

## A Level Economics

At RMGS A Level Economics is a subject that looks to challenge, inspire and develop intellectual curiosity about how the economic system of a country operates and why certain decisions are made and policies implemented. The economics department want enthusiastic, objective and focused students who can work well independently and as part of a group in exploring the wider aspects and appreciating the complexities of this everyday science.

The aims of the A Level in Economics are to:

- Develop an interest in and enthusiasm for the study of the subject.
- Appreciate the contribution of economics to the understanding of the wider economic and social environment.
- Develop an understanding of a range of concepts and an ability to use these concepts in a variety of different contexts.
- Use an enquiring, critical and thoughtful approach to the study of economics and an ability to think as an economist.
- Develop the skills, qualities and attitudes, which will equip students for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult and working life.

Over the summer months, in preparation for A Level Economics, you should ensure you keep up to date with current stories regarding the economy; downloading a major news app (e.g. BBC news, Guardian) onto your mobile phone allows you to be constantly aware of breaking news stories in the business world.

You must also carry out the task below in order to be fully prepared for the first lesson in September.

Produce an A4 report based one of the books from the recommended list below. Your report could focus on an extract or an overall opinion of the book. You may want to address whether you agree with all of the opinions expressed by the authors. Do you have any questions about the issues covered? Would you recommend the book to your colleagues? NB: There is no need to buy a brand new book, they are available to order from your local library or can be purchased used on Amazon etc.

- Freakonomics by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner
- 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism by Ha-Joon Chang
- The Undercover Economist by Tim Harford
- Economic Facts and Fallacies by Thomas Sowell
- Free Lunch by David Smith
- The Rough Guide to Economics by Andrew Mell and Oliver Walker
- Why Popcorn Costs so Much at the Movies by Richard McKenzie
- The Undercover Economist Strikes Back by Tim Hartford
- Economics: The User's guide by Ha-Joon Chang

## **Essential materials for A Level Business Studies and Economics students**

You need to ensure that you come to your first lesson in the dept. with the following materials:

- A4 lever arch folder
- File dividers (minimum 5)
- A4 lined paper
- Pens
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Hi-lighter pens
- Calculator (a simple model will suffice)

The dept. will issue an A level textbook; you are responsible for maintaining its condition and keeping it safe during your study of the subject.

Textbooks are limited and very expensive to replace. The dept. has invested lots of money ensuring you have individual access to these resources. You are responsible for replacing the textbook if they are damaged or are lost.

AQA A Level Business Studies	Marcouse et al.	£35.99
Edexcel A Level Economics	Anderton	£40.12