



## Area News - Economics

### What have we been up to?

Studying A Level Economics gives students the chance to explore how the world really works and discover the wide range of careers that economic thinking can lead to. This March, our Year 1 students will be attending the Davitt Jones Bould Real Estate Careers Event, an inspiring example of the real-world experiences available to those studying Economics.

Through events like this, students see how the concepts they learn in class connect directly to industries such as real estate, investment, consultancy, sustainability and urban development. They'll meet professionals who make decisions about markets, property development, business growth and long-term planning.

The event also gives students the chance to explore different career pathways, take part in workshops, and build valuable networking skills that help prepare them for future employment. Opportunities like this show how versatile Economics is, opening doors to careers in business, finance, law, government, and many other fields.

### Recently in lessons we have been ...

Year 1 students have just finished micro economics where they have discussed how governments can reduce the consumption of cigarettes, how more people can be encouraged to have eye tests, and how flooding can be prevented (a very timely video of the Somerset Levels showed the impact on the local community!) They have also been researching the economic growth rate, unemployment rate, inflation rate and levels of inequality in 5 different countries as an introduction to macroeconomics. They were able to compare their findings to identify trends in the data. We will be referring to this research as we continue through the course.

Year 2 students have been discussing supply-side policies which are used by governments to increase the productive potential of the economy. Many of these policies focus on increasing the incentives to work which students find very engaging and interesting. For each policy students have been discussing the advantages and disadvantages and considering the best policy for the current economic climate.