

St Bede's Catholic College

Year 11 into 12 Transition Work

Economics



Economics summer work

Exam board: AQA

Course length: 2 years

Specification:

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/economics/specifications/AQA-7135-7136-SP-2015.PDF>

Exam structure: three x two hour exams at the end of Year 13

Sample/past papers: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level/economics-7135-7136/assessment-resources>

Useful textbooks students can buy if they wish: CGP Revision and Practice book (although we can buy more cheaply as a college in September)

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/as-and-a-level/economics/ekhr72-new-a-level-economics-year-1-2-complet>

Useful websites:

- Tutor2U - Covers the whole A Level through short videos, essays and PowerPoints. <https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>
- Studying Economics - Website geared towards university students, but could have helpful material for secondary. Lists of links to econ resources and study tips. <http://www.studyingeconomics.ac.uk/tips-for-working-efficiently/>

Preparatory podcasts/lectures:

- Freakonomics – A podcast investigating the hidden side of everything. <https://freakonomics.com/archive/>
- Paj Holden - Covers the whole A Level through short videos. <https://www.youtube.com/user/pajholden>
- The Story of Economics Radio series from the BBC. The Story of Economics Michael Blastland lays out the history of economic ideas to understand why economics goes wrong and whether it can ever go entirely right. Requires login. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00zfk8t>
- Against the Rules with Michael Lewis Michael Lewis podcast, including one with Malcolm Gladwell "...through a combination of smart storytelling and Lewis's wry presenting style, it's accessible and entertaining." -- The Financial Times. <https://atrpodcast.com/>
- 50 Things that Made the Modern Economy Podcast series from the BBC. Tim Harford tells the fascinating stories of inventions, ideas and

innovations which have helped create the economic world. Requires login. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04b1g3c/episodes/player>

- Economics in Ten podcast Economics In Ten is your go-to podcast if you want to learn about the lives, times and ideas of the world's greatest economic thinkers. Each episode is a fun exploration of a famous economist using ten different questions.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/economics-in-ten/id1450116373>

Transition work:

Keep a diary of economic events that happen in a ten-week period. (About one hour on this per week)

Things to look for:

- Announcements on inflation, unemployment, GDP growth, interest rate changes here and in other major economies
- Announcements on investment by firms (new plant/factory etc.) or closure of firms in differing industries.

As well as identifying the actual events, write a brief paragraph for each event detailing your understanding of what has actually happened and what you think the impact of the announcement will be. This is going to be particularly interesting at this time of global pandemic and how national governments and international organisations try to navigate their way through and beyond the crisis.

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