

## POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

**Name of subject:** A Level Economics

**Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?** AQA

**Why should I study this course?**

A Level Economics is highly regarded by universities and industry. There are a number of Business and Economics related degrees and apprenticeships that would be the natural progression from this A Level, and it is also an asset for studying PPE at University- Philosophy, Politics and Economics, which can lead to a range of well respected professions.

**Who is suitable to study this course?** Grade 5 in English and Grade 6 in Maths. Some study of business is helpful, but not essential, a genuine interest in current affairs will be most important.

**Subject Overview:**

Students will acquire quantitative skills and be familiar with various types of statistical data which are commonly used by economists. They should be able to make relevant calculations from economic data and be able to interpret data presented in the form of index numbers.

Examples of other relevant quantitative skills include: the construction and use of graphs and the application of statistical measures such as the mean, median and quantiles.

Students will be encouraged to develop a critical approach to economic models and methods of enquiry. Students will acquire a good knowledge of trends and developments in the economy which have taken place over the past fifteen years and also have an awareness of earlier events where this helps to give recent developments a longer term perspective.

**How is the Course Assessed?**

Three 2 hour exams at the end of year 13