

Economics – Welcome!

1. **Book review** of a book from the assigned reading list using the following format:

- 4-5 sentence brief summary of the book
- Give some key facts learnt from the book
- One paragraph outlining what you enjoyed about the book and what on what could be improved
- 4-5 sentence brief judgement:
 - Highlight key takeaway
 - Give the book a rating out of 10 and justify why

NB: this must be handwritten and in your own words.

2. **Every week**, choose one article from either the BBC Economics tab, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy> or <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/business/economy/> or <https://www.theguardian.com/business/economics>. This is for your enjoyment and to spark your interest and enthusiasm in studying Economics. **Print and annotate the articles** including the following: key words, annotating any data given and a 1-2 sentence brief summary of the article.

3. **Take a free T2U online introductory course (1 – 2 hours) via this link, and make notes:**

<https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/introduction-to-edexcel-a-level-economics-getting-started>

4. Purchase the **core textbook**

Read the first chapter Write active recall questions and answers on the content from each chapter. These are your own questions regarding the content e.g. What is Economics?

Reading List:

- The Narrow Corridor: States, Societies and the Fate of Liberty, by Daron Acemoglu and James A Robinson
- Schism: China, America and the Fracturing of the Global Trading System, by Paul Blustein
- The AI Economy: Work, Wealth and Welfare in the Robot Age, by Roger Bootle
- Unbound: How Inequality Constricts Our Economy and What We Can Do about It, by Heather Boushey
- Open: The Progressive Case for Free Trade, Immigration, and Global Capital, by Kimberly Clausing
- Extreme Economies: Survival, Failure, Future — Lessons from the World's Limits, by Richard Davies
- A Better Planet: Forty Big Ideas for a Sustainable Future, edited by Daniel Esty
- Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World, by Anand Giridharadas
- Capitalism, Alone: The Future of the System That Rules the World, by Branko Milanovic
- The Great Reversal: How America Gave up on Free Markets, by Thomas Philippon
- The Code of Capital: How the Law Creates Wealth and Inequality, by Katharina Pistor
- Escape from Rome: The Failure of Empire and the Road to Prosperity, by Walter Scheidel
- The Triumph of Injustice: How the Rich Dodge Taxes and How to Make Them Pay, by Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman
- Narrative Economics: How Stories Go Viral and Drive Major Economic Events, by Robert J Shiller
- 99%: Mass Impoverishment And How We Can End It, by Mark E Thomas

Core textbook:

Pearson Edexcel A level Economics A Fifth Edition, Hodder Education.

- ISBN-10: 1398374717 or ISBN-13: 9781398374713

Bring this work with you to your first economics lesson to refer to in class discussions and hand in a copy.