

Name of Course	Economics (9708)
Examining board	Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)
Link to specification	http://www.cambridgeinternational.org/images/329552-2019-2021-syllabus.pdf
Course entry requirements	To study Economics at A-Level students should have at least a Grade B in Economics at IGCSE or equivalent. Students will also be considered if they have Grade B or above in subjects that link to Economics such as Business, History or Geography
Why Economics?	Whatever career you choose to continue with, Economics will be all around you. The course is designed to encourage students to develop practical solutions to problems such as unemployment or change in oil prices, apply concepts of Economics to different contexts and develop this understanding relating to decision-making of complex human issues
Course content (Year 12 and 13 - AS and A Level)	The syllabus is divided into five topic areas which are covered equally across both years. 1. Basic economic ideas and resource allocation. 2. The price system and the micro economy. 3. Government microeconomic intervention. 4. The macro economy. 5. Government macroeconomic intervention
Exam structure	Students will sit 2 exams at the end of Year 12 (AS). Paper 1 is multiple-choice; Paper 2 is data response and essay. At the end of Year 13 (A-Level), students will sit Paper 3 which is again multiple choice and Paper 4 which is data response and essays.
Summer suggestions	Watch the news and read the papers! Find out what is going on in the world of business, economics and politics. What are the politicians and the media saying about the world economy? What is happening to the value of currencies or to unemployment, or developments of trade deals in Europe or the rest of the world?