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Economics

AGES AND LOCATIONS

Ages 13-15: Cambridge, Oxford
Ages 16-18: Cambridge, Oxford, Singapore
Ages 15-18: London

Students are taught in separate age groups, with content and pace tailored to each.
Small classes, averaging 7 students.



COURSE INTRODUCTION

How economists analyse the world, covering markets, trade, development, the labour market, automation, and game theory.

You'll learn how to model a market, explain why economies diverge, and evaluate a policy against its trade-offs.

You'll leave with a completed personal project and a personalised tutor evaluation to draw on in university applications.



EXAMPLE TUTOR

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Economics sample syllabus

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WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	**How do markets work?** Meet supply, demand, prices, and market equilibrium as the core ideas of economics.	**Market failure** Investigate where markets fail to produce the best outcomes, and why.	**Comparative advantage** Discover why specialising in what you do best creates gains from trade, through a trading game.	**The development puzzle** Ask why some countries grew rich while others struggled to raise living standards.	**Institutions and growth** Consider how inclusive institutions shape innovation, opportunity, and prosperity.
PM	**Incentives and resource allocation** See how incentives shape behaviour and how markets allocate resources efficiently.	**The tragedy of the commons** Play through shared-resource games and discuss how communities respond.	**Globalisation and tariffs** Examine who wins and who loses when governments protect domestic industries.	**1:1 tutorial** Talk to your tutor about the areas of economics that interest you most, and get suggestions for reading and resources to take them further.	**The Malthusian trap** Explore why sustained improvements in living standards were once so rare.
		Creativity masterclass Explore divergent, convergent, and lateral thinking, then use SCAMPER to generate and pitch original ideas.		**Personal project supervision** Choose a topic for your personal project, plan your research, and start shaping your presentation.	

WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	**Understanding the labour market** Apply supply and demand to wages, employment, and human capital.	**Automation and AI** Investigate how technology reshapes productivity and the world of work.	**Introduction to game theory** Study strategic decisions where success depends on the choices of others.	**Game theory and global challenges** Apply strategic reasoning to climate change and international conflict.	**Personal project presentations** Present your economics personal project to your tutor and peers.
PM	**Discrimination and fairness at work** Confront why discrimination persists even when it is costly to employers.	**The future of work** Debate creative destruction, structural unemployment, and who gets left behind.	**The Prisoner's Dilemma** Simulate cooperation and competition and locate the Nash equilibrium.	**1:1 tutorial** Get feedback on your progress, and talk through your academic ambitions and the university courses and careers economics can lead to.	**Personal project presentations (continued)** Respond to questions and discuss your peers' presentations.
	Critical thinking masterclass Examine the attention economy, echo chambers, logical fallacies, and cognitive bias, then debate a live issue.	**Guest speaker evening** Learn from an inspirational speaker from fields such as broadcasting, writing, philosophy, and sport, then question and debate.	**Personal project supervision** Finalise your research and slides and rehearse your presentation ready for Friday.		**Graduation ceremony** Certificates, speeches, and celebration.

Please note: this is an example syllabus and is subject to change.
Not shown: full evening and weekend social and cultural timetable.

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