

# A level Economics – Edexcel A

## Course overview:

A Level Economics develop students' interest and enthusiasm for the economic climate and an understanding of the social impacts of economics.

Use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and develop an ability to think as an economist.

Develop analytical and quantitative skills, together with qualities and attitudes that will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of a working life.

## Course Assessment

### Year 12

- Theme 1 – Microeconomics (Introduction to markets and market failure)
- Theme 3 – Microeconomics (Business behaviour and the labour market)

### Year 13

- Theme 2 – Macroeconomics (The UK Economy – Performance and Policies)
- Theme 4 – Macroeconomics (A global perspective)

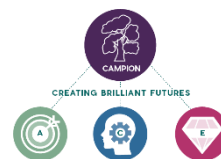
Paper 1 is drawn from Themes 1 & 3 and is worth 35% of the total qualification.

Paper 2 is drawn from Themes 2 & 4 and is worth 35% of the qualification.

Paper 3 is drawn across all 4 Themes of the specification which is the synoptic paper worth 30% of the qualification.

## Is this course right for me?

Economics is about choice and the impact of our choices on each other. It relates to every aspect of our lives, from the decisions we make as individuals or families to the structures created by governments and firms. The economic way of thinking can help us make better choices.



## **Complementary subjects**

Economics combines well with Mathematics and Further Mathematics. It also complements Geography, Sociology and Government & Politics. Students wishing to study Economics at Degree level may think of combining it with a science subject like Physics or Chemistry especially for applications to LSE. This demonstrates mathematical ability at this level.

## **Career pathways:**

Economics can lead to a vast range of employability opportunities. These include but are not exclusive to;

- Lecturing
- Finance
- Research
- Accountancy
- Investment Analyst
- Teaching
- Financial journalism

Example University courses an Economics A level could lead to;

- Accounting
- Economics
- Politics/PPE
- Banking and Finance
- Public Policy