



Year 11 Preparation for Study at Loreto College

SUBJECT

Economics



QUALIFICATION

A Level



PREPARATION TASKS



You are not expected to learn any economic theory but you should read up on current affairs. In particular, discussions in the news on unemployment, economic growth, trade, the housing market and inflation would be useful. You can create a journal for this if you would like. In addition, you should familiarise yourself with key government ministers who have an impact on economic policy

You should subscribe to this podcast: [Tim Harford: Fifty Things that Made the Modern Economy](#)

You should develop your maths skills using this site: [Tutor2U](#)

RESEARCH



You are expected to conduct research into each of the following Economists.

You should research:

- Adam Smith
- Karl Marx
- John Maynard Keynes
- Milton Friedman

You should try to answer the questions below as part of your summary:

- A brief background of each one
- Where did they study and live and how did this influence their work?
- What were their key economic theories, ideas and views?
- When were their views most influential?
- Why are they so important in the study of Economics?

RECOMMENDED READING



Robert H Frank: *The Economic Naturalist: Why Economics Explains Almost Everything*

Steven D Levitt: *Freakonomics*

Tim Harford: *Fifty Things that Made the Modern Economy*

Tim Harford: *The Undercover Economist*

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES



- [Crash Course in Economics](#)
- [The Economic Problem - Introduction](#)
- [Introduction to Macroeconomic Objectives](#)
- [BBC News](#)
- [Tutor2U](#)
- [Economics Help](#)
- [Economics OnLine](#)

This research work is really useful to do, as it will help you to explore your options for college study. Please be aware that agreed courses will be finalised at enrolment after students have been awarded their GCSE results.