

# A Level ECONOMICS

Specification: Edexcel A

## What will I study?

Over the course of the A Level you will study 4 units:

- Introduction to Markets and Market Failure
- The UK Economy – Performance and Policies
- Business Behaviour and the Labour Market
- A Global Perspective

During the A Level, you will explore the inter-relationship between micro- and macro-economic factors, consider the role of the theory in Economics, and learn to analyse economic trends, developments and debates from the news by drawing on your expertise.

## How will I be assessed?

The exam papers consist of a mixture of short-answer questions that test core knowledge and longer, essay-style responses based on case studies included in the exam. There are three final exams at the end of year 13: one on Micro-economics, one on Macro-economics, and a third paper combining both areas. Each paper is worth 100 marks and includes questions of 12, 15, and 25 marks, requiring detailed written answers with clear chains of reasoning. Some questions also require a confident grasp of mathematical skills, such as interpreting graphs, calculating percentages, and analysing data.

## How will I learn?

- Class discussions and presentations
- Research and independent learning work
- Analysis of data
- Answering challenging questions

## What skills will I need?

Students will need to develop a passion for reading about current economic events and policies. This interest will allow you to deepen your understanding from lessons and apply this knowledge in unfamiliar contexts during assessments.

Success in A Level Economics relies heavily on your ability to communicate ideas in depth and with clarity. Many exam questions require extended essay-type responses that demonstrate both your understanding of economic theory and your ability to apply concepts to real-world contexts. You will need to structure arguments logically, use precise terminology, and support your points with evidence and analysis. These strong written communication skills will also help you engage confidently with complex topics and present well-reasoned conclusions, both in exams and in future careers.

## Careers & Progression

Economics is a versatile subject that opens doors to numerous career opportunities. Many students pursue further studies in Economics, Finance, Business, or International Relations at university. Career paths often include roles in finance, banking, business consultancy, public policy, research, and economic analysis. Additionally, the analytical and problem-solving skills developed in economics are highly valued in industries such as law, journalism, politics, and management.