

Mayflower High School

WHAT WILL I STUDY AT A LEVEL?

During the two year course of study, students will focus on the two main areas of Economics – Macroeconomics and Microeconomics. The students will study such topics as supply and demand, market failure, fiscal policy, monetary policy and globalisation. Throughout the course, students are encouraged to relate text book theory to real life scenarios and they will have the opportunity to subscribe to 'The Economic Review'. The vital relevance of Economics to everyday life is a key element to the teaching style of the course and it would be useful if the students were to have an awareness of current affairs.

The A Level qualification has three two-hour examinations in Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Economic Themes. Examination questions will be in the form of multiple choice, data response and extended writing. These examinations are taken in the summer of Year 13.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES AFTER A LEVEL?

Economics is a prestigious and highly valued qualification in business and universities, thanks to the high level skills it develops. Careers in finance, investment banking and accountancy are popular routes with many well established financial institutions, such as JP Morgan Chase, requiring either A Level Economics and/or Business on a CV to even achieve an interview.

WHAT ARE THE COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

CAPS 5 plus a grade 5 in GCSE English Language or English Literature OR a grade 4 in GCSE English Language or Literature and a grade 6 in a GCSE Humanity. Students that are not taking A Level Mathematics are strongly advised to consider taking AS Level Core Mathematics.

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