

## Economics Department

The Economics department is based in the Sixth Form Centre and Economics is one of the options students can study at A level.

There are currently two Year 12 classes and two Year 13 classes preparing for their AQA Economics 'A' level GCE 7136.

The department consists of one member of staff who holds the post of Subject Lead and delivers all the Economics lessons.

### The department's aims are:

- To ensure students can relate what they are learning in an Economics' classroom to the world around them – locally, nationally and globally.
- To develop a desire to make a difference.
- To develop students with empathy, understanding and appreciation for other views and opinions.
- To equip students to think critically and make informed decisions so that they have the intellectual capacity to change the world for the better.

Students are taught through a combination of short lectures, discussions, class activities and problem-solving exercises which are designed to address current issues. When possible students learn first-hand through visiting speakers from important economic institutions like The Bank of England.

When involved in marketing the department to prospective students we emphasise the importance of continually developing their interest in current affairs, the business world and government. In addition, students need to be numerate and able to analyse simple data forms, such as charts and tables, with relative ease and perform basic calculations, for example calculating percentage change, therefore we require grade 7+ in GCSE Mathematics.

The department has enjoyed a great deal of success at A Level. Results have been excellent and consistent over many years with good numbers of students opting for Economics related degrees or apprenticeships.

Economics is a vibrant and creative subject at King Edward VI Handsworth School. The department is forward thinking and innovative, committed to raising standards in teaching and learning and extending and enriching the experience of our highly able and well-motivated students.