












A Level Economics

To help you to make the best start in your new subject, and to help you explore different and enriching aspects of the subject, your teachers have prepared a Reading, Watching and Listening list. Please access all of these resources over the summer.

	Title	Description	Hyperlink
 Read	Freakonomics	The original book written by Harvard Professors to make economics accessible to all using controversial situations to illustrate the fundamental economic problem.	Link
 Read	23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism	This book gives an alternative view of the world, including: there's no such thing as a 'free' market Globalization isn't making the world richer; we don't live in a digital world - the washing machine has changed lives more than the internet.	Link
 Read	The Undercover Economist	Explains the fundamental principles of economics using every day, relatable scenarios.	Link
 Read	The Undercover Economist Strikes Back	Gives clear explanations of how the whole world economy works, especially post 2008 financial crisis.	Link
 Read	BBC Economics	Gives clear, up to date information about the UK and world economy.	Link
 Watch	The Big Short	A film based on a true story which explains the cause of the 2008 Financial Crisis.	Link
 Watch	Masters of Money	A series introducing the lives of famous economists and how their work has shaped today's policy responses.	Link
 Watch	Freakonomics Podcasts	One of several excellent podcasts based on the book mentioned above. This looks at whether behavioural nudges like "piano stairs" help keep people trim; and	Link

		whether it may be time for a "fat tax"	
 Watch	Adam Smith	An easy listen that talks about the life and workings of Adam Smith, often cited as the "godfather" of economics.	Link
 Listen	Donut Economics	A podcast with the economist Kate Raworth who argues that the pursuit of G.D.P., argues the economist short-changes too many people and destroys the planet.	Link
 Listen	More or less?	Tim Harford and his team explain – and sometimes debunk – the numbers and statistics used in politics, the news, and throughout everyday life on this weekly podcast from BBC Radio 4.	Link