



Maths & Computing

Course Details

A Level Economics

Exam Board

AQA

Syllabus title

A-level Economics

Course Code

7136 QAN code: 601/4371/X

Course Content

1. Individuals, Firms, Markets and Market Failure
 - This module requires us to consider why economic choices have to be made. For example, do we spend taxpayers' funds on sports facilities, HS2 or the NHS? We will look at how our market system operates. We will examine how markets work, but also how they can fail. Should "bad" food be taxed? What policies can we as economists recommend to limit/eradicate the damage being done to the environment? Would such a policy work? Why is Raheem Sterling paid up to £300,000 per week and a nurse might get £30,000 per annum? How fairly is income/wealth distributed in society? Can/should the government intervene to make society fairer? What is the role of government in deciding who gets what?
2. The National and International Economy
 - We will examine the economic objectives the government sets for itself such as unemployment, rising prices, improving living standards and so on. How can it achieve those objectives? What might the problems be with any of the policies the government uses? In this module we will also consider the fact that our economy operates in a global context. As an island we have always been a trading nation but what are the implications for us in the modern world? What about the plight of the less developed economies of the world?
3. Economic Principles and Issues
 - This paper will test a candidate's ability to apply their knowledge of all the work covered during the course in order to test the depth and breadth of their understanding. How well have students understood all the concepts and, more importantly, how good are their skills of analysis and evaluation? Students are encouraged to think about economics on a global scale and consider the different influences on economies around the world.

Assessment and weighting

Three exams at the end of the course with equal weighting

1 Markets and Market Failure	External exam: 2 hours
2 National and International Economy	External exam: 2 hours
3 Economic Principles and Issues	External exam: 2 hours

Future opportunities/career

Students who study Economics have developed transferable skills, including analysing and evaluating Business and Economic information from different sources, developing written communication skills and learning how to solve problems. Such skills are in great demand and are recognised by employers, universities and colleges and as such salaries are higher. This subject leads to university courses in areas such as Law, Business, Banking, Accounting, Geography, Management, Economics or Politics.



	Essential
Qualifications/ School record	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 in English• 5 in Maths• Good attitude to learning and excellent attendance
Attitude/Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hard working and organised• Determined• Keen to learn and positive attitude• A keen interest in current affairs/news
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analytical / Logical• Independent• Handling data and plotting graphs and charts• Able to identify trends and patterns in data• Competence in general arithmetic• Learning and using specialist vocabulary and can structure written essays
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience in presenting ideas or work
	Desirable:
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong analytical skills• Good written skills• Confident with statistics and numbers• Reflective• An interest in current affairs