

# Economics

## Course overview

### A LEVEL

### Level 3

### EdExcel

Economics is the right subject for you if you enjoy debating economic issues such as inequality, immigration and how we should pay for healthcare. You will use and interpret data to analyse economic problems, discuss alternative courses of action and support them with well reasoned cases. Keeping up to date with national and international trends is also important.

### Entry Requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 grades 9-4 (equivalent to A\*-C) at GCSE, including English and Maths at grade 4, plus you must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

### Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 4 in English Language GCSE and grade 6 in Maths GCSE.

### Popular Subject Combinations

**A Level:** Maths  
Geography  
Business  
History  
Government and Politics

### BTEC:

### Possible Enrichment Opportunities

Young Enterprise  
RES Essay competition

### What will I learn?

Economics is about choice and the impact of our choices on each other. It relates to every aspect of our lives, from the decisions we make as individuals or families to the structures created by governments and firms. An economic way of thinking can help you make better choices.

In Themes one and two you will be introduced to the nature of economics, how markets work and why they fail.

In Themes three and four you will explore how businesses grow and compete, the labour market international trade, inequality within and between countries, emerging and developing economies, and the public finances.

### How will I be assessed?

You will have three exams at the end of two years. Each exam is two hours long and has short-answers, data response and essay questions.

### Where might it lead?

Studying economics will help you develop transferable skills that will prepare you for studying at university or moving into the world of work. These include skills in data interpretation and essay writing. Economics students can follow a wide range of careers in industry, commerce, finance and the civil service.

If you would like further information about this course please contact the admissions team at

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