

Economics Holiday Work 2018

The following books are suggested pre-reading and will help you have a beginner's understanding of many of the issues we will study in the next two years at A Level.

- Harford, Tim (2005) *The Undercover Economist*
- Frank, Robert H (2007) *The Economic Naturalist*

One of the best things you can do to prepare is to build up general knowledge of business and economics affairs. For example, you should know who the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Governor of the Bank of England are. There are many newspapers and their websites, magazines and current affairs websites that you should be checking daily.

We want you to be happy to talk about the UK economy, but you will not need to know specific facts. * BBC News (and sign into the news feed) * The Economist.com especially Graphic Detail where you can sign up for the daily chart on Twitter, or other news feeds.

- FT.com (free online version if you sign up using your Pate's email address, while on Pate's property the first time, and after that you can get it anywhere using this login over the next two years)
- The Guardian
- The Independent (online)

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Also sign up to follow Tutor2u.net on Facebook, Twitter or YouTube, where you will get a lot of useful advice, especially as exams draw close. Please note that we do the Edexcel exam board, so there is no point following sites looking at AQA or OCR.

Please don't buy yourself a subscription to The Economist, because as a student you will get a chance to sign up for this at a greatly reduced price (90% off cover price, term time only) through our Library.

For some light relief why not watch some Economics-based films, especially those that look at the applied side of economics. We recommend:

- The Big Short (2015) on causes of the Great Financial Crisis 2008.
- Freakonomics (2010) based on a book of the same name.
- A Beautiful Mind (2001) on game theory

The most important thing is that you enjoy what you study, and do not feel that you need to understand everything the first time that you see it. Economics gets your brain "muscle" working!