



Who is this course for?

For anyone looking to gain 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

As well as a degree in Economics, this A level provides good preparation for degrees in: Business Studies; Accounting; Law; Politics; Sociology and Management. It is useful for students planning careers in the Civil Service; Management; Finance; Banking and Accountancy. Alternatively, you may decide to follow a career path which isn't directly related to your course of study. The analytical and evaluation skills that you will have developed will be useful whatever path you choose in the future.

What is the course about?

Economics is the study of concepts that influence the world we live in. In every aspect of life, Economic theory is in action. From the price we pay for a chocolate bar to the Minimum Wage, Economics is highly influential and an intrinsic part of everyday life.

How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

At the end of the two year course, you will sit three two hour written exams – each exam will be worth one third of the A-level. Paper one will cover markets and market failure, paper two will cover the national and international economy and paper three will draw on material from the whole course. The papers will feature a range of question styles including, multiple choice questions, short answer questions, essay questions, data response questions and case studies.

You will investigate microeconomic topics such as how individual decisions impact economic outcomes, the importance of competition, how markets operate and why they fail and how the distribution of income and wealth is affected. At the same time you will learn about macroeconomics, looking at the 'big picture' of how our national economy fits into the global context, the global impact of financial markets and monetary policy and the operation of the international economy.

Useful websites/further reading

Tutor 2u

The Economist

Economic Review (can be found in the school library)

