



Fettes College

**Teacher of Economics
Maternity Cover 0.5 FTE
January 2027**



This is an exciting opportunity to join the Economics Department at Fettes College in January 2027 as a part-time teacher providing maternity cover (minimum 0.5 FTE).

The successful candidate will be an excellent classroom practitioner who can inspire students of all abilities and demonstrate a real enthusiasm for Economics to students aged 13-18 who are studying GCSEs, A Levels and the IB Diploma.



About Fettes



Fettes is a leading HMC co-educational independent boarding and day school, comprised of Fettes Prep (aged 5-13) and Fettes College (aged 13-18). It stands on a magnificent site of approximately 100 acres, within walking distance of Edinburgh's city centre. Founded by Sir William Fettes in 1870, it was originally a boy's school but started admitting girls in 1970. We are now a community of more than 1000 individuals, made up of approximately 700 students and over 300 dedicated staff.

In the College, students follow the English curriculum of GCSE examinations in the Middle School and the dual pathway of either A Levels or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma in the Sixth Form. The school was in the Top 10 in the UK for the IB in 2026 and recently rated 'Excellent' by Education Scotland for its curriculum, and for raising attainment and outcomes.

Outside of the classroom, Fettes has a strong focus on pastoral care and all-round



education, providing our students with '*A place to live. A place to learn. A place to grow*'.

Aims

Fettes College aims to nurture the whole individual while fostering a happy and caring community. To this end, we will do our utmost to ensure our students:

- Receive the highest possible quality of education within a boarding environment
- Feel safe, valued, have a sense of personal worth and are thoughtful and considerate of the needs of others, possessing a willingness to take on responsibility
- Develop their self-confidence, integrity, emotional resilience, loyalty, good manners and humour, leadership skills and teamwork
- Value a sense of community and service, and develop a clear sense of right and wrong, equipping them for life beyond Fettes
- Are encouraged to stretch and challenge themselves in everything they undertake
- Are provided with equal opportunities regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnic origin race, or religion

The Economics Department

The Economics Department is popular across the school, with strong uptake for GCSE and A Level / IB in the Sixth Form. Currently made up of four teachers, the Department is a friendly team who share a passion for Economics and to getting the very best out of every student.

The Economics Department currently teaches three courses: A Level Economics (Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Economics A (9EC0)); the International Baccalaureate at Higher and Standard Level; and IGCSE Economics (Edexcel International GCSE in Economics (4EC0)). Resources are in place across curricula and, whilst experience of at least one of these would be advantageous, a teacher who is new to any of the above would be well supported. The Department regularly explores new ways to deliver material and draw from a considerable breadth of experience both from the UK and abroad.

Academic rigour is at the heart of Economics lessons, which aim to inspire a genuine spirit of enquiry and intellectual curiosity in the students. There is an emphasis on independent learning, class discussions and challenging students to be innovative.

Teachers are able to support and scaffold as well as stretch and challenge in lessons. The department also makes substantial use of real-world examples to illustrate



economic ideas and concepts and give all students access to a range of newspapers, magazines, and online subscriptions.

A Supportive Common Room

New teachers at Fettes join a friendly and supportive Common Room with a dynamic mixture of age and experience. Every new member of staff undergoes a detailed induction process.

We are committed to inclusion for all staff and welcome staff into our community regardless of age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief and marriage and civil partnerships.

Excellent Career Development

There are multiple further opportunities to develop skills as an education professional, with in-house CPD opportunities in the pastoral, academic or extra-curricular fields.

Expectations of Staff

The academic teaching that takes place in the classroom is of fundamental importance and we pride ourselves on the quality of learning and teaching at Fettes.

Fettes expects all our staff to be professional, well-mannered, well-presented and courteous to students, staff and visitors to the College always. All staff are expected to read and understand the various school policies we must ensure that these are followed.

Quality of Life

Fettes (and, more widely, Edinburgh and Scotland) offers an exciting environment in which to work and live. The school is situated a short walk from the restaurants and bars of Stockbridge and within easy reach of galleries, concert halls, theatres and cinemas. Each member of staff enjoys membership of the excellent on-site Westwoods Sports Centre and there is never far to travel for further outdoor pursuits such as water sports, hill-walking, skiing and climbing. Staff also have the opportunity to lead or assist on exciting trips and tours to all corners of the globe.

The Ideal Candidate

Successful applicants for this part-time role would be expected to have the following characteristics:

- Excellent academic pedigree with experience of teaching Economics at GCSE,



A Level and/or IB Diploma

- Excellent communication skills, with the ability to explain complex concepts clearly and to adapt communication to meet individual student needs
- Ambition, diligence, and a commitment to developing professional skills
- Empathy, patience, and the ability to motivate students, helping them build confidence, resilience, and independent learning skills
- Confidence using technology effectively to enhance teaching, learning and student engagement

Conditions of the Appointment

- The appointment will date from the start of the Spring Term in January 2027.
- Salary will be in the range of £38,000-£61,000pa (applied pro-rata) dependent on the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate
- All applicants must be either registered with GTC Scotland (GTCS) or [eligible for GTCS registration](#). If you are unsure of your eligibility you should check the GTCS website: www.gtcs.org.uk before applying
- Other details and conditions of service will be discussed at interview.

Interested candidates can contact Matt McBride, Head of Economics, by email at mj.mcbride@fettes.com, if they wish to discuss the role prior to a formal application being made.

The closing date for applications is 2nd November, with interviews likely to take place in the week of 9th November 2027.

We are passionate about creating a diverse workforce and welcome applications from under-represented communities. If you would like to have an informal chat about the inclusive culture at Fettes College or have any questions about how this might work for you, please contact Anushka Chakravarty, Deputy Head (Academic) at a.chakravarty@fettes.com