



Economics

Listening / Podcasts

Radio 5's **"Wake Up to Money"** (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0070lr5/episodes/downloads>) – Any budding economist looking to gain a real understanding of current issues across a broad range of economic issues should listen to this weekday show. This would also certainly serve well those wanting to one day work in the city. The show is live at 5.00 am – 6.00 am on weekday morning... but you'll be pleased to know the podcasts are available.

Tuning into Radio 4's Today programme between 6.00 am and 9.00 am any weekday would help you to have updated news and current affairs.

The Flip side podcast- This podcast series features a lively debate between two Barclays' Research analysts, who take opposing viewpoints on timely topics of importance to economies and businesses around the globe.

Freakonomics- began as a book, which led to a blog, a documentary film, more books, a pair of pants, and in 2010, a podcast called Freakonomics Radio. Hosted by **Stephen J. Dubner**, it became and remains one of the most popular podcasts in the world, with a reputation for storytelling that is both rigorous and entertaining.

Economics in Ten- your go-to podcast if you want to learn about the lives, times and ideas of the world's greatest economic thinkers. Each episode is a fun exploration of a famous economist using ten different questions.

Visits

The London Metal Exchange and the **Bank of England** are interesting places to visit for students looking to understand the history of London as a financial centre and for students to get a sense of economic history.

Alternatively, a visit into London even just to wander around **Canary Wharf** or other vibrant areas such as the historical **Leadenhall Market** and **Lloyds of London** (near to Bank tube station) can give students an inspirational flavour of the dynamic environment that a job in the city would entail.

Reading

In short, any additional reading in economics is greatly beneficial as it helps students' level of comprehension and literacy, use of economic language and knowledge in relation to the subject.

The **BBC news website** is worth a daily visit, or set up your phone to receive regular alerts, particularly the Economy tab.

Reading the **Times, Guardian, Telegraph, and Independent** (either online or broadsheet) will provide you with good coverage of the economy with the Sunday editions particularly strong on economic news.

Economic Review – This monthly magazine is specifically targeted at A Level student. It covers topics that are in the A-level specification and provides interesting examples of areas that have been covered in class. It also offers extension material, model examination answers and methods of improving exam performance. The articles are mostly written by experienced economic teachers and examiners.

The Economist – This global magazine is key reading for many people with a keen interest in economic global issues.

Economics Today (et)- Economics Today is aimed at A Level student and is written by examiners, experienced teachers and professional economists. Each issue also contains feature articles on issues like the UK housing shortage, the dangers of deflation, the international debt crisis, UK investment spending and do consumers behave rationally?

Four popular texts for A Level economics students include:

- **Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and S. Dubner**
- **Undercover Economist Strikes Back by Tim Harford**
- **The Economic Naturalist: Why Economics Explains Almost Everything by Robert H. Frank**
- **The Great Economists: How Their Ideas Can Help Us Today by Linda Yueh**

Other Wider Economics Reading

- **How Markets Fail – John Cassidy**
- **The Truth about Markets – John Kay**
- **The Spirit Level: Why more Equal Societies almost always do better – Wilkinson & Pickett.**
- **The Big Short – Michael Lewis**
- **The Return of Depression Economics – Paul Krugman**
- **The Holy Grail of Macroeconomics: Lessons from Japan's Great Recession by Richard C. Koo.**
- **Boomerang – Travels in the New Third World – Michael Lewis**
- **Crisis Economics – Noriel Roubini**
- **Too Big to Fail – Sorkin.**

Watching (Films/Programmes)

- **The Big Short (2015)** is a documentary film reflecting on the reasons for the financial crisis of 2008.
- **Stealing Africa (2012)** a film discussing the issue of corruption, tax avoidance and globalisation on a resource rich economy.
- **Poor Kids-** is an emotional documentary showing how poverty affects children in the UK
- **The Secret World of Lego-** an interesting film showing the growth of a multinational firm
- **The Founder (2016)** - the story of Ray Kroc, a salesman who turned two brothers' innovative fast food eatery, McDonald's, into one of the biggest restaurant businesses in the world with a combination of ambition, persistence, and ruthlessness.
- **Question Time** is a topical debate programme in which guests from the worlds of politics and the media answer questions posed by members of the public. Episodes are on BBC1 and BBC2 every week and a catalogue of old episodes can be found on the BBC iPlayer. moral, ethical and religious debates.