

Nower Hill 6th Form:

*Inspiration, excellence,
opportunity - a confident future*

Economics A Level



Who is the course for?

The course would suit anyone with an interest in global economic issues or current affairs or indeed anyone simply with a desire to understand how an economy is managed. Particularly useful for students going on to a related degree course.

What can it lead to?

Economics provides an excellent foundation for professional careers and higher education courses in business, banking, finance, accountancy, law, insurance, marketing and politics.

What are the entry requirements?

Students are required to have achieved at least a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or Literature in order to prepare them adequately for the essay writing. The new specification now explicitly requires responses to include an element of quantitative mathematical skill. A Grade 6 in GCSE Maths is desirable. Additionally, although not a requirement, those considering studying Economics at university are encouraged to take A-Level Maths to support future progression.

What will I Study?

You will develop an understanding of economic concepts and theories through consideration of current economic issues, problems and institutions that affect everyday life. You will learn how to apply theories and concepts in a range of contexts and appreciate their value and limitations in explaining real world phenomena. You will be taught how to analyse and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the market economy and the role intervention by the Government.

How will I be taught?

Within the classroom students will confront economic issues, tackle the challenges that these issues raise and engage in debate and discussion with fellow students. The main modes of delivery will be class discussions, group activities, case studies and independent research.

How will I be assessed?

At A Level there are 3 written exams. All are 2 hours in length.

What units will I take?

A Level:

9EC0/01 – Paper 1 Markets & Business Behaviour (35%)

9EC0/02 – Paper 2 The National & Global Economy (35%)

9EC0/03 – Paper 3 Microeconomics & Macroeconomics (30%)

What equipment or materials will I need?

Textbooks, stationery, journals, subject folders.

