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UPPER SCHOOL

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# A LEVEL ECONOMICS

EXAM BOARD: AQA

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Course Entry Requirements:

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## Course Outline and Assessments

Economics is an academic course that develops analytical and critical thinkers. Students will learn about topics such as inequality, market failure, and economic policy. We explore current issues through an economic lens to understand the decision making processes of individuals, businesses, and governments. This course gives a solid foundation in economic theory and is superb preparation for further study.

### The course covers the following topics:

Economic methodology and the economic problem, Individual economic decision making, Price determination in a competitive market, Product, cost and revenue, Perfect competition, The labour market, The distribution of income and wealth, The market mechanism, The measurement of macroeconomic performance, How the macroeconomy works, Measuring economic performance, Financial markets and monetary policy, Fiscal policy and supply side policies, The international economy.

## ASSESSMENT

**Paper 1:** Markets and market failure (Microeconomics)

120-minute exam, 80 marks, 33.3% of final grade

Data response and essay questions

**Paper 2:** The national and international economy (Macroeconomics)

120-minute exam, 80 marks, 33.3% of final grade

Data response and essay questions.

**Paper 3:** Economic principles and issues (Synoptic).

120-minute exam, 80 marks, 33.3% of final grade

Multiple choice and case study questions

## LEARNING STRATEGIES

- ✓ Investigations and case studies
- ✓ Data analysis
- ✓ Group discussions and presentations
- ✓ YEconomics enrichment programme
- ✓ Extended writing