

**Course Title:** Economics  
**Course Code/Codes:** 8136  
**Examining Body:** AQA

### What is the aim of this course?

Economics examines one of the fundamental issues facing our society today: the problem of how people and physical resources are developed and employed to produce the goods and services we need for survival, comfort and fulfilment. GCSE Economics aims to empower students to develop skills to make sense of why some countries are poor and others are rich. Students will gain an insight into the ways in which society operates, from the day-to-day decisions made by consumers, businesses and governments, to making ethical judgment on whether or not it is fair to tax the rich to feed the poor.

### Why should I choose this course?

Economics is one of the most popular subjects to study in the school as it challenges young students to practically think about the way in which the world function. Students who are currently on the course have particularly gained a better understanding about why the financial crises occurred in 2008, what the impacts were and how it can be prevented in the future. The course will provide opportunity for students to develop 'financial literacy' or understand how to manage finance effectively as well as developing their ability to become good problem solvers, independent thinkers and enquirers.

### How will I be assessed?

**Paper 1:** How markets work

- Written exam: 1hr 45mins
- 50% of qualification

**Paper 2:** How the economy works

- Written exam: 1hr 45mins
- 50% of qualification

### Is this course for me?

Do you... enjoy being innovative and solving problems? Have a desire to learn about current affairs? Regularly read or listen to the news? Enjoy debating? Have a good level in English and mathematics? If you answered 'Yes', then the economics course is right for you.

### Possible career opportunities

There are a range of career choices open to you should you decide to continue your education in economics. These include:

- Investment banking
- Law
- Politics
- Corporate/Business management
- Economist
- Financial analyst
- Media



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