



## Big Thinking - Economics

Economics students have worked this year and to outline some ideas of how to deepen their learning over the summer break as anything students can do outside of the classroom to apply the knowledge they have learnt is invaluable to aid their learning and application skills.

- As we head into the summer there will be a lot of reports in the news about the BREXIT process. Following this news story has so much application of Economics and is a great opportunity to debate opposing viewpoints as to the impact of the momentous decision to leave the EU. Ideas for research could be to understand what the single market is, the economic impact and the effects on the wider economy and is an excellent way to embed the learning done in class recently.
- Reading a book over the summer would also be another activity our economics students would benefit from. Some good books to choose from are listed below. We have some copies in school if any student would like to borrow these over the summer please let me know
  - The Undercover Economist – Tim Harford
  - Nudge – Richard Thaler
  - Factfulness – Hans Rosling
  - Fifty things that made the modern economy – Tim Harford
  - Doughnut Economics – Kate Raworth
  - Thinking Fast & Slow – Daniel Kahnemann
- Reading a good quality newspaper is also an excellent way to see economics come to life and many are freely available on the internet. In addition we can arrange a reduced subscription to the economist magazine for students – please let me know if you would like a subscription set up.

- Finally there are some excellent podcasts that students can access on the BBC iPlayer. An especially good podcast has been made by Tim Harford and accompanies the book “Fifty things that made the modern economy”. Each chapter has been converted into a podcast if students would prefer to listen to something and each episode is only around 10 minutes in length.

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