

## Economics

The aim of Economics is to:

- develop an interest and enthusiasm for economics and its contribution to the wider economic and social environment
- develop an understanding of a range of concepts and acquire an ability to use these concepts in a variety of different contexts
- develop an enquiring, critical and thoughtful 'economist's mind'
- practise skills, qualities and attitudes which will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.
- develop an understanding of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life
- apply economic concepts and theories in a range of contexts and appreciate their value and limitations in explaining real world phenomena
- analyse, explain and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role of government within it.

Economics will be a co-taught subject in the Sixth Form. The AS course can be completed in one year with two examinations at the end of Year 12. The A Level can be taken over two years with three examinations at the end of Year 13.

### AS outline

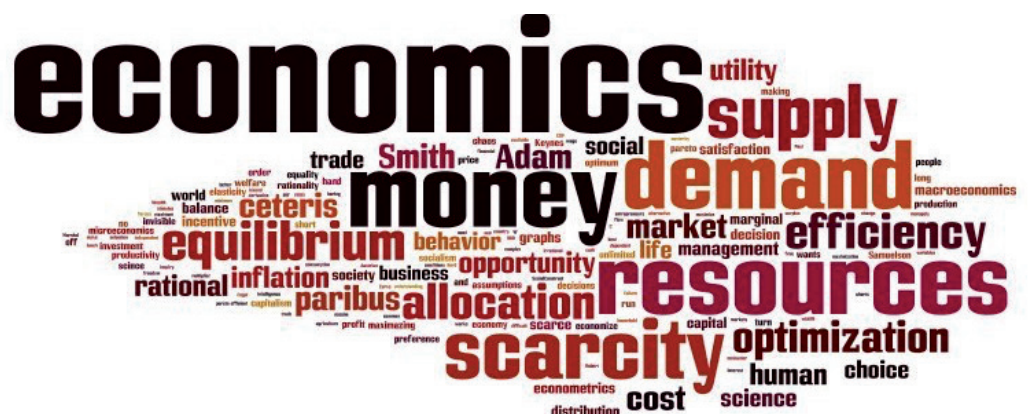
At AS, this specification will enable candidates to develop an understanding of, and an insight into,

- micro- and macroeconomics:
- the operation of markets and market failure
- the national economy in a global context

### A level outline

At A level the specification will enable candidates to acquire a deeper understanding of the AS content of micro- and macroeconomics with the addition of the following topics not included at AS Level:

- Behaviour Economics
- Financial Markets
- Labour Markets
- Economic Development



*The course requirements:*

*Grade 6 or higher in GCSE English Language and Mathematics*