

## **Economics A level: Frequently Asked Questions**

Q How many pupils usually take the A level?

A Typically between 25 and 40 pupils per year. Currently (2020/1), we have 39 pupils studying Economics A level.

Q How many pupils per class?

A Usually about 20 pupils per class, although this can fall to 10-15 in a year group when 25 pupils study the subject.

Q What is the work load like? Is there a lot of work besides lessons?

A Pupils are expected to do 4-5 hours of work in addition to lesson time. However, a lot of this extra work might be keeping up to date with recent economics news events, such as reading a daily newspaper, so that you can apply the theory to real world case studies.

Q How are the Department's A level results?

A In 2018-9, TWGGS pupils achieved 54% A\*/A grades, meaning that our median pupil achieves an A grade. This compares to 34.5% of girls and 29.7% of boys nationwide in 2018.

Q What is the difference between Economics and Business Studies?

A Business Studies looks at the day-to-day existence of a single business and the functions of a business, such as Marketing, Accounting and Human Resources. Economics looks at the environment against which businesses operate and looks at the effects of business behavior generally.

Q Does the Department offer Business A level?

A No, Business A level is not on offer at TWGGS and there are currently no plans to introduce it in the future.