

What our students say about studying Economics

"I initially chose to study Economics as I enjoyed reading about economic issues in the news and I wanted to understand more about the ideas and theories behind them. In addition, I felt it was a good subject to take to balance out my other A Levels which were STEM-focused as doing Economics enabled to develop other skills such as essay writing and data interpretation."

"Learning Economics at Pate's has been thoroughly enjoyable as our teachers are brilliant at making the lessons fun and interactive with lots of opportunity for class discussions, like debating about how to tackle increasing government debt. The content has been very manageable in terms of the workload as you build up from the very basics like supply and demand, to more advanced concepts, with tons of support given on the way."

"At Pate's, you are given lots of help in terms of the assessments as you are taught how to structure different types of essays. The regular assessments and valuable feedback you receive helps you build up your confidence in terms of writing great essays."

"The Economics Department provides a lot of support outside of lessons. For example, lots of news articles are posted on Teams about real-life economic issues like the government's economics response to COVID-19, and information about super-curricular opportunities like essay writing competitions."

"Doing Economics at Pate's made me realise this was a subject I am genuinely interested in and led me to apply to study Economics at University. Both of my Economics teachers were incredibly helpful in the process as they gave me plenty of information and guidance, especially in terms of refining my personal statement and preparing for Oxbridge interviews with weekly support sessions."

"After a taster session for Economics I was instantly interested in the subject especially as it was something I had never studied before. I have now applied to do Economics at university which was very unexpected and even though I'm unsure about what career path I want to go down, I know it will be very useful in the future."

"I like studying economics at Pate's because both teachers are great. There is always an effort made for lessons to be as engaging and thought provoking as possible. Content is delivered in various forms including PowerPoints, different games, group discussions, whiteboard work, in coordination with well-made handouts."

"If I am ever in need of help outside of lessons, teachers are always quick to respond to emails or offer one-to-one help. There are also support sessions available at lunch time to help build confidence, as well as assistance in some specific topics which students may be struggling with."

"So, what do we get up to in Economics? Well, it ranges. We've done everything from eating an unlimited number of biscuits to demonstrate the principle of diminishing marginal utility, to discussing the merits of Britain's response to COVID."

“For those of you who are maths phobic, a word of reassurance; if you can find a percentage, you can do A Level Economics.”

“Outside of the classroom, you would be hard-pressed to find a department which supports its students so well.”

“Whilst I wish to study economics at university come next year, I would thoroughly recommend it to anybody who wishes to better understand the day-to-day interactions of people.”

“Someone once said to me: ‘Economics is just applied maths, right?’ and it was utterly distressing as I could not disagree more. Economics is a social science which embodies the best characteristics of many humanities whilst being supported by, yes, an element of maths: in the form of percentages, index numbers and real-world statistics (but that’s all!)”

“Economics is an incredible subject as it ‘complements’ (a little Economics pun there, I promise not bad spelling) literally any other subject: from my experience, I’ve found more of an overlap between Economics and French than between Economics and Maths.”

“Economics at Pate’s is taught by the best teachers I’ve ever met, and Economics lessons at Pates have the best atmosphere because of them.”

“In Economics, the teachers are able to challenge us whilst making the lessons so incredibly applicable to the world around us and above all enjoyable so that you leave the classroom excited to go back.”