



A LEVEL ECONOMICS (AQA 7136)

What does the course involve?

Economics is a social science and explores decision-making with regard to how economies grow, develop wealth, trade and resolve societal problems such as inequality and poverty. Students of Economics need a strong academic background and genuine interest in real-world affairs, as well as a highly analytical approach to be able to compare and evaluate different theories of economic progress and explore the policy implications. Studying Economics at A Level develops the following skills:

- presenting arguments and making judgements on the basis of available evidence to reach justified recommendations;
- solving problems and making decisions using appropriate analytical frameworks and methods;
- interpreting data, enabling effective analysis and evaluation to reach conclusions.

Students will build their knowledge of:

- microeconomic models and how they operate in relation to economic and social issues;
- developments in the UK economy and government policies over the past ten years;
- how businesses make decisions and how this behaviour can be affected by the structure and characteristics of the industry;
- the impact and effectiveness of current government policies to deal with the macroeconomic problems facing the UK and its global trading partners.

Content and Assessment

The A level course covers two units which are:

- Markets and Market Failure, and Economic Principles
- National and International Economy;

Assessment is through three, 2 hour written exams with the papers being equally weighted:

- **Paper 1** Markets and Market Failure
- **Paper 2** National and International Economy
- **Paper 3** Economic Principles and Issues

What are the entry qualifications?

6 GCSEs including at least a grade 5 in GCSE Maths and English.

What could I do after successfully completing the course?

Economics is a rigorous academic discipline that is recognised by all universities. It combines well with a range of other subjects in particular the other social sciences, humanities, sciences and maths.

It is a topical and relevant subject that enables students to understand the global issues being faced by countries today and to consider long-term solutions. It helps develop the skills and knowledge required to work in a business environment and provides a sound platform for students seeking employment after A Levels. Economics makes the world go around!

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