



Economics (AQA A level)

What will the course involve?

Students will be given the opportunity to study the following Economic topics:

- 1 Economic methodology and the economic problem
- 2 Individual economic decision making
- 3 Price determination in a competitive market
- 4 Production, costs and revenue
- 5 Perfect competition, imperfectly competitive markets and monopoly
- 6 The labour market
- 7 The distribution of income and wealth: poverty and inequality
- 8 The market mechanism, market failure and government intervention in markets
- The national and international economy
- 9 The measurement of macroeconomic performance
- 10 How the macroeconomy works : the circular flow of income, AD/AS analysis, and related concepts
- 11 Economic performance
- 12 Financial markets and monetary policy
- 13 Fiscal policy and supply-side policies
- 14 The international economy

How will I be assessed?

Students will be assessed through 3 X two-hour exams that will be taken at the end of the course.

What skills will I develop?

Students will be encouraged to develop a critical approach to economic models and methods of enquiry. They should appreciate that value judgements play an important role in economic decision making. They should understand the methodology of economics and the role of evidence whilst recognising that economics is a social science and that people's behaviour is not necessarily rational or predictable.

It is expected that 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.

Where can the study of Economics lead?

The qualification allows learners to develop the wide-ranging knowledge; understanding and skills required for direct progression into a broad range of roles within the industry they are going to be a part of.

The course will prepare you for higher education economics courses and economic related employment.

Where can I get more information?

For further information about studying Economics at Archbishop Blanch Sixth Form contact: Mrs Gillin on 0151 233 7373.