



A Level Economics



Why study Economics?

Economics is a social science that affects us every day. Ranging from why certain goods are taxed, why the Government offers free healthcare and education, to the impact of China opening its borders to full international trade. Economics looks at both microeconomics, the study of individual markets, and macroeconomics, the study of national and international economies.

Exam Board:
AQA

Overview of course content

A Level (specification code: 7136)

| Examination | % of A Level |
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| Paper 1 – Markets and Market Failure (Assessed on Microeconomics) Exam duration: 2 hours (80 marks) | 33.3% |
| Paper 2 – National and International Economy (Assessed on Macroeconomics) Exam duration: 2 hours (80 marks) | 33.3% |
| Paper 3 – Economic Principles and Issues (Assessed on questions across whole course) Exam duration: 2 hours (80 marks) | 33.3% |

The course is split into 'Micro' and 'Macro' economics, with both parts of the economy studied in Year 12 and Year 13.

Year 12:

- Micro: The Operations of Markets and Market Failure
- Macro: The National Economy in a Global Context

Year 13:

- Micro: Individuals, Firms, Markets and Market Failure
- Macro: The National and International Economy

Additional Reading

- The Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
- Capitalism: 50 Ideas You Really Need to Know by Jonathan Portes
- Choice Factory by Richard Shotton
- Doughnut Economics by Kate Raworth
- Economics for the Common Good by Jean Tirole



Careers/Future Opportunities

- Actuarial analyst
- Chartered accountant
- Chartered certified accountant
- Chartered public finance accountant
- Data analyst
- Economist
- Government department (various)
- Forensic accountant

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