

BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS – NEXT STEPS FOR A LEVEL

For students wishing to embark on Business or Economics at A Level the following would be useful actions:

- 1) Continue to do questions on the GCSE papers on google classroom, for those who are doing Business at GCSE.
- 2) Students looking to take up Business or Economics at A Level for the first time or who are currently enrolled as Business students at GCSE should look at the course specifications on the AQA website <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>. This website will also give examples of exam papers.
- 3) Important websites:
 - a) <https://www.aqa.org.uk/>
 - b) Tutor2u - <https://www.tutor2u.net/business> & <https://www.tutor2u.net/economics>
 - c) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/>
 - d) <https://www.economicsonline.co.uk/>

The following are books that you may be interested in reading:

- **Alibaba: The House that Jack Ma Built** (Duncan Clark) – The rise of the Chinese corporate giant
- **The undercover economist** (Tim Harford)
- **Freakanomics** (Levitt & Bonner)
- **23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism** (Ha-Joon Chang) – challenges conventional thinking
- **Age of Discovery: Navigating the Risks and Rewards of Our New Renaissance:** (Ian Goldin & Chris Kutarna)
- **Art of Strategy** (Dixit and Nalebuff) – especially good for Game Theory examples and analysis
- **GDP: A Brief but Affectionate History** (Professor Diane Coyle) – very good on the GDP / well-being debate
- **Grave New World:** (Stephen King) – Former head of Econ at HSBC looks at the fracturing global economy
- **If I Could Tell You Just One Thing...: Most Valuable Advice from Remarkable People:** (Richard Reed)
- **Inequality** (AB Atkinson) – a superb book on one of the defining economic/political issues of the age

- **Inner Lives of Markets: How People Shape Them—And They Shape Us** (Sharman and Fishman)
- **Misbehaving: The Making of Behavioural Economics** (Richard Thaler) – Superb biography
- **Poor Economics: Rethinking Ways to Fight Global Poverty** (Banerjee & Duflo) – development economics
- **Ten Great Economists** (Philip Thornton) – biographical background, well worth a read
- **The Box** - How the Shipping Container Made the World Smaller and the World Economy Bigger, (Levinson)
- **The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon** (Brad Stone) – a great page turner
- **The Great Divide** (Professor Joseph Stiglitz) – one of the classic critiques of globalisation
- **The Great Escape** (Professor Angus Deaton) – a broad sweep of economic history and poverty reduction
- **The Plundered Planet: How to Reconcile Prosperity with Nature:** (Professor Paul Collier)
- **The Upstarts: How Uber and Airbnb are changing the world** (Brad Stone) Follow up to his work on Amazon
- **Thinking Fast and Thinking Slow:** (Professor Daniel Kahneman) – the classic Kahneman epic
- **What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets** (Professor Michael Sandel) – Pure PPE bliss
- **Who Gets What - And Why:** Understand the Choices You Have, Improve the Choices You Make (Al Roth)
- **Worldly Philosophers: Lives, Times, and Ideas of Great Economic Thinkers** (Robert Heilbroner)