

**Year 12 Economics 2018-19 – Independent Study/Research Framework**  
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**Guidance**

Independent study time is a valuable opportunity to complete additional reading covering different aspects of Economics to support the learning in your lessons. The table below contains a series of links to articles and clips for you to look at, read and think about. Each additional piece of reading and reflection will deepen your understanding of Economics.

There is no expectation for you to print each article for your folder. Instead you should read the information and make some brief summary notes of the key points that you would like to learn – we will expect to see these when we check your folder. At the end of the table are some useful websites and podcasts that you can also access.

**Autumn Term first half**

<b>Week beginning</b>	<b>References</b>
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September	<p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/business/economics-blog/2013/nov/06/is-economics-a-science-robert-shiller">https://www.theguardian.com/business/economics-blog/2013/nov/06/is-economics-a-science-robert-shiller</a>            Is Economics a science? An article from The Guardian in 2013 – what do you think?</p> <p><a href="https://www.pwc.co.uk/services/economics-policy/insights/economics-podcast-series/transcript-episode-6-natural-disasters.html">https://www.pwc.co.uk/services/economics-policy/insights/economics-podcast-series/transcript-episode-6-natural-disasters.html</a>            A transcript of podcast from PWC about the economics of natural disasters – before you read it, consider what the economic issues are for a country following a natural disaster – are there always some common themes?</p> <p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/sep/10/plastic-waste-set-to-beat-price-as-uk-shoppers-top-concern-study">https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/sep/10/plastic-waste-set-to-beat-price-as-uk-shoppers-top-concern-study</a>            Do you think over the next decade consumers will be more prepared to pay a higher price for their goods if that reduces the external cost of waste disposal?</p>
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	<p>Choose another country within the EU and research the current state of the economy. Write a summary of its current economic strengths and weaknesses with reference to the four macroeconomic objectives.</p> <p>Find an article on a market (i.e. housing) where prices have increase/decreased significantly in recent months. Summarise what you believe are the main changes in demand and supply that have caused this price movement.</p>

<p>Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October</p>	<p>Read these articles about how the UK economy is changing:</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-44887623">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-44887623</a> The rise in self-employment – why are more people working for themselves? What will be the impact on the UK economy?</p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-43363167">https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-43363167</a> This article outlines how the government’s programme of economic austerity may be coming to an end – what was this programme? Why was it important? What’s changed?</p> <p><a href="https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/sep/07/waterstones-buys-foyles-in-face-of-amazon-siren-call">https://www.theguardian.com/business/2018/sep/07/waterstones-buys-foyles-in-face-of-amazon-siren-call</a> How do you think Waterstone’s move will affect the UK book retail market?</p> <p><i>FOLDER CHECK</i> <i>Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October</i></p>
<p>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p>How is the economy affected by changes in demographics?</p> <p><a href="https://www.economicshelp.org/blog/11031/uk-economy/impact-of-rising-population-in-the-uk/">https://www.economicshelp.org/blog/11031/uk-economy/impact-of-rising-population-in-the-uk/</a></p> <p>Read this blog article. Make sure you understand the graphs. Summarise the key points and outline the potential implications of demographic change for the UK economy – what are the advantages and disadvantages?</p> <p><a href="https://fullfact.org/health/spending-english-nhs">https://fullfact.org/health/spending-english-nhs</a> Do you think the UK government should spend more on the NHS? Summarise the arguments for and against.</p>
<p>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p>You can find copies of “The Economist” magazine at the back of the Resource Centre. Choose an edition and then select three articles from it that interest you. Read and summarise the key points of each article – can you see how to link it to the economic theory you have studied so far?</p> <p><i>HALF TERMLY REVIEW</i> <i>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October</i></p>

**Some useful websites:**

<https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business/economy>  
<https://www.economicshelp.org/>  
<http://www.economicsonline.co.uk>

**Some interesting podcasts to listen to:**

BBC Radio 4 – More of Less: Behind the statistics  
BBC Radio 4 – The Bottom Line