

Get ready for Economics

About the subject

A-Level Economics is a two year course which aims to explore the ways in which people, businesses and industries use resources globally. We look at how markets work – and how they fail. Economics covers a wide variety of topics, from production, efficiency, unemployment, poverty, government macroeconomic policy, market failure and international trade. Ultimately, Economists look at how to satisfy our wants with the finite resources we have.

The course is 100% exam based, with one exam in microeconomics (the theory of the firm), one exam in macroeconomics (the national and international economy) and finally a synoptic paper which covers both micro and macro topics. Maths skills are important as well as the ability to construct arguments in essay questions.

Your tasks

In Economics we seek to understand the dynamics of change at a micro level (within an industry) and at a macro level (within and between countries).

We would like you to investigate the supply and demand for petrol, exploring what affects the price of goods and services and how industries are impacted by shocks and availability of the factors of production.

Please complete the activities on these four introduction to Economics worksheets over the summer, and bring them to your first Economics lesson at Barnsley Sixth Form College.

You can either write the answers by hand on paper, or can word process them on a computer if you have access to one.

Introduction to Economics 1 [<https://www.barnsleysixthformcollege.co.uk/app/uploads/2020/05/Introduction-to-economics-1.pdf>]

Introduction to Economics 2 [<https://www.barnsleysixthformcollege.co.uk/app/uploads/2020/05/Introduction-to-economics-2.pdf>]

Introduction to Economics 3 [<https://www.barnsleysixthformcollege.co.uk/app/uploads/2020/05/Introduction-to-economics-3.pdf>]

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Once you have completed these activities, you may wish to explore Economics further by

considering some of the issues raised here:

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Economics-issues-3

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Essential reading

Have a look at the specification here – <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/economics/as-and-a-level/economics-7135-7136/specification-at-a-glance> [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.aqa.org.uk%2fsubjects%2feconomics%2fas-and-a-level%2feconomics-7135-7136%2fspecification-at-a-glance&c=E,1,jnw7str-L3gI2Kw-rMA8HgyqBN7OjV3tYVPh4zKtiJQ8dd0g1OvpxJvHhOaAs7w_phhmlxfLNqjYd7xB7MW0IAehlfIdL213GTpPV4DPDNjAlaKFe7Ljwh8-Tl9u&typo=1] do you like the sound of these topics? 3.1 and 3.2 we complete in year one, with 4.1 and 4.2 building upon this in year two.

A revision book will be useful for the course. There are suggestions of suitable books to buy here:

Title : A Level Economics Complete Revision & Practice for Exam Board AQA

Publisher : CGP

ISBN: 978-1782943471

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Level-Economics-Complete-Revision-Practice/dp/1782943471>

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OR

Title: My Revision Notes – A-level Economics AQA

Publisher: Hodder

ISBN: 978-1471865879

https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-level-Economics/dp/1471865878/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=aqa+economics&qid=1588263025&sr=8-6 [https://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Revision-Notes-level-Economics/dp/1471865878/ref=sr_1_6?dchild=1&keywords=aqa+economics&qid=1588263025&sr=8-6]

Useful websites and other resources

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/subjects/what-can-you-do-economics-degree> [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.timeshighereducation.com%2fstudent%2fsubjects%2fwhat-can-you-do-economics-degree&c=E,1,tKUzDmsMiKgrhzHpPnYJ0HxjCdiTq70RJ39mIi_svHM18Uuay88XfIrSk_joycuPRULjcpv2_SdpR3Tq_it8yGwATQ0wUTNSQeyTheiVzc3m6GVVUMwl&typo=1] Where can Economics take me?

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/economics> [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.ucas.com%2fexplore%2fsubjects%2feconomics&c=E,1,38cDIDR8ZJe2TvtGMK2QhpBZnwVN_z1b9idDsp9R4l-4HqN1OMwwcks29WuGpIkZjQ7JYZNPdikIN55Bq_1Wn9CpgnhApOQNaTNkkcZdleYB&typo=1] Further Economics studying beyond A-Levels

<http://whystudyeconomics.ac.uk/during-your-study/economics-at-school/> [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwhystudyeconomics.ac.uk%2fduring-your-study%2feconomics-at-school%2f&c=E,1,_YO8Vay-FOohb0pxll7n_6CFSRQjSX7wLVXaXa0u1dkGTWgt_6s5R-OTik74SNRlzhLXDGzarMFjz_IRWJ_suZIT3zXlOYTU46ylWkUgjlIZgkJfo3MrC5oJ-uu&typo=1] Reasons to study Economics

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics/reference/as-microeconomics-study-notes-topic-listing> [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.tutor2u.net%2feconomics%2freference%2fas-microeconomics-study-notes-topic-listing&c=E,1,HLJdKqZnW3nMni_ZkC2nrOwtzGkGFuaONdEtahSolcm9ojUj_9ldCiVE1MRq5R5YCsK_jeNoo64hRnm7JCK7Aoa3sdRW2tmq2Lpr371zeUvLK1HNcw,,&typo=1] Some of the topics we will look at in the first term

<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/economics-revision/a-level-aqa/microeconomics-as/> [https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.physicsandmathstutor.com%2feconomics-revision%2fa-level-aqa%2fmicroeconomics-as%2f&c=E,1,gHYJ-GtDYgPGym6dcFEfH-l7RPQsv_6enJEt7KSgGRqle-7Io9xmj7BEF-YycP9aQNLqR-YVuGJgjxQAJGFvgFYUVF7ArfTxTaMQCuIw9OO70L64kTCFQ,,&typo=1] additional topics for the first term

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