Economics A-level



Economics is the **social science** that studies the consumption, production and distribution of goods and services within **markets (microeconomics)** and **countries (macroeconomics).**

Economics focuses on the **behaviour and interactions of economic agents** (consumers, producers and the government) and **how different economies work.**

What is Economics?

Economics as a subject

- Economics is an academically rigorous subject that will require you to work hard and to keep informed of current events.
- Economics goes hand in hand with other subjects such as Mathematics, Further Maths (highly recommended at top universities), Geography, History, Politics and even Computer Science.

Why choose Economics?



To build transferable skills



To help you understand the world



To make a difference



To set yourself apart from competition

What career opportunities will Economics give me?

- Economist
- Banker
- Risk analyst
- Data analyst
- Accountant
- Researcher
- Consultant
- Government public sector roles- civil service
- Trade specialist
- Stockbroker

And many more……

What topics will I cover?

Microeconomics:

- Markets and market failure
- Business behaviour and the labour market

Macroeconomics:

- The UK economy
- The global economy

Microeconomics

The nature of Economics

How markets work

Market failure

Government intervention

Business growth and business objectives

Revenue, costs and profit

Market structures

The labour market

Macroeconomics

Measures of economic performance	Aggregate demand and aggregate supply	Economic growth	Financial markets
Demand-side policies (fiscal policy and monetary policy)	Supply-side polices	Development economics	International economics

What examinations will I have to do?

Examination paper	Weighting	Time allocation and examination structure
Paper 1: Markets and business behaviour	35%	2 hours 100 marks – 5 short-answered questions, 1 data response section and 1 essay question from a choice of 2
Paper 2: The national and international economy	35%	2 hours 100 marks – 5 short-answered questions, 1 data response section and 1 essay question from a choice of 2
Paper 3: Microeconomics and macroeconomics	30%	2 hours 100 marks – 2 sections 1 data response and 1 essay question from a choice of 2 (for both sections)

Latest results (summer 2026)

Grades attained	Percentage (results)
A*	23%
A* - A	56%
A* - B	90%

Enrichment in the Economics Department

- Economics Society
- The Voice, our school magazine
- Supercurricular & Opportunities Google Classroom
- Essay Competitions

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STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

Young Economist of the Year Essay Competition



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Frequently asked questions

- What are the entry requirements for A-level Economics?
- How much Maths is there in Economics?
- Do I need A-level Maths to study Economics?
- How does Economics differ from Business Studies?
- Do I need GCSE Business Studies to study Economics?

Student voice within the Economics department

"Keep on top of the work"

"It's interesting to learn about how economies work"

"Have an interest in how our economy and other global economies work"

"I wanted to challenge myself and learn a brand new subject that's only taught at A-Level"

"Make sure to keep up with current affairs"

"Choose economics if you want a detailed knowledge of not just money, but the allocation of resources within our society"

"As I was very keen in Business Studies at GCSE, I wanted something more challenging and Economics was a way for me to challenge myself and become interested in a new subject."

"It's good for the future"

"It's not easy so you need to put the time and effort into it"

"It's a challenging subject but really rewarding once you get to grips with it"

Any questions?

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- Speak to the Economics Department