



HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

A-Level Economics at Salesian College

Dear prospective Economics A-Level Student,

What a fantastic leap of faith you have made! Whether you are 100% confident with your subject choice, 'on the fence' or completely unsure (as your teacher once was, back in the dark ages - as they say, the rest is*Economics*), I hereby extend a very warm welcome to you all.

Here are 5 introductory steps to guide you on your Economics A-Level 'Hit the ground running' journey over the summer holidays:

1. **Be clear about your choice.** Economics as a brand-new subject at A-Level, so rest assured I will be guiding you from the absolute core foundations to the very pinnacle of economic thought. I will certainly not be expecting anyone to have covered any content in advance. However, student expectations of what Economics actually **is** are often misguided by many a myth. This means that, come the start of your A-Level journey, you may find yourself wanting to make last-minute changes as you quickly realise that Economics isn't quite what you thought or heard it would be. *Save the stress and do your homework now!* Economics can also often be confused with Business, especially as it comes under the same department. Click [here](#) to check your understanding of their distinguishing features, as well as the common ground these two subjects cover. You can take both, of course, but be sure you know exactly what to expect of each from the very outset.
2. **Browse the spec.** At Salesian College, we follow the AQA specification for Economics A-Level. To get a very broad overview of the topics we cover, take a look here: [AS and A-level Economics Specifications for first teaching in 2015](#). Ignore any topic sections starting with '3' and stick with those starting with a '4' as I teach the full, linear A-Level, not AS!
3. **Take a mini course.** Next, get yourself signed up to [Tutor2u](#). It's completely free and we use this a lot in lessons! [Register | Account | tutor2u](#). A great place to start cutting your teeth is here: [Introduction to AQA A-Level Economics Getting Started | tutor2u](#). It'll only take you 1-2 hours (compare that to doomscrolling, if you dare) and will give you all the key things you need to know as you start your Economics A-Level journey, including course structure, assessment and essential study skills for success. There's no test at the end either!
4. **Dig a bit deeper.** Take a look on our subject page on the 'Departments' section of the VLE. Economics is a live subject, so it's constantly being updated with new resources. Here you can explore FAQs, QAFs, features on trailblazing female economists, articles, past papers, competitions, trips, podcasts, movies as well as an ever-expanding extended reading list. See what floats your boat and pick/choose to suit your needs/interests/time allowed.
5. **Give me a shout.** Feel free to reach out to me at any time at nashi@salesian.hants.sch.uk. I absolutely love my subject and am always happy to take questions, no matter how trivial. I may not respond immediately over the summer holidays, but I will certainly respond.

And finally....HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Mrs Nash 😊