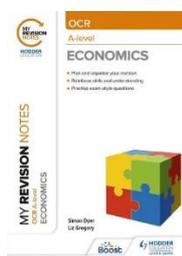
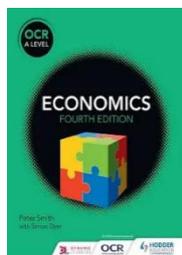


# Welcome to A Level Economics

## - What you can read:



There is an approved textbook by Peter Smith and published by Hodder Education. This covers the full two year course.

There is also a revision guide, also published by Hodder.

There are copies of both of these in college but if you would like your own, you can purchase them new from Hodder or on second-hand book websites.

You can also read about economics issues in the news.

Use a news site which verifies its information, rather than one which is more opinion based. You can identify these sites because they often consider issues as a debate examining both sides.

'OCR A Level Economics Specification' – link below: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/536455-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-economics-h460.pdf>

## - What you can watch:

Below are some of the skills/topics that you will be learning when you join us at Burnley College. Here are some videos for you to watch to get you started on those topics and/or skills:

[Y1 1\) The Economic Problem \(Scarcity & Choice\) - YouTube](#)

[Why the minimum wage should stop rising](#)

[Why the world's actually becoming happier](#)

- **What are some of the topics and skills that you will cover:**
- You will learn the economic models constructed by professional economists.
- You will learn to use these models to gain insights into human behaviour and economic decision making. The models are the basis for analysis.
- You will learn to think critically and question the models. You will also consider the factors which influence likely outcomes.
- You will learn and use calculations linked to economics and this will develop your skills in numeracy as well as data analysis.
- You will learn to communicate effectively through presentations and written assignments. Being careful about your choice of words and thinking about presenting an argument enables you to communicate well about complex ideas.
- You will learn to think differently and independently- not using AI but you.

- **Tasks that you can do to prepare you:**

<u>Task</u>
<b>Task 1.</b>
a. Watch the video on the Economic Problem – can you relate the economic problem to your own choices? What are your needs and wants and what resources do you have. How do you achieve optimal outcomes?
<b>Task 2.</b>
a. Watch the video on the minimum wage. b. Find out the minimum wage of the UK at different ages. c. Do you agree with the economist who is arguing against rises in the minimum wage?
<b>Task 3</b>
a. Watch the video on happiness.  Summarise the reasons why the world is happier in 50 words.

You can hand in tasks when you come to college in your first week.

- **Contact information**

If you have questions regarding this or any other A Level course at Burnley College, please contact [alevels@burnley.ac.uk](mailto:alevels@burnley.ac.uk) or call 01282733373

We look forward to seeing you in September.