Economics
at MSJ Sixth Form

Economics is about choice and the study of the world in which we live. It is a challenging, thought provoking subject, which stimulates debate about local, national and international issues and the impact of our choice on others.

Economics enables us to participate as effective citizens in, and make a positive difference to, the everchanging global village. It doesn't matter if you haven't studied Economics before; you soon develop the skills necessary and fully enjoy and participate in lessons. Economics enables you to make effective decisions and choices throughout your lifetime.

TO PURSUE THE A LEVEL COURSE SUCCESSFULLY, PUPILS IDEALLY NEED A MINIMUM OF:

GCSE Maths 6

GCSE English 6

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

At the end of the course, you will be able to understand what determines the demand for, supply of, and price of a variety of products and services. You will also study the objectives of the government, the causes and effects of globalisation and how economies develop. Economics enables you to answer big news topics such as: 'Why didn't economists predict the Global Financial Crisis?', 'Why do some economies grow and others don't?', 'Will the Eurozone survive?' and 'what impact will BREXIT have on the UK economy?' If these issues intrigue you, then Economics will provide you with a way of analysing and questioning the assumptions behind them.

With an ever-changing world, Economics does not stand still. No two lessons are the same and every discussion will lead to a different outcome!

IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

What skills will I need?

In order to study Economics it is important to be able to think critically and develop and share your own views. The ability to read graphs, problem solve and do simple calculations is important as it allows you to interpret and analyse economic problems. Economics provides an excellent grounding in how the national and international economy works, so it is important to keep up-to-date with current economic issues.

WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

If you wish to pursue Economics at university, it is essential that you study A Level Mathematics Economics. As a social science it works well particularly with the Sciences, Languages, Politics, Geography, Business and History. However, whatever your combination, Economics works well with all subjects.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE CAREER PATHWAYS?

The intellectual skills of data analysis and presenting arguments are of life-long value. Pupils will also develop transferable skills such as communication, numeracy, critical thinking and problem solving, all of which are in high demand and recognised by universities and employers as being of great value.

Pupils could pursue an array of careers including business, management, law, civil service, government and international relations, journalism, accounting and finance.

HEAD OF SUBJECT

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HOW IS IT ASSESSED?	
A Level Paper 1:	Markets and business behaviour (examination using short and long answer questions based on the given data which is 35% of A Level)
A Level Paper 2:	The national and global economy (examination using short and long answer questions based on the given data which is 35% of A Level)
A Level Paper 3:	Microeconomics and macroeconomics (examination using data response questions and an essay covering the whole of the A Level specification which is 30% of A Level)