

## A Level Economics Summer Resources

### Have a go at a couple of the tasks below:

- Look in your wardrobe and work out where most of your clothes have been made
- Think about a typical week's spending. Work out how much VAT you have paid over that week, and then work out an estimate for your yearly VAT bill.
- If you go abroad on holiday, bring back a wrapper/menu/photo of a product overseas that has been adapted to suit the local market
- Talk to some people on their opinions of the impact of Brexit and summarise their opinions both for and against – thinking about economic factors
- Watch Channel4 or bbc news and print off a couple of articles about economic or business events that grabbed your attention – cost of living crisis, strikes, NHS waiting lists, university funding etc
- Look at some TED talks about economic issues online – then write a paragraph saying which you found most interesting and why.

### Listen to (an episode of) a podcast:

- The Diary of a CEO – Steven Bartlett
- The Rest is Politics Leading: Kate Raworth, Doughnut economics and thriving in balance; Alan Milburn, Can the NHS be saved?; George Osborne, Austerity, Boris Johnson, and the UK's next PM; Michel Barnier, The truth behind Brexit
- Freakonomics Radio
- More or Less – Tim Harford & team look at the numbers behind the news, economics and politics
- Economics in Ten
- BBC Sounds – lots of choice here

### TED talks on Economics and/or combining other interests:

- Ted-Ed talks
  - How do we create a better economy?
  - Is inequality inevitable?
  - Can the economy grow forever?
  - What is the best country to live in?
- Ted Talks
  - Bjorn Ulvaeus: How music streaming transformed song-writing
  - Kate Raworth: A healthy economy should be designed to thrive, not grow
  - Piketty: New thoughts on Capital in the C21st
  - Levitt: The freakonomics of crack dealing

### If you prefer books:

- Freakonomics – Levitt and Dubner
- Free Lunch: Easily digestible economics – David Smith
- 21 things they don't tell you about capitalism – Ha-Joon Chang
- The Armchair Economist – Steven Landsburg
- The Undercover Economist – Tim Harford
- The Travels of a T Shirt in a Global Economy – Pietra Rivoli
- Business as Unusual – A Roddick