



Curriculum Intent for Business and Economics at St Joseph's College

Our aim is to create the very best Economics and Business Studies students.

Economics plays a role in all of our everyday lives. The Economics curriculum aims to provide our students with an understanding of their place in a dynamic, global economy. Studying economics enables students to understand past, future and current models, and apply them to societies, governments, businesses and individuals. Students will develop essential skills such as analysing and interpreting data, building rational and logical arguments and making clear, convincing judgements. Economics combines both creativity and rational thought and students will confidently use a wide range of mathematical skills and balance these with strong communication skills, both written and verbal.

The aim of the Business Studies curriculum is to equip students with the appropriate knowledge and skills needed to develop their employability and to support their progression into further study. We encourage students to be analytical thinkers and problem solvers. The course stresses the importance of discussion, alternative points of view and being able to create an argument and make judgements- skills which are all highly sought after and valued in a wide range of careers. The Business Studies curriculum will help shape students and inspire them to enter into the world of business.

The Business and Economics curriculum goes beyond what is taught within lessons and although the priority is for all students to achieve the very best examination results, we also develop skills such as being able to use initiative, developing leadership skills and being able to articulate themselves clearly using Business and Economics vocabulary. Opportunities are given for pupils to access real world examples and current events through the use of news articles and the reading of case studies. This helps to keep students engaged and informed and links directly to their learning and assessment.

It is also our intent that the curriculum will help to ensure that our students are well rounded individuals, in keeping with St Joseph's College ethos to develop the whole person. In Business Studies pupils will be required to consider the health, social, moral and ethical issues surrounding business decisions and the impact that businesses can have on a wide range of stakeholders. Alongside the fundamental economic analysis, students will be challenged to consider the ethical principles and moral or ethical problems which so often arise when implementing public policy. The curriculum will make certain that students not only know about our world, but will also challenge them to consider how best to live in our world.