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Economics

The following is a list of activities you may like to do during your summer holidays, in preparation for studying Economics.

In Economics it is essential that you keep up to date with current issues, which will give you a basic knowledge to help you think like an economist.

Read newspapers articles regularly:

- The Guardian www.guardian
- The Telegraph <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/>
- The Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/>
- Explore the following websites:
 - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business> Excellent for current affairs
 - <http://www.tradingeconomics.com/> Excellent for data on the global economy

When reading the newspapers and websites suggested below; you should look to consider the major economic issues such as

- Brexit and its consequences
- Globalisation and its impact on developed and developing countries
- The impact of a Donald Trump presidency
- Rising income inequality between the richest and poorest
- Why the prices of commodities such as oil and gold fluctuate?

Useful documentaries and films to watch

- Masters of Money – John Maynard Keynes, Fredrick Hayek and Karl Marx
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkHooEp3vRE>
- Inside Job (2010) – Narrated by Matt Damon: an examination of the factors behind the Global Financial Crisis

Useful documentaries to listen to:

- Pop Up Economics – to give you an idea of the types of problems economists solve
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01q1mbn>
- The Story of Economics – to give you an overview of the history of Economics
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00zfk8t>
- More of Less – the numbers behind the ideas
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qshd>

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Useful texts to read:

- The Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
- Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. For more information on the topic browse <http://freakonomics.com/>
- Economics: A Very Short Introduction by Partha Dasgupta

The AQA A Level Economics specification will give you an insight into the types of topics you will be studying <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level/economics-7135-7136>

Useful websites to begin looking at A Level economic topics:

- Tutor2U <https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>
- Khan Academy <https://www.khanacademy.org/economics-finance-domain>
- EconplusDal <https://www.youtube.com/user/EconplusDal>

