

Economics

TYPE OF QUALIFICATION	GCE AS & A level
LEVEL OF ENTRY	5 A*-C passes at GCSE Including B in English and Maths
METHOD OF ASSESSMENT	Exam: Year 12 and Year 13
LENGTH OF COURSE & NUMBER OF LESSONS PER CYCLE EXPECTED STUDY EXPECTATIONS	One year AS and one year A level 5 Lessons per week 5 hours of directed self-study minimum, alongside set homework and revision.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Level	Unit	Title	Grade Weighting
AS level	Paper 1 (Exam)	Introduction to markets and market failure	50% AS level
AS level	Paper 2 (Exam)	The UK Economy – performance and policies	50% AS level
A level	Paper 1 (Exam)	Markets and business behaviour	35% A level
A level	Paper 2 (Exam)	The national and global economy	35% A level
A level	Paper 3 (Exam)	Microeconomics and macroeconomics	30% A level

WHICH SKILLS WILL YOU ACQUIRE?

- An understanding of the wider economic and social environment
- An understanding of a range of concepts and an ability to use those concepts in a variety of different contexts
- An enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and an ability to think as an economist
- An understanding that economic behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- Analytical and quantitative skills, together with qualities and attitudes that will equip students for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

WHICH CAREER PATHWAYS EXIST AFTER STUDYING THIS SUBJECT?

- Banking and finance
- Politics and civil service
- Teaching
- Media and journalism
- Consultancy, e.g. NGO or think tank.

WHICH SUBJECTS COMPLEMENT THIS COURSE?

Sociology, Geography, English, Chemistry, Mathematics, Psychology