

Economics

A Level

Examination Board: Edexcel

Aims of course:

The aims and objectives of the Level 3 Advanced GCE in Economics A are to enable students to:

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

Programme of study

Level	Module Name	Module Description
Year 1	Theme 1	Introduction to markets and market failure
Year 1	Theme 2	The UK economy – performance and policies
Year 2	Theme 3	Business behaviour and the labour market
Year 2	Theme 4	A global perspective

Approaches to learning

Economics enables students to use economic models to help them understand the complexities of the world around them. Students also use data to help them analyse markets and economies, and how governments try and influence both. Students are introduced to different perspectives, aspects of economic history and develop an understanding of economic issues.

Who is this course aimed at?

Learners will develop transferable skills that support higher education study and the transition to employment, including numeracy, communication, an understanding of the economic environment. Learners can progress from this qualification to higher education courses or a wide range of careers ranging from banking, general management to working in public sector organisations or charities.

Minimum entry requirement:

Grade 7 in Maths, Grade 6 in English + 3 GCSEs A*– C

All subjects will be terminally examined at the end of two years, with internal exams throughout year 1 and 2.

Please note: The course is dependent on numbers registering their interest to study at A Level. The subject will only run if there are sufficient student numbers.