

Economics is available at Higher level.

HIGHER ECONOMICS	
REQUIREMENTS	Evidence of success in a range of National 5/Higher courses.
COURSE CONTENT	<p>Three units: Economics of the Market, UK Economic Activity and Global Economic Activity. Economics is about choice and the impact of choice, from the decisions made as individuals, governments and businesses. The course looks at government, businesses and global trade and the economic environment in which these are set. Further detail of the course coverage is available on Economics Higher course assessment specification.</p> <p>Economics is a course in which an understanding of current economic affairs is learned. An appreciation of issues covered in the media is achieved.</p>
ASSESSMENT	<p>A final external examination is set which is worth 70 marks. This consists of one 25 mark question based on stimulus material and three 15 mark questions. All questions are mandatory.</p> <p>There is also coursework which consists of an assignment which requires the candidates to research an economic topic or issue of their choice and produce a report. The assignment is worth 30 marks and is marked externally.</p> <p>A specimen question paper will be available late February on the SQA website. The individual units are assessed internally by means of tasks or written questions.</p>
PROGRESSION / NEXT STEPS	<p>There are also numerous opportunities to continue studying Economics after school at ONC, HNC or degree level. It also forms part of other Business qualifications. Pupils may wish to discuss relevant work experience/placements with Faculty staff and their Guidance Teacher.</p> <p>Economics is a subject which prepares for careers as an economist or in the insurance, financial and banking sector. In the Oil and Gas sector, economic analysis is a core skill within the role of a business analyst often in conjunction with a finance accounting qualification.</p>