



Curriculum Detail: Economics

Economics is available as a study option from year 10.

In Year 10, students learn about personal finances including an examination of expenditure, saving and borrowing and how these activities affect the economy. Students investigate the purpose and nature of work and get to experience real life practices as part of a trip (to the Coca Cola factory in Sidcup, for example). Key concepts such as unemployment, supply and demand are taught in Year 10 and there are many opportunities to debate, discuss and present arguments concerning recent and current events in the UK economy as well as economic developments further afield.

Year 11 students enhance their understanding of concepts introduced in Year 10 by studying issues surrounding the national and global economies. This is a very cross-curricular programme with students examining the impacts of globalization on the UK economy as well the effects of international trade. Topical issues such as immigration and the use of 'sweatshops' by particular corporations are debated in depth; a pre-release topic (e.g. poverty) is provided by the examinations board in preparation for the final exam.