothesis of rationality and perfect markets, and to consider the role of the institutions which seek to correct market failures and promote economic growth. A-level Economics will give you an excellent understanding of how economies allocate their scarce resources to meet the needs and wants of their citizens. You will develop a greater understanding of the economic problems which face individuals, firms and governments on a local, national and global level and the alternative ways these problems can be resolved.

The curriculum encourages students to be multi-visionary and able to look at problems from many different perspectives. Students will be challenged to consider the moral or ethical problems and principles which arise when making decisions. Our Economics curriculum promotes academic excellence, personal best, character development, and an appreciation of human behaviour. Our aspiration is that this particular blend of skills will enable our students not only to further their study of Economics, but also (and perhaps more importantly) to do the right thing beyond their time at Alperton Community School.

## **Aims**

The curriculum at Alperton Community School aims to ensure that all pupils:

- learn the dynamics of human behaviour at both a micro and a macro level, thereby enabling them to understand how markets work, how markets fail, and the role of institutions within markets.
- able to model complex economic processes using theoretical constructs, analyse and evaluate the validity of their outcomes, and articulate their findings in a logical way.
- become morally responsible as they learn about integrity in the workplace, and that businesses are no less morally accountable than individuals and should be driven to contribute positively to society.
- Through studying economics, we seek to form the character traits of determination and integrity.

## **Target**

By the end of each key stage, A-level in Economics will benefit you if you are looking to go on to study Economics, Business or Finance at university. The skills you acquire will help you no matter what degree course you choose.