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Welcome to the Department of Business and Economics

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Meet the team:

★ *Mrs Robinson-White* - Subject Leader; Teacher of A level & GCSE Economics and GCSE Business

★ *Mr McDonough -* Teacher of Business & A level Economics

★ *Ms Sanghani -* Teacher of A level & GCSE Business

Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

edexcel

"Business gives you a great base when going into any kind of job, but especially if you are creating your own business."

Teacher of Business Studies

At A level students are entered for the Business qualification with Edexcel. Students will sit two (2) papers at the end of Year 13.

We cover the functions of a business such as finance and marketing. We also look at the decision-making that business owners need to consider every day in their jobs.

Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

The best thing about studying A level Business is the practical application of concepts to real-world situations. This subject not only equips you with essential skills in areas like marketing, finance, and management, but it also fosters an entrepreneurial mindset by encouraging you to think critically about how businesses operate and succeed.

You will gain insights into the challenges and opportunities that companies face, enhancing your understanding of the economy and your role within it. Overall, A level Business prepares you for a wide range of career paths while encouraging innovative thinking and problem-solving.

Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

AQA

"Economics provides you with valuable insights into the dynamics of the world around you, fostering a deeper understanding of global events and their implications."

Past student

At A level, students pursue the Economics qualification offered by AQA, completing three papers at the end of Year 13.

The curriculum covers key areas, including Microeconomics, which examines the decisions of individuals and firms, and Macroeconomics, which analyses the economy as a whole and the decisions made by governments.

AQA Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

The best thing about studying economics is that it equips you with the analytical tools to understand and interpret complex real-world issues. It fosters critical thinking about how individuals, businesses, and governments make decisions in an interconnected world. This understanding not only enhances your awareness of current events but also empowers you to evaluate policies and their impacts on society, ultimately preparing you for informed citizenship and diverse career opportunities. Whether you are analysing market trends, exploring economic inequalities, or examining global challenges, economics offers a fascinating lens through which to view and engage with the world.

Our Co-curricular Offer

Students visit the Mini factory in Oxford which helps them to understand many sections of the course.

Students attend a revision conference held by a prominent Economics teacher.

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We are planning a City of London tour which includes a visit of the financial hub of London and a workshop to get a sense of what it is like to work in London.

There are also Revision Blast Workshops and Events being prepared to help in your studies of Economics & Business.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the difference between Economics and Business?

The study of Economics and Business, while related, focuses on different aspects of the economic landscape.

Economics is primarily concerned with understanding how resources are allocated and how decisions are made at both individual and societal levels. It explores broad concepts such as supply and demand, market structures, economic policies, and the overall functioning of economies. Economists analyze trends, examine the impacts of government policies, and study issues like inflation, unemployment, and international trade.

Frequently Asked Questions cont'd

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Business, on the other hand, focuses specifically on the operations and management of organisations. It covers areas such as marketing, finance, human resources, and strategic management. Business studies emphasise practical skills and knowledge needed to run and grow a company, including decision-making processes, organizational behavior, and customer relations.

In essence, Economics provides a foundational understanding of the systems in which businesses operate, while Business focuses on the application of that knowledge in a corporate context. Together, they offer a comprehensive view of how economic principles influence business practices and vice versa.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there any coursework in either subject? **No.**

Are there any requirements in terms of English and Maths? *You will need to have passed both English and Maths (at least a grade 6) as there is a strong element of both in the courses.*

Do you need to have taken either Economics or Business beforehand at GCSE? *No. Some students will have done so but some won't, so we teach everybody from the very beginning.*

So, If you are curious about taxes, international trade, and enjoy discussing economic news, A level Economics and Business are the perfect subjects for you! These courses not only deepen your understanding of key economic concepts but also equip you with practical skills that can significantly enhance your earning potential. Engage with critical issues and explore how economic principles shape the world around you while preparing for a rewarding career.

The Department of Business and Economics look forward to meeting you in September 2026!