



COURSE SUMMARY

The aim of the Economics course is to apply economic theory to support analysis of current economic problems and issues, encouraging students to appreciate the interrelationships between microeconomics and macroeconomics. If you are curious about what Brexit will lead to or can't decide whether or not Philip Hammond needs to make cuts to public services then Economics is the course for you.

WHY STUDY ECONOMICS?

The course represents an interesting mix of microeconomics and macroeconomics. Microeconomics involves questions like why monopolies are bad for markets and how income affects demand for goods and services. Macroeconomics explores questions like the reasons for recessions and unemployment, and how globalisation helps the world. It is easily my favourite subject. I really like the fact that it is applicable to the real world. *Tom*

Even if you don't plan on becoming an economist, Economics will prove to be very useful in developing your analytical mind as well as written skills. It is interesting, rewarding and challenging! *Nadia*

COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of Year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.

MIGHT LEAD TO...

Clearly an A Level in Economics can lead to a multitude of degree and career options, be it in pure economics, business, finance, banking, accounting, management, government or politics.



"When I leave school I hope to study Land Economy at Cambridge/Economics or Economic History at LSE. I have studied Economics, History, Maths and Religious Studies at A Level." Tom

ADVICE ON ENTRY

The course involves a significant amount of theory and a high level of commitment to learning this is required. A real interest in how the economy works and current economic affairs is required.

READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

- [Bank of England](#)
- [BBC News – Economy](#)
- [Competition and Markets Authority](#)
- [HM Treasury](#)
- [Tutor2U](#)
- The Economist
- The Economic Review

WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Lessons in Economics are packed with new information every day. Like any other A Level subject, it has a decent amount that needs to be learnt, and putting time into understanding the main economic theories is so important. Then the fun bit can come where you analyse all these theories and understand why the world's economies aren't always perfect. But getting to the fun bit requires time and effort! *Nadia*