

Economics

AS/A Level

OCR

Specification

Year 1: H061

Year 2: H461

What does the course include?

By studying economics you learn how society decides who gets what! You will gain a better understanding of inequality, the behaviour of firms, government policy and a wide range of economic concepts.

Will I enjoy this course?

You will enjoy this course if you want to study a subject that:

- Is relevant to the world you live in and to your future.
- Encourages you to discuss current affairs and issues.
- Focuses on the world of business and economics.
- Involves working on a coursework portfolio.
- Is studied through investigation, not just listening and reading.
- Develops a full range of skills that will be useful in other subjects you study and in employment.

How will I learn?

The course will be divided between two teachers. In class you can expect to learn concepts and apply them through a variety of activities. You will be working both independently and in groups on tasks. Work created in class and at home will be combined into a file of valuable material, which will help with revision and will be regularly monitored. Also there will be a series of assignments, data response questions and in year two essays that will need to be completed outside lesson time.

How will my work be assessed?

AS: Units 1 & 2 are assessed by examination in either January or June accounting for 100% of the AS marks and 50% of the full A Level.

A2: Unit 3 and 5 will be assessed by examination over the two periods – January and June – and account for the final 50% of the full A Level.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

You will need good organisational skills in order to manage the demands of this course. You need to be able to understand theoretical concepts and apply them in given situations. You will need to develop skills in analysing the benefits and drawbacks of a given strategy and draw conclusions. Writing style is important at this level and you will be expected to structure appropriate responses to case study problems applying the theory you have learnt. Finally, having a genuine interest in Economics and related topics is essential for success.

What are the entry requirements?

5 GCSEs grade A-C including Maths and English.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

Students completing this course find it a useful introduction to any higher level economics course. It also provides you with a range of higher level skills of critical analysis useful for a range of University courses. It is good for students on all types of programmes of study to give them a broader perspective of the world.