



GCSE

Economics

The Brunts Academy

What is economics?

Economics, at its very heart, is the study of people. It seeks to explain what drives human behaviour, decisions and reactions when faced with difficulties or successes. Economics is a discipline which combines politics, sociology, psychology and history and is a dynamic subject, constantly developing as the world around us changes.

When you study economics you gain a toolkit of skills, approaches and ways of thinking that you can apply to a wide range of problems. These skills are invaluable both in the world of study and the world of work. It is one of the central disciplines underpinning the study of business and management and public policy.

What type of student is this suitable for?

This qualification is ideal for students interested in business and enterprise as well as in Banking and Finance.

It is a great choice for learners who are looking to develop a significant core of knowledge and understanding in economics and the course teaches them how to apply their learning to real world examples.

What could this course lead on to?

Specific skills you will develop through this course include communication skills (presenting ideas supported by evidence), numeracy, problem-solving and analytical skills.

These skills prepare you for A level / level 3 study in a wide range of different subjects. The qualification will appeal particularly to learners who wish to pursue a career in business and enterprise, the public sector and financial services / banking.

Assessment

The qualification is a GCSE and graded 9-1 .

The qualification has two examinations at the end of the study programme.

Each examination lasts 1 hour 45 minutes and consists of two sections.

Section A: 10 multiple choice questions followed by a range of calculation, short and extended response questions.

Section B: five questions involving a mix of calculations, short and extended responses

Paper 1: How markets work (50% of total qualification)

Paper 2: How the economy works (50% of total qualification)

The examinations take place in June of Year 11

Awarding Body: AQA GCSE in Economics

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