Economics

The aim of Economics is to:

- develop an interest and enthusiasm for economics and its contribution to the wider economic and social environment
- develop an understanding of a range of concepts and acquire an ability to use these concepts in a variety of different contexts
- develop an enquiring, critical and thoughtful 'economist's mind'
- practise skills, qualities and attitudes which will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.
- develop an understanding of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life
- apply economic concepts and theories in a range of contexts and appreciate their value and limitations in explaining real world phenomena
- analyse, explain and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it.

Economics will be a co-taught subject in the Sixth Form. The AS course can be completed in one year with two examinations at the end of Year 12. The A Level can be taken over two years with three examinations at the end of Year 13.

AS outline

At AS, this specification will enable candidates to develop an understanding of, and an insight into, micro and macroeconomics:

- The operation of markets and market failure
- The national economy in a global context

A2 outline

At A2, this specification will enable candidates to develop an understanding of and an insight into, micro and macroeconomics:

- Individuals, firms, markets and market failure
- The national and international economy



The course requirements...

Grade B or higher in GCSE English and Mathematics