

Subject: Mr M Cox

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A Level Specification studied	Edexcel Economics A: https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/economics-a/2015/specification-and-sample-assessment-materials/A_Level_Econ_A_Spec.pdf
A Summer task to get you thinking about your potential new A Level...	Produce a timeline tracking the ways in which the government and the Bank of England have changed their policies in order to help the country tackle the cost of living crisis and the damage it could do to the economy. Analyse what each policy is designed to achieve and track whether it does.
Five fun learning challenges to undertake before September	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Contrast 2 views on the windfall tax on energy company's profits (one pro tax and one tax)2. Construct a statistic that you would use to calculate the happiness of the UK population at any given time.3. Identify 3 irrational behaviours that you have – what makes them irrational?4. Should Amazon and Starbucks be allowed to pay such low rates of tax in the UK? Discuss this with a friend.5. Evaluate the benefits and costs to Birmingham of hosting the Commonwealth games in 2022.
Something to read:	Think like a Freak – Stephen D. Levitt The Economic Naturalist – Robert H Frank Predictably Irrational – Dan Ariely
Something to watch/listen	The film “The Big Short” – available on Netflix (rated 15) Dan Ariely's TED talk “How to change your behaviour for the better” https://www.ted.com/talks/dan_ariely_how_to_change_your_behavior_for_the_better
Other useful / links for study	To keep up with economic news from around the world, the BBC website has a page devoted to Economic news stories from around the world: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy
Advice from Year 12 students* (I can source these soundbites if you like)	<i>“If you have not studied a Business related subject before, complete some light reading around the subject before starting in September because when I had my first lesson, I had no idea what was happening and everyone else seemed to get it. It helps you to get a small grasp on some of the terminology”</i>