



A LEVEL

ECONOMICS

Course Summary

COURSE OVERVIEW

Economics explores how markets, governments and global forces shape the economy. Students study microeconomics, macroeconomics and global economics, analysing issues like inflation, unemployment, inequality and trade. It develops evaluative, data interpretation and critical thinking skills essential for understanding real-world economic decisions and their impact on individuals and society.

WHY SHOULD I STUDY ECONOMICS?

Studying Economics helps you understand how the world's financial systems and policies affect everyday life. It develops analytical, numerical and evaluative skills valued by employers. Economics encourages you to think critically about issues such as inequality, sustainability and globalisation, preparing you for informed decision-making in study, work and society.

WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

Economics supports university courses in economics, business, finance, accounting, management, politics, international relations, and law, offering a strong foundation for analytical and data-driven disciplines.

WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

A-level Economics can lead to careers in finance, business management, data analysis, government, law, consultancy, and marketing, where analytical and decision-making skills are highly valued.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

EXAM BOARD: OCR H460

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Microeconomics - Covers individual markets, market failure, and government intervention.	2 hours	33.3%
2	Macroeconomics - Focuses on national and international economic performance, policy, and global trade.	2 hours	33.3%
3	Themes in Economics - Assesses synoptic understanding across micro and macro topics using data and applied contexts.	2 hours	33.3%