

**Reading List**

**A Level**

**Subject: Business and Economics**

**Core reading expectations of the A level course**

**Newspapers**

Economist (student deal allows school subscription for £15 for the year)

Financial Times

Guardian

Independent

Times

Telegraph

The Week

Business Review

**A level journals**

Economics Review

Economics Today

**Advanced reading**

**Introductory books for AS level**

*The Financial Times Guide to Business Start Up 2015* by Sara Williams

*New Ideas from Dead Economists: An Introduction to Modern Economic Thought* by Todd Buchholz

*The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times and Ideas of the great Economic Thinkers* by Robert Heilbroner

*Free Lunch: Easily Digestible Economics* by David Smith

*The Armchair Economist: Economics & Everyday Life* by Steven E. Landsburg

*The Return of Depression Economics* by Paul Krugman

*The Accidental Theorist: And Other Dispatches from the Dismal Science* by Paul Krugman

*The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford

*The Undercover Economist Strikes Back: How to Run or Ruin an Economy* by Tim Harford

*The Logic of Life: Uncovering the New Economics of Everything: The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford

*Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

*Keynes: The Twentieth Century's Most Influential Economist* by Peter Clarke

**A level books**

*Losing Control: The Emerging Threats to Western Prosperity* by Stephen D King

*When the Money Runs Out: The End of Western Affluence* by Stephen D. King

*Civilization: The Six Killer Apps of Western Power* by Niall Ferguson

*The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World* by Niall Ferguson

*This Time Is Different: Eight Centuries of Financial Folly* by Carmen M. Reinhart and Kenneth Rogoff

*Paper Promises: Money, Debt and the New World Order* by Philip Coggan

*End This Depression Now!* by Paul Krugman

*The Conscience of a Liberal: Reclaiming America from The Right* by Paul Krugman

*The Price of Inequality* by Joseph Stiglitz

*Crisis Economics: A Crash Course in the Future of Finance* by Nouriel Roubini

*How Markets Fail* by John Cassidy

*Animal Spirits* by George A. Akerlof and Robert J. Shiller

*Capital in the Twenty-First Century* by Thomas Piketty

*A Modern guide to Macroeconomics: An Introduction to Competing Schools of Thought* by Brian Snowdon, Howard Vane and Peter Wynarczyk

*The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable* by Nassim Nicholas Taleb

*Poor Economics: A radical rethinking of the way to fight global poverty* by Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo

*The entrepreneurial state: Debunking Private vs Public Sector Myths* by Marianna Mazzucato

**Behavioural economics**

*Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth and Happiness* by Richard H Thaler and Cass R Sunstein

*Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioral Economics* by Richard H Thaler

*The Signal and the Noise: The Art and Science of Prediction* by Nate Silver

*Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman

**Reports**

Bank of England

Economist Special Reports

HM Treasury

IFS (especially the Green Budget)

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Office of Budget Responsibility

UNDP Millennium Development Goals Report

World Bank

Department for Business Innovation and Skills

Confederation of British Industry

**Websites**

BBC Business

Economist

Financial Times

Guardian

HM Treasury

Institute of Fiscal Studies

New York Times

Office for National Statistics

Telegraph

Tutor2U

UNDP

World Bank

**Podcasts**

**The Story of Economics** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00zfk8t**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00zfk8t)



Michael Blastland lays out the history of economic ideas to understand why economics goes wrong and whether it can ever go entirely right.

**Pop Up Economics** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/thpop**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/thpop)



Tim Harford – in the company of Malcolm Gladwell, David Kilcullen and Gillian Tett – uses key ideas in anthropology and the social sciences to tell fascinating stories about how we - and the world – work.

**Freakonomics** [**http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/freakonomics-radio/id354668519**](http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/freakonomics-radio/id354668519)



**The Bottom Line with Evan Davis** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/bottomline**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/bottomline)



Insight into business from the people at the top. Evan Davis meets influential business leaders for a round table conversation about the issues that matter to their companies and their customers. The BBC produces two radio versions of this programme - one for the UK audience that can be heard on BBC Radio 4 on Thursday evenings at 20:30 GMT, and one for the international audience that can be heard on BBC World Service on Fridays at 22:06 GMT.

**Analysis** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/analysis**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/analysis)



Analysis makes sense of the ideas that change the world. What made Islam political, whether the Government can make us go green, why we think the market in human organs is repugnant are just some of the subjects the series tackles. With thought-provoking and expert presenters, Analysis aims to make the world of policy and ideas both interesting and surprising. There are 26 episodes a year, in three series. Podcasts are available for a week after transmission while the programme is on air.

**Reith Lectures** [**http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/reith**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/reith)



The economic historian Professor Niall Ferguson presents the 2012 BBC Reith Lectures, titled The Rule of Law and Its Enemies. Across four programmes he explores the role of man-made institutions on global economic growth and democracy, referencing the global economic crisis and financial regulation, as well as the Arab Spring. The first programme will be available to download on Tuesday, 19 June 2012.

**Peter Day’s World of Business** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02nrwfk/episodes/downloads>

Insights into the business world with Peter Day - featuring content from BBC Radio 4's In Business programme, and also Global Business from the BBC World Service.

TV/film:

**Netflix**

The Founder

Steve Jobs – Billion Dollar Hippie

The Social Network

Inside Bill’s Brain

American Factory

Fyre – The greatest festival that never happened

The Big Short

The Great Hack

**Amazon Prime**

Generation Start Up

Pepsi vs Coke

Jobs vs Gates

Starbucks Unfiltered

Facebook – Cracking the Code

Rich and Famous Fortunes