## CISI L2 Certificate in Fundamentals of Financial Services



If you're curious about how the financial world works — from banking and stocks to fintech and global markets — then this course gives you the perfect introduction. The CISI (Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment) Level 2 qualification is industry-recognised, so you'll be studying the same material that professionals in finance use at the start of their careers.

You'll cover a wide range of topics: ethics and integrity, banking, equities, bonds, derivatives, financial markets, and emerging areas such as fintech. Each week you'll explore a different aspect of financial services, giving you a broad understanding of how this huge industry operates. This course is open to any sixth former; there is no requirement to be taking Business or Economics A level.

The course finishes with a one-hour multiple-choice exam, and if you pass you'll gain the CISI Level 2 Fundamentals of Financial Services qualification. This is a professional certificate that shows future employers and universities that you've gone beyond your A levels to gain real-world knowledge.

Even if you don't plan on working in finance, the skills you gain will be useful: problem solving, critical thinking, and an awareness of how money and markets shape the world around us. It's also a great way to test out whether financial services might be the right career path for you.

The course runs for one year, on one lesson per week. The expectation is for an additional 1 hour per week of self-study to attain the level of knowledge needed to successfully pass the exam at the end of L6. Passing the exam adds a recognised external award to your portfolio and signals ambition, maturity, and a readiness to engage with professional-level learning while still at school. This course has an additional cost of £150 which includes the final exam fee.

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