

A Level Economics

Pre-entry Preparation, Requirements and Recommendations

May I extend a very warm welcome to the Business and Economics Department at Comberton Sixth Form. We are delighted that you have chosen our course, and I trust this letter finds you mutually excited about joining us on your journey into the fascinating world of Economics. I and your teachers are passionate about our subject and we hope that you will be encouraged to share our enthusiasm.

In preparation of starting the course, I would ask that you read the following guidance information and urge you to make an immediate start;

Reading:

If you haven't studied economics before, you may wish to get a grip on some basic economic concepts and terminology by accessing any GCSE Economics material. We would recommend *My Revision Notes: Ocr Gcse (9-1) Economics – ISBN 9781510472181* by Jan Miles-Kingston and Clive Riches

Research:

Keeping a track of economic news is very important and will help you to engage the course content. **We recommend that you read the news on a day-to-day basis.** Some examples to start you off are below;

www.economist.com

www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy

www.ft.com/uk/global-economy

Equipment:

You will require the following for your course:

- A4 Ring binder to store your notes and classwork
- Folder dividers to organise your class notes effectively
- A4 Note pad (this is essential for note taking)
- Pens, Pencils, Ruler and Highlighters
- Calculator
- Diary for homework deadlines

Book recommendation:



The recommended text book to accompany this course is OCR Economics Fourth Edition by Peter Smith ISBN 1510458409

This book is closely aligned in content and structure to the course programme, and will equip you for the updated OCR A-level and AS Economics specifications

If you have any queries regarding your course preparation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I hope that you haven't found the 'lockdown' to onerous and have managed to keep yourself occupied and fit. The Corona-virus will certainly have a major impact on how we as individuals, and as a country, do business both at home and abroad over the next few months and indeed years, and I believe that more than ever, we will need innovative and dynamic people to help us get the economy back on track. We will all be relying on you in the future to be a fully active participant, and all here at CVC are looking forward to sharing that journey with you.

With best wishes.

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