



A Level Economics

What will I study?

A Level Economics explores how individuals, firms, and governments make decisions and how these decisions shape the wider economy. You will develop an understanding of key economic concepts such as supply and demand, market structures, inflation, unemployment, and economic growth. The course also examines government intervention, international trade, globalisation, and the role of financial markets. Real-world examples and case studies are used throughout to help you see how economic theory applies in practice and to develop your analytical and evaluative skills.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment for AQA A Level Economics takes place entirely through written examinations at the end of the two-year course. There are three papers that together determine your final grade. These examinations are designed to test your understanding of economic theory, your ability to apply it to real-world situations, and your skill in analysing and evaluating economic issues clearly and effectively.

What are the entry requirements?

To study A Level Economics, you will need to meet the general Sixth Form entry requirements, as well as the subject-specific criteria. This typically includes a grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and a grade 5 in GCSE English Language. If you have taken GCSE Economics or Business, a grade 5 or above is recommended. Economics requires strong numerical, analytical, and critical thinking skills, so if you are not taking A Level Mathematics, it is strongly recommended to take Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) alongside your A Levels.

Where will this course lead?

An A Level in Economics opens pathways into degree courses such as Economics, Business, Finance, Management, and International Relations. Graduates often progress to professional careers in banking, financial analysis, consultancy, government, and policy-making. The course also provides a strong foundation for degree-level apprenticeships in finance, business, and economics. The analytical, evaluative, and quantitative skills developed through this course are highly valued in both higher education and the workplace.

What combines well with this subject?

Economics combines particularly well with subjects that develop numerical, analytical, and business understanding. Popular combinations include Mathematics, Accounting, Business, Geography, Psychology, and Politics. These combinations help you to develop a broad understanding of how economic systems function, how organisations operate, and how people and markets respond to change.