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## Year 11 Bridging Work for Economics (A Level)



**Read**

**Why is UK inflation so high?**

Inflation is a hot topic in the financial markets and the economy right now. Take a look at this article from the BBC that explains what inflation is, why it is rising and what the problems with it are.

Link: [Why is UK inflation so high?](#)

*Time: 20 minutes*



**Watch**

**Bank of England: What is it and what does it do?**

Watch these short videos to better understand what the Bank of England is and what they are trying to achieve in the economy.

Link: [What is the Bank of England?](#)

Link: [Role of the Bank of England: Money](#)

Link: [Role of the Bank of England: Prices & the value of money](#)

Link: [Role of the Bank of England: Controlling Spending](#)

*Time: 20 minutes*



**Listen**

**Who are the founding fathers of economics?**

There are many amazing economists who each have their own theories and concepts about how the economy works. To get you started you should listen to some of the founding fathers of economics - Adam Smith, John Maynard Keynes and Friedrich Hayek.

Link: [Adam Smith](#)

Link: [John Maynard Keynes](#)

Link: [Friedrich Hayek](#)

*Time: Each podcast is 90 minutes in length but well worth listening to.*



**Complete**

**What is GDP?**

Understanding GDP is a foundational concept in economics A-level. If you would like to give yourself a head start for the first macroeconomics lesson read the below link and try to answer the following questions:

- What does GDP stand for?
- How do we measure GDP?
- What does GDP *not* capture?
- How important is GDP as a measure of the health of the economy?

Link: [What is GDP?](#)

*Time: 40 minutes*



**Read**

**Micro vs Macro**

The A-Level Economic syllabus is divided into microeconomics and macroeconomics but what do those terms mean? What are the differences? And why are they divided?

To learn more about each

Link: [Micro and Macro: The Economic Divide](#)

*Time: 30 minutes*



**Watch**

**Who to follow on social media?**

One of the best ways to learn about how economics impacts the real world is to follow a few media accounts that focus on financial markets and news.

All of the below are on most of the social media platforms however, a lot of the top speakers in finance and economics use Twitter.

- *Bloomberg News*
- *Financial Times*
- *The Economist*



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**What's the story with economics?**

Economics has been around for hundreds of years and has played an important role in shaping the world around us. To learn more about the history of economics listen to the below BBC series and discover where economics began, how the economics machine works and learn about 'animal spirits' that drive the global economy.

If you are studying economics alongside history then this may be particularly interesting to you!

Link: [The Story of Economics](#)

*Time: Each episode is 30 minutes in length*