

ECONOMICS

Economics helps to untangle the issues surrounding the global crash and BREXIT and can prepare students for a range of degrees not just specifically related to the subject

COURSE DETAILS

A Level
AQA - 7136

GCSE English and Maths Grade 5 or higher

Students who are interested in the world around them and the rationale behind policy decisions that affect them at local, national and international levels should find Economics rewarding.

In year 12 students are introduced to the basic principles of market economics and how prices and output decisions are determined. We also examine why, on occasions, markets will fail due to monopolies, a lack of information or pollution. We then study how the national economy works and what factors contribute to growth, inflation and unemployment.

In year 13 we explore these themes in more depth and look at how a new area of study i.e. behavioural economics, which has links to psychology, can be used to influence or 'nudge' our decision making. We look at how economic philosophers such as Keynes, Hayek and Friedman have shaped thinking on policies to combat inflation and unemployment.

As well as teaching subject knowledge we also focus on developing the skills required by social scientists such as evaluative thought and critical writing. The A level culminates in three exam papers of 2 hours. The first two test knowledge, whilst the third expects students to make recommendations based on a bank of data.

Former Eggescliffe students who studied degrees in Economics have gone on to a varied range of careers:

- ¹ Investment bankers at Goldman Sachs
- ¹ Parliamentary secretaries
- ¹ Advisor to the Chancellor
- ¹ Senior marketing position with Adidas HQ in Germany
- ¹ Regional vice president of 'Disney on Ice'

