



## Sixth Form Subject Guide

# ECONOMICS

### ★★★ CAREERS RELATED TO STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

Economics develops the student's logical reasoning skills which are highly desired across a range of career-related pursuits. Economics may be an ideal choice for students considering careers in management, finance, law, research, government and non-governmental organisations, international relations/ development, and so on. The Economics course emphasises the development of strong written, verbal, and diagrammatic communication skills; critical and complex thinking; and ethical considerations that will assist students in preparing for the future global workplace.

### ★★★ A LEVEL COURSE CONTENT

This qualification provides you with opportunities to study how to explain and analyse economic issues and arguments, evaluate economic information, and organise, present, and communicate ideas and judgements clearly. The course covers a range of basic economic ideas, including an introduction to the price system and government intervention, international trade and exchange rates, the measurement of employment and inflation, and the causes and consequences of inflation. Learners also study the price system, the theory of the firm, market failure, macroeconomic theory and policy, and economic growth and development.

### ★★★ A LEVEL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

Assessment Component	Weighting	
	AS Level	A Level
<b>Paper 1: Multiple Choice</b> You will respond to 30 multiple choice questions based on the AS Level syllabus. Externally assessed.	17%	N/A
<b>Paper 2: Data Response and Essay</b> This paper includes one data response question and one structured essay from a choice of three based on AS Level syllabus. Externally assessed.	33%	N/A
<b>Paper 3: Multiple Choice</b> You will respond to 30 multiple choice questions based on the content of the A Level syllabus. Externally assessed.	N/A	17%
<b>Paper 4: Data Response and Essay</b> This paper includes one data response question and two essays from a choice of six based on A Level syllabus. Externally assessed.	N/A	33%

### ★★★ METHODS OF STUDY FOR A LEVEL

Each candidate has to find the study techniques which work best for them. Study advice offered to students considering this course:

Be responsible for your own learning. Make sure you know the syllabus content and have a clear plan.

Do your reading before class and be ready to present your arguments in discussions. Economics is a social science, therefore plenty of time will be reserved for debates in class. In addition, these discussions will help you prepare for the coursework and data response papers in both programmes.

You should expect to complete additional hours of independent study outside of your lessons each week. This could include reading, research, essay writing or other activities. For you to take full advantage of the course it is also recommended that you keep up with the global economic issues by reading economics magazines, which are provided by the school.

### ★★★ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEVEL

It is recommended they have achieved a B in Economics or English IGCSE/SPM (or equivalent).

