

# AQA A Level in Economics

## **Aims of the course**

Economics, a social science, studies how the world's finite resources are allocated. Free markets have resulted in astonishing technological development but also are responsible for ecological catastrophe and extreme inequality. Economists seek to understand the failings of markets and assess policies that can improve the well-being of the greatest number of people. We learn from a variety of resources and reinforce it by reference to national and world events. Economics teaches students to use tools to analyse issues including unemployment, poverty and global warming. Students will use verbal, written, graphical and numerical media to do so.

## **What is the outline of the course content:**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 1: Markets and market failure         | Written paper.<br>80 marks<br>2 hours | 33.3% |
| 2: National and international economy | Written paper.<br>80 marks<br>2 hours | 33.3% |
| 3: Economic principles and issues     | Written paper<br>80 marks<br>2 hours  | 33.3% |

## **What skills will I learn?**

Economics will help you develop your abstraction, analysis, communication and critical thinking skills. Economics will definitely help with a range of transferable skills around literacy and information processing skills.

## **What Careers can Economics lead to?**

Recent published surveys have confirmed Economics as a course well regarded by Higher Education providers. The most obvious links are to do with any aspect of banking, investment, insurance business and accountancy but almost any managerial or senior role will draw on the understanding and skills gained from studying Economics. There are also a wide range of roles in

the public sector that value Economics. The skills of analysing data and in writing persuasive essays using precise, technical language will undoubtedly aid later study or employment.

## **Further information from the Exam Board:**

[www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level)

## **Previous grades**

|      | A* | A | B | C | D | E | Total |
|------|----|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| 2025 | -  | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 8     |
| 2024 | 1  | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7     |
| 2023 | 1  | - | 3 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 13    |

## **What are the entry requirements for the course?**

Students must have at least a grade 5 in GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics.

## **Want more information?**

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