



# Ripon Grammar School

Dear Student,

We are delighted that you have chosen to study A Level Economics at Ripon Grammar School and look forward to welcoming you to the department in September. A Level Economics is a dynamic subject that helps you gain a deeper and more accurate understanding of the economic and political issues that shape our society, economic system and our international relations. Over the next two years, you will explore a wide range of topics focused on macroeconomics and microeconomics, gain valuable evaluative and analytical skills, and take part in discussions about the true nature and impact of economic activity.

In Year 12, you will study a mix of macro and microeconomics topics. In microeconomics you will study the nature of markets, market failure, and the role of government in shaping and controlling free market activity. Macroeconomics is the study of the economy as a whole—it looks at big-picture issues like inflation, unemployment, economic growth, and how governments manage the economy through policies. For Lower Sixth Form students, understanding macroeconomics is incredibly valuable because it helps make sense of the world and political decision-making.

You'll also begin to develop essential skills in economic analysis and start thinking about how the economics you are learning relates to current affairs and everyday life. This encourages you to think critically about current events and equips you with the tools to analyse how economic decisions affect individuals, markets, the environment, and society at large.

Lessons will involve a mixture of teacher-led learning, discussion, video material, source analysis, diagram and data analysis and essay writing. You'll be expected to keep up with current events and use real-world examples to support your understanding of economic theory.

Over the summer, you should complete a transition task designed to introduce you to some key themes from the AQA Economics specification. This must be completed and brought with you for the first lesson in September. This task will involve reading a selection of short articles and responding to an open-ended, evaluative question. This is a chance to demonstrate your ability to research, reflect and develop a written argument – a key skill for success at A Level.

[Economics Transition Work.pdf](#)

Regards,

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