

Items to bring to lessons

1. Bring yourself on time and be ready to do a quiz at the start of the lesson
2. Pen, paper, ruler (for graphs and economic diagrams – there are lots!), calculator (to calculate percentage changes, index numbers, and to interpret economic data)

Uniform Required

Not applicable

Learning to Learn

Economics is a challenging subject, offering insight into both microeconomic and macroeconomic theory. In order to succeed in this subject, you must have the ability to learn economic theories, apply them to different scenarios, and make judgements about them. This will require you to be able to form an educated opinion, and to be able to communicate your knowledge and understanding in essay form.

With this in mind, to assist your learning and enable you to perform to your potential, it is expected that you will:

- Regularly review your notes over the two-year course to ensure that new learning goes into your long-term memory
- Use the VLE to complete supplementary reading, watch videos, attempt quizzes etc
- Keep up-to-date with current affairs, particularly political, economic and business news
- Complete regular independent study/homework tasks

Planning for Exams

The exam board for Economics is Edexcel. At the end of the second year you will sit 3 exams. Paper 1 assesses Microeconomics, Paper 2 assesses Macroeconomics, and Paper 3 is a synoptic exam bringing together both Micro and Macro elements. All papers are 2 hours long.

Recommended Activities

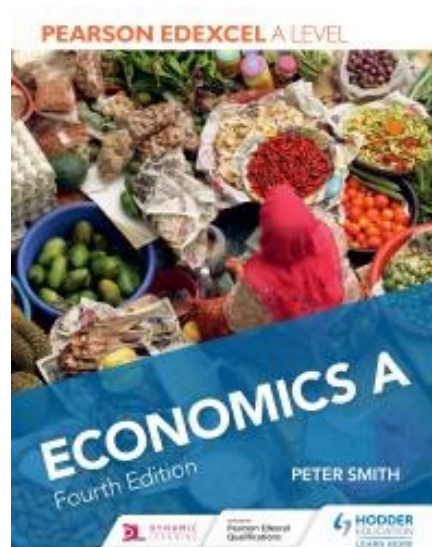
Download a news app such as the BBC and start to read the main business headlines each day. You will need to develop an interest in current affairs.

Head Start in A Level Economics for Year 11 students:

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics/collections/head-start-for-alevel-economics-transition-resource-year-11-students>

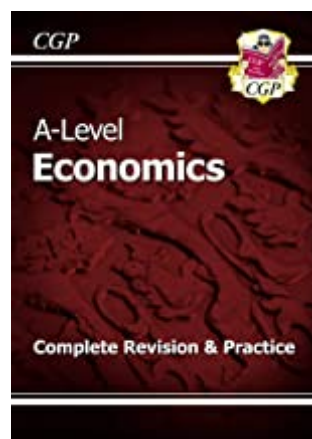
Recommended Textbooks

An online free version of the textbook is provided by the college once you enrol.



Author: Peter Smith
ISBN: 978-1510449596

If you wish to purchase a book for revision the CPG Economics A-Level book is recommended.



Author: CGP Books
ISBN: 978-1782943471

Recommended Websites

Tutor2u

www.tutor2u.net

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| BBC News | www.bbc.co.uk |
| The Economist | www.economist.com |
| Bank of England | www.bankofengland.co.uk |
| Economics online | www.economicsonline.co.uk |

Recommended Video Tutorials

Econplusdal
Tutor2U
Jacob Clifford (US content)

Further reading for Economics fans

Doughnut Economics – Kate Raworth
Rebel Ideas – Matthew Syed
Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today – Linda Yueh
Freakonomics – Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner
Small is Beautiful – E F Schumacher

Recommended podcasts

Economics in Ten
Reimagine (Saïd Business School, Oxford)

What I wish I'd known about A Level Economics

Some of our current students have offered the following comments:

“I wish I'd known early on how much content there is. You have to be on it from day one.”

“There's lots of graphs to learn.”

“We talk a lot about what's happening in the world. Everything is linked back to economic theory.”

“There's a lot of writing involved. Once you know how to structure an essay using the PECAN PIE method it becomes a lot easier.”