



# Exploring Economics: Teacher Booklet

## Overview

Exploring Economics is an outreach programme designed to introduce your Year 10 students to the world of Economics!

Your students will explore economic theory and practice through interactive workshops and gain valuable insights into how economics shapes our daily lives.

Comprising of a workshop delivered in your school in May/June as well as a visit to the University campus on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, students will be introduced to higher education as they explore our campus and meet current students from the University of Leeds.

**Students will also be invited to take part in a research project led by academics at the University of Leeds, exploring the factors influencing students' decisions to pursue economics education.**

## Aims

- Increase students' interest in and knowledge of economics
- Increase students' understanding of the importance of economics in day-to-day life
- Support students to understand the transferable skills and career paths associated with studying economics
- Raise their aspirations towards higher education



*Participants will meet current undergraduate students during the project*

## Programme Format

### May/June: In-School Talk/Workshop

- An academic or post-graduate student from Leeds University Business School will visit your school to deliver an Economics taster workshop
- We ask that this workshop is 1.5 hours, and can be at dates/times that flexibly fit around your timetable
- The in-school workshop can be delivered to as many of your Year 10 students as you would like. We can either deliver this as an assembly-style presentation or repeated classroom-based workshops
- **Students who have consented to take part in the research project will be invited to fill in a short survey facilitated by the research team**

### 4<sup>th</sup> July: Campus Day

- We will ask you to select 25 students who are eligible for Pupil Premium to join us at the campus event
- The day will include more Economics taster sessions, a tour of our campus, and a free lunch in our Students' Union.
- Participants will also hear from current university undergraduates about student life and the opportunities provided during higher education
- **Students who have consented to take part in the research project will be invited to take part in a focus group facilitated by the research team**

## How do I select the group of students to take part in the project?

We are happy to deliver the In-School Workshop to as many Year 10 students as you would like to participate.

We will then ask you to select 25 students who are eligible for Pupil Premium to join us at the campus event on 4 July 2024.

We also ask that the students taking part in the Exploring Economics programme are a mixed-gender cohort which is as balanced as possible.

## School Commitment

- To participate, you must be available to take part in both aspects of the programme, including the on-campus event at the university on Wednesday 4 July 2024.
- Exploring Economics is a free programme of activity and schools will only have to pay for travel to the university. Lunch on the campus day will be provided.
- Alongside the outreach programme, your students will also be asked to take part in a research project run by academics at the University of Leeds, exploring the factors influencing students' decisions to pursue economics education. Consenting to the research is completely optional for the students, and will not affect their participation in the outreach activities, but by signing your school up to take part, we ask that teachers support us to facilitate the parental consent forms, surveys and focus groups relating to this research for those that do.



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