

# economics

A Level Preparation Pack



## What is Economics?



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ez10ADR\\_gM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ez10ADR_gM)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sPnQilZzZtw&feature=youtu.be>

## TV & Film

Many films have been based around economic change. Watch any of the following to gain an insight into economic change and theory:

- **A Beautiful Mind 2002** - A biography of Mathematician and Economist, John Nash, starring Russell Crowe.
- **Goldfinger** – A Bond movie about the financial sector.
- **The Grapes of Wrath**
- **The Wolf of Wall Street**

## Online Courses

**Head start in Economics** - <https://www.tutor2u.net/economics/collections/head-start-for-a-level-economics-transition-resource-year-11-students>

A set of lessons based on videos and quiz activities which will introduce you to some of the topics of economics before you start A Level study. It is recommended that you start with the Introduction to Macroeconomics lesson and work through each lesson in the series.

## Media

A good economist will be interested in current affairs as the economy is always changing. It is recommended that you read a newspaper, financial magazine or at least a news website weekly such as:

**The Economist** – students' subscriptions available

**The Guardian on Twitter** - @GdnEconomics

**The Financial Times** - <https://www.ft.com/> - requires a subscription but your school can arrange free access.

## Suggested Reading & Podcasts



<https://freakonomics.com/> - A great collection of articles, radio links and blogs applying economic ideas to the real world. There are currently links to articles and radio programmes concerning the impact of the pandemic

<http://timharford.com/> - Another great collection of articles and podcasts applying economics theory to topical issues

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qjnv> - Collections of money related articles and radio shows

<https://www.ft.com/ft-money-show> - podcast looking at personal finance issues

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics> - Lots of useful information on A Level Economics including blogs, presentations and activities

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQbBh9Jn2ljcSPZOiNKJu0g> - a great collection of short videos covering economics subjects

### BOOKS:

**Animal Farm** – George Orwell. A great introduction to the different types of markets

**The Undercover Economist** - Tim Harford

**Freakonomics** - Steven D Levitt & Stephen J Dubner

**The Economic Naturalist** – Why Economics Explains Almost Everything - Robert H Frank

## Course Specification



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