

# SOCIAL SCIENCE

## Economics



**Examination Board:** Edexcel Spec A

**Subject Leader(s):** Mr G Baker



### Course Structure

| Unit | Topics/Unit Title                   | Assessment | A Level(%) |
|------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1    | Markets and business behaviour      | Exam       | 35%        |
| 2    | The national and global economy     | Exam       | 35%        |
| 3    | Micro-economics and macro-economics | Exam       | 30%        |

### What does the course involve?

A level in Economics encourages learners to:

- develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the subject
- appreciate the contribution of economics to the understanding of the wider economic and social environment
- develop an understanding of a range of concepts and an ability to use those concepts in a variety of different contexts
- use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and develop an ability to think as an economist
- understand that economic behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- develop analytical and quantitative skills, together with qualities and attitudes which will equip them for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

### Further Study/Employment Prospects

Economics is a popular option for university applicants either as a single subject but often studied along with other subjects like history, business and maths.

Having studied economics will put you in an ideal position when applying for work in management, lecturing, government and for those thinking of self employment.

### Entry Requirements

- To study Economics successfully students must have achieved at least a level 5 in mathematics at GCSE.
- The willingness to keep up to date with economic and political issues at home and abroad, and to form a diary of key developments is also important.