**AS Economics - Reading List & Activities for the Summer 2021**

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!

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| **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…………………… | [Freakonomics – Levitt and Dubner](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Superfreakonomics-Cooling-Patriotic-Prostitutes-Insurance-ebook/dp/B003TSE8FS/ref=sr_1_2?crid=PU0ICM2SZMU3&keywords=freakonomics&qid=1557857299&s=digital-text&sprefix=freakonomics%2Cdigital-text%2C123&sr=1-2) | |  |
| **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.](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQbBh9Jn2IjcSPZOiNKJu0g) 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/UCQbBh9Jn2IjcSPZOiNKJu0g> | 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”](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1232207/) [The Big Short](https://www.netflix.com/gb/title/80075560) [Margin Call](https://www.netflix.com/pl-en/title/70167125) [Inside job](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Inside-Job-Matt-Damon/dp/B00FYOFZ8E) [Mc Libel](https://www.spannerfilms.net/films/mclibel) and any others related Economics you might come across. | | Who cares, it’s an easy task to sit, eat popcorn and enjoy a movie! | |
| [BBC News](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy), [Economist online](https://www.economist.com/) (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, COVID19 and effects on Economies | **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! | |
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| Purchase these subscriptions. We will ask for the subscription on ET and ER and order it for you after December Mocks | [Economics today](http://www.anforme.co.uk/search/economics-today#:page1:t4)  [Economics review](https://www.hoddereducation.co.uk/Product?Product=9781471891434)  [Economist](https://subscription.economist.com/DE/EngCore/Ecom/Masthead) (extended reading optional) | It is known that exam questions come from these magazines. | |

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