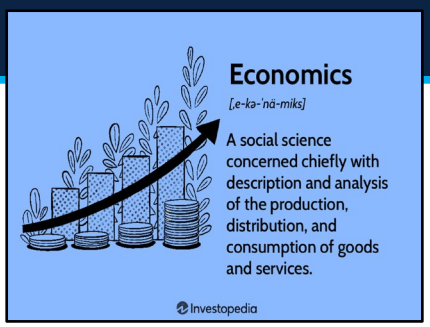
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Sixth Form Pre-Course Task

Welcome to **A-Level Economics**.

What's great about Economics is that it's everywhere! There is so much economics being discussed in the news at the moment it's really easy to start building links and making connections. In your Economics A-Level you will be:

- developing an interest in, and enthusiasm for, Economics
- understanding the contribution of economics to the understanding of the wider economic and social environment
- developing an understanding of a range of concepts and an ability to use those concepts in a variety of different contexts
- developing the ability to think as an economist
- understand that economic behaviour can be studied from a range of perspectives
- developing the qualities and attitudes that will equip you for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

In preparation for you joining us in September, please complete the following pre-course tasks where you will have the opportunity to showcase your prior knowledge, skills and to outline your specific areas of interest within this subject area more widely.

***You can write your responses directly into the boxes provided or type your responses on a separate document**.

TASK 1: Tell us how this subject links to your future aspirations.
For example, this might be the career you'd like to enter into or the apprenticeship/university course you'd like to pursue.

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Useful website for careers guidance:

https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/courses?query=
https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses
https://uk.indeed.com/
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

Plus - this is a really helpful careers quiz - have a go:
https://sacu-student.com/?page_id=2850

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TASK 2- Research: What is going on in the UK economy at the moment?

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/c2lk21qz5vzt
https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/clyr170qm19o
https://www.rsmuk.com/insights/real-economy/uk-quarterly-economic-outlook
https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/jun/12/uk-economy-shrinks-firms-hit-by-higher-taxes-and-trump-trade-war

Notes:

TASK 3-Written task (word count 300-500 words):

You are going to write a news article for The Budmouth Daily Press to tell their readers (our students) about what's going on with the UK economy at the moment (this is called the "economic outlook"), and to give your prediction for the economic outlook over the next 12 months. Feel free to use graphs, diagrams, and quotes to illustrate your points (credit the sources please).

Make sure that the language that you use is suitable for the age of The Budmouth Daily Press readership, and that you explain key terms carefully.

Pre-course reading recommendations:
(Please add hyperlinks to revision websites and wider reading as needed)

https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/economics-revision/a-level-edexcel-b/ - brilliant revision resource with background notes about each of the four Themes.

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/economics-b-2015.html - this links to the Economics exam board website. You'll find the syllabus, information, and past papers here.

https://subscribenow.economist.com/student - free subscription to The Economist. Brilliant for uptodate articles, news and views.

If you have any questions about this course or require any further information on the tasks set above, please contact **Annabelle Caldwell** at this email address: acaldwell@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Please note that all pre-course tasks should be handed to your subject teacher by **Friday 11th September**. If these have been typed then please print them out before handing in.

We look forward to working alongside you and seeing all you can achieve on this course.