

Learning Opportunities for A 'level Economics

Firstly, congratulations on making the wise decision to study Economics at A' Level. This is a course that will change the way you look at the world. If you're interested in getting a bit of a head start to help you hit the ground running in September, here are some things you can be doing over the summer.

Read current events in Economics

By far the most important thing you can do is read the news and look for stories that might have something to do with Economics. Topics might include: what are happening to prices for different products (e.g. oil)? What is the government doing with the economy (e.g. taxes and spending)? What is the Bank of England doing with interest rates? Have a look to see what you can find.

Some of the best news sources are:

- *BBC News Website*, particularly the 'Economy' and 'Business' sections: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>
- *The Economist* newspaper online website: <https://www.economist.com/>
You will have the opportunity to have a free subscription to *The Economist* when you arrive in September.
- *The Financial Times*: <https://www.ft.com> is also an excellent source of business and economics related news. You will also be able to access a free subscription when you enroll at the college.
- Any other broadsheet national newspaper (e.g. *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Guardian*, etc)

Review social media content

The following sources are interesting content creators on Economics topics:

- *The Economist* on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/theeconomist/?hl=en>
- EconplusDal Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQbBh9Jn2ljcSPZOiNKJu0g>
- Gary's Economics Youtube: No 3: Read Books on Economics: <https://www.youtube.com/c/GarysEconomics?reload=9>

Read a book (or two)

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

Can't We Just Print More Money?: by Rupal Patel and Jack Meaning (The Bank of England)

The Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today, by Linda Yueh

Globalization and Its Discontents Revisited: Anti-Globalization in the Era of Trump, by Joseph Stiglitz

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