

AS Economics - Reading List & Activities for the Summer 2019

Dear student,

What a great decision you have made! Economics is about our behaviours and choice and the impact of our choices on each other. It relates to every aspect of our lives, from the decisions we make as individuals or families to the structures created by governments and firms. The economic way of thinking can help us make better choices. How are you going to be successful? By reading. Reading a lot it is essential to achieving in Economics. Here is a list of activities for the summer. I will be able to tell within the first week who has completed the list and who has not. These tasks will make a difference of a grade at AS!

Reading	Details	How long should this take?
Have a look at some of the new concepts you will be studying. What is 'Microeconomics'? What is 'Macroeconomics'?	http://www.economicshelp.org http://www.economicsonline.co.uk/ http://www.tradingeconomics.com/	As long as you want, but a couple of hours should do it.
Read this.....	Misbehaving Richard H Thaler	A few hours.
Read this.....	Freakonomics – Levitt and Dubner	
Specification		
Read and review the AQA specification. What will you be studying?	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level/economics-7135-7136	1 hour (Print it off and bring it in a folder in the first week)
Blogging and webinars		
Sign up to the Tutor2U Economics blog and Econplusdal . A brilliant place to view videos around the subject. Webinars is a relaxed way of gaining information.	http://beta.tutor2u.net/economics/blog https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=tutor2u+economics https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQbBh9Jn2ljcSPZOiNKJu0g	Daily exposure to your subject is key to success. 30 min x 3 per week.
Watching		
Get the popcorn in and watch the attached films (but consider the economic context of what you watch!) Capitalism “a love story” The Big Short Margin Call Inside job Mc Libel and any others related to Economics you might come across		Who cares, it’s an easy task to sit, eat popcorn and enjoy a movie!
BBC News , Economist online (Stretch & Challenge)	You won’t get better than watching the news and evaluating the effect of politics, government policy and how economics plays a role in every decision ever made by every economy on the planet affecting everyone and everything!	
Panorama, The Daily Politics Show or any current affairs that take your fancy! BBC Business news	http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/news/highlights BBC - at various times of the day	Watch a programme per week!
Discuss		
Chat to your family about a number of things.....	Sport (Premiership wages), Politics (Government & NHS), Geography (How technology is making the world a smaller place to trade). Brexit and the EU. Effects of the Trade War between China and USA	Everyday please! The more you do this the better. Plus it’s nice to show off your learning and feel confident in a subject topic!
Subscriptions		
Purchase these subscriptions. We will ask for the subscription on ET and ER and order it for you the first week	Economics today Economics review Economist (extended reading optional)	It is known that exam questions come from these magazines.

Any questions please ask Mrs Avey (HoD), Mr Joubert Teacher i/c Economics, Mrs Perrie Teacher Economics