

# Economics - for students who are 16-17 years old

## Course introduction

### Course objectives

- To gain an appreciation of the 'big topics' in Economics
- To complete basic methods of economic analysis
- To shape the ability to argue persuasively and logically
- To understand ethical issues that impact economic decisions

Each topic will include a mixture of didactic or learning-assisted content (video, text, powerpoint) and self-directed learning activities to complete.

This course will aim to introduce students to some of the 'big topics' in economics—those frequently referenced—such as economic growth and development, poverty and financial crises. Students will also be introduced to basic methods of economic analysis.

### Topic titles

1. Economic growth and development, microeconomics and impact of interventions.
2. Ethical relevance to microeconomic issues.
3. Business cycles and key macroeconomic variables and objectives.
4. Interventions evaluation: Government and company led.

### Independent project work

This piece of work will combine all of the content covered in the course. Information covered during independent study, webinars and tutorials has been designed to help students achieve solid theoretical background knowledge coupled with data analysis and presentation skills.

Students will prepare an economic report on a country of their choosing, highlighting all of the areas covered in the four topics with their analysis, suggestions and justifications for next steps at the micro and macro levels.