

# EXPANDING OUR OFFER

In order to meet the needs of our growing Sixth Form, we expanded our curriculum offer to include Economics and Politics.

## Economics

Specification: Pearson Edexcel

### Contact:

**JMS:** Mr Robin Conway (Director of Humanities)

### What Will I Study?

Over the course of the A-level you will study 4 units:

- Introduction to Markets and Market Failure
- The UK Economy – Performance and Policies
- Business Behaviour and the Labour Market
- A Global Perspective

During the A-level you will explore the inter-relationship between micro- and macro-economic factors, consider the role of the theory in economics and learn to analyse economic trends, developments and debates from the news drawing on your expertise.

### How Will I Learn and How Will I Be Assessed?

The exam papers consist of a mixture of short-answer questions testing core knowledge and extended answers assessing a student's skill at analysing economic factors. Several questions and concepts rely on an effective working grasp of mathematics, so a level 5 at GCSE would be a recommended minimum for the study of economics.

## Politics

Specification: AQA

### Contact:

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### What Will I Study?

Over the course of the A-level you will study 3 units:

- UK Government, Politics and Constitution
- Core and non-core political ideas and ideologies
- Comparative Politics: The US Constitution and Political system

During the A-level you will explore the theory of politics and government and encounter a range of different concepts about how governments should work. You will also explore through case studies of British and American politics real world issues, developments and political trends, as you analyse the practice of politics in modern societies.

### How Will I Learn and How Will I Be Assessed?

The exam papers consist primarily of extended written essays allowing you to reach judgements on political issues based on an understanding of contemporary issues and political theory