

## Yr 11 to Yr 12 Transition Work: Economics

The social sciences (Economics, Criminology, Sociology, Psychology, Law) share a common approach to study. You are required to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the topics, to apply what you have learned to novel situations and to analyse, evaluate and justify.

KS5 courses are a step up from the way you have worked at GCSE. These tasks are designed to help you prepare you for this way of working.

### Task 1

Assess what the main challenges are facing the UK economy at the moment?

### Task 2

Why can we access the likes of education, healthcare etc., free of charge, but other items are heavily taxed, such as petrol, alcohol? Is this the best approach?

What should I be thinking about when answering these questions?

- Research the economic ideas and theories behind these questions: remember, to think like an economist!
- Write clearly:
  - Introduction
  - Make your points
  - Explain clearly: use examples where you can
  - Evaluate: what are both sides of the argument? Can you come to an overall conclusion?
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Each essay should be no longer than 1.5 typed A4 (or equivalent if hand written)

Please be ready to bring your work in to give to your economics teacher in your first lesson!

Other things you could do over the holidays:

- Keep up to date with the news
- Use your school email to get a FREE subscription to the FT
- If you would like to read a book, I would recommend:
  - 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism
  - Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth and Happiness
  - Poor Economics
  - Freakonomics